

Cagers, Matmen Battle Tonight

Lions Seek Upset Win Over W.Va.

By TED SOENS

An upset-seeking Lion quintet will attempt to prove an old axiom—the bigger they are the harder they fall—when they entertain a powerful squad from West Virginia tonight in Rec Hall. The game will start immediately after the Maryland-Penn State wrestling match.

The Mountaineers, winners of 17 games in 22 starts, can, if necessary, field a team averaging 6-6½ with two of the tallest men playing their first year of college ball—Johnny Coil at 6-10 and Paul Witting at 6-7. The latter man has been playing sensational ball for the visitors, hitting in the double figure column the last four games.

Hit 100 Mark Five Times

The West Virginians already own one win over the Staters and that was an 82-72 victory last month. This was the second highest tally a team has been able to score against a Penn State basketball squad. (West Kentucky scored 91).

With such outstanding players as Jim Sottile, Eddie Becker, and Mack Isner, the visitors have a good chance of stopping the Lions 23 home game win streak. They have an average of 83.8 points a game and five times this season have been over the 100 mark in scoring. The latest rout was a 110-84 thumping of Virginia last Saturday. Incidentally, four of five 'over-century-mark' games have been on foreign soil.

Sottile Big Gun

Still leading the Mountaineers, and probably their greatest player since Mark Workman, is forward Captain Jim Sottile. He has scored 448 points in 22 games this season for an average of 20.4 per cent. He is also leading in shooting percentage with a remarkable 41 per cent—team percentage is 38%.

Sottile is the boy who wrecked the Lions earlier in the season. The 6-3 senior had 33 points mostly on his accurate jumpshot.

Becker, a set shot artist, and 2d high scorer, has 324 points and a 14.7 average. His field goal percentage is 36% but in the last nine games has been making 46% of his shots. Isner is the leading rebounder with an average of 10.4 a game.

Arnelle Paces Lions

Probable starting lineup for the Mountaineers is Sottile, Isner, Becker, Frank Spadafore, and Witting. Spadafore will be in place of Red Holmes.

Opposing the West Virginians will be the same lineup that has swept the Lions to 13 wins in 21 starts. Jumping center will be sophomore Jesse Arnelle who is the teams leading scorer with 349 points. He has an average of 16.6 points a game.

Captain Herm Sledzik, second highest scorer with 314 points for an average of 15 a game, will be at guard along with Ed Haag, who is averaging 7.6 points in 20 games. In the forward positions will be Jack Sherry with an average of 10.3 a game and Ron Weidenhammer at 5.9 a game.

WRA Results

BOWLING

Leonides over Tri-Delts
Kappa Kappa Gamma over AE Phi.
Gamma Phi Beta over Phi Mu.

VOLLEYBALL

AKA over Co-op
Leonides over Atherton west
Kappa Alpha Theta over ZTA.
Alpha Xi Delta over Alpha Omicron Pi.
Women's Bldg. over Aye Sees.
Delta Gamma over Kappa Delta.



Eddie Becker
West Virginia set shot artist



Bob Fischer
Terp 157-pounder

Two Mat Champs Vie For Honor

By SAM PROCOPIO

Whenever two champions face each other, one usually bows into honorable defeat. That is the situation which confronts the Penn State-Maryland wrestling dual meet at 7 tonight in Rec Hall.

Much is at stake in "The Rec Hall Match of the Year" which comprises two of the finest wrestling aggregations—both two-time team champion—in the East and South.

Put on the line when the 123-pounders step on the mat to open the "championship match" are:

- (1) Penn State's 26 dual meet winning streak. (Last defeat was at the hands of Syracuse in 1950.)
- (2) Maryland's ten dual meet win skein. (Last defeat was at the expense of Penn State last year.)
- (3) The reputations of Penn State's two-time EIWA championship and Maryland's two-time Southern Conference championship. (Maryland recently clinched its second title when the Terps defeated North Carolina.)
- (4) Penn State's and Maryland's identical unblemished 6-0 logs for the '53 campaign.
- (5) Jerry Maurey's unbeaten string of ten matches and his string of five meets without being scored upon—four wins via pins.
- (6) Rod Norris of Maryland has not tasted a defeat in 43 bouts. (He will likely wrestle Maurey.)
- (7) Bob Homan's untouched record of eight successive dual meet wins.
- (8) Dick Lemyre's 12 consecutive matches without defeat and his brother's, Joe, co-captain and EIWA champion, unbeaten ten dual meet record.

The list of outstanding performances by the Nittany Lions and the Terrapins exceed any normal dual meet.

Penn State wrestling enthusiasts will not only observe Coach Charlie Speidel's formidable brother act, but will witness Maryland's excellent brother act, too.

The battle of the brothers will include the Terrapins' accom-

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Unbeaten Gymnasts to Host Owls in EIGA Meet Saturday

Penn State's only undefeated winter club, with the exception of the ever-winning wrestlers, will be unveiled at 7 p.m. Saturday in Rec Hall when the gymnasts of Coach Gene Wettstone take on the Temple Owls in an Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Association dual meet.

The cagers will wrap up the Rec Hall Saturday night twin bill with a game with Pitt scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Temple, the third Eastern foe of the season for the gym Lions, has a perfect record in EIGA play, dropping decisions to Army and Navy. The Nittanies, on the other hand, are also perfect, 2-0 in Eastern play, 4-0 on the season, and 7-0 over a two-season span.

Scholl—3.8 on Rope

"The worst should be over," said Wettstone yesterday, "at least for the present. While Temple has a few good men, it has little depth," he added.

One performer of Owl Coach Max Younger who is expected to give trouble will be ropeman Gene Scholl. Scholl has been clocked at 3.8 in intercollegiate meets. Dave Schultz, top man in the ropeclimb, is the sole remaining Nittany gymnast with a perfect seasonal record and has turned in 3.9 winning efforts the last two meets against Navy and Syracuse.

The second top-billing duel of the night will involve Jan Cronstedt and the Owl's John Jengo on the horizontal bar. Saturday night's meet will mark the fourth time the two stylists have faced each other, Jengo holding a 2-1 edge. Jengo beat Cronstedt last season at Temple in the dual meet, and then Cronstedt turned around to dump Jengo for the Eastern crown at Syracuse. Their third meeting was a CYO meet during the Christmas recess in which Jengo took the edge.

Former PIAA Champ

Jengo also works the flying rings and the parallel bars, while Cronstedt will be the number one man for the Lions on the parallel bars.

Other point men for the Owls will be John McCarthy, Bill Coco, and Bob Selenski. McCarthy and Selenski will both work the horizontal bar and the parallel bars, while Coco will go in the sidehorse and the tumbling events. Selenski is a former PIAA horizontal bar champion from Pottsville.

The other probable top men for the Lions, as yet not announced by Wettstone, should be Bobby Lawrence in the sidehorse, Captain Bob Kenyon in the tumbling, and Jim Hazen in the flying rings.

Sophomore Karl Schwenzfeier, with 17 points in the last two meets, should be in his customary three positions in the horizontal bar, the parallel bars, and the flying rings events.

Nighthawks-Bears Tops In IM Cage Loops B, A

By TOM WERNER

Two winners came romping home and three squads in League J ended the season in a dead heat for top spot as the intramural basketball season went into its last week of play at Rec Hall Monday night. The Night Hawks, B loop, and the Bears, in league A, ended their court year with perfect records to take the championships in their loops while the 29'ers, Crusaders, and Epars, each with identical 6-1 slates, will play off to decide who is the best in league J.

The Nighthawks trimmed the Cadets 30-11 in their final go of the season with George Flickinger tossing 18 points through the hoop, highest tally of the game.

Other B league action had the Firehouse Five putting out a Grizzlies' fire, 28-27. Top scorer of the night was George Grauer with one field goal and seven out of seven from the line for nine markers in all. The winners wound up behind the Nighthawks with a final 6-1 record.

The Bears wound up their year the easy way with a forfeit win over the Elms to round out their perfect 7-0 record.

3 Teams Tie

The hardest-played game-of-the-night award goes to the Sponges and the Penn Club, who went into overtime before the Sponges came out on top, 30-29. At the end of the first half the victors were trailing, 15-5. The Sponges rallied, however, to knot the score at 24-24 at the close of the official period of play. Charley Aungst of Penn Club

took scoring honors for the evening with 20 tallies.

In league J the three teams tied for first place fared this way: the 29'ers handed the Crusaders their first loss of the year, 25-18, putting both their records at 6-1, while the Epars took their first licking from Dorm 35, 25-20, to wind up with a familiar 6-1 final account.

ATO's Win, 42-29

Another deadlock reared its head in league C when a powerful DIR five mopped the court with an unfortunate Mob team, 64-18. This put the victors on an even keel with the Irvineers at six won and one lost. Top scorers for DIR were 6-8 Wil Hauer, with 19 tallies, and Red Proffitt with 14 markers.

In the only fraternity action of the night Alpha Tau Omega played a game with Alpha Phi Alpha and won, 42-29. This puts the ATO's at the top of league E in the interfraternity circuit.

Other independent action featured the Hamilton Fours forfeiting their game to Penn Haven and Dorm 5 doing the same for Dorm 12, in J loop.

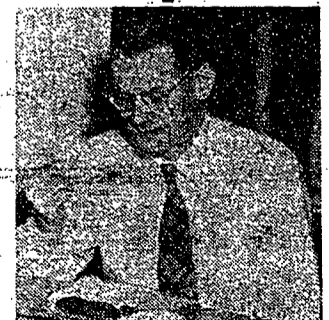


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