

Cagers Top Mounties, 77-57; Matmen Trip Terps for 27th

Lions Capture 14th Win of Season, 24th Straight Victory on Home Court

By TED SOENS

A scrappy Lion five successfully put the clamps to the Mountaineers last night and took their 14th win of the season by a significant 20 points. Final score was 77-57. The highly confident West Virginians had been averaging 83.4 points a game, but good defensive work throttled their big scorer, Jim Sottile, who only managed three for the game.

But the way the tilt started out it looked as though the Mounties would duplicate

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—Photo by McCabe

ED HAAG, Nittany guard, sprawls on the floor along side of West Virginia's Mack Isner in last night's Rec Hall court action. Ready to lend assistance to Haag are teammates Herm Sledzik (10) and Jim Blocker to Sledzik's right. State thumped the Mountaineers, 77-57, for their 14th win of the season.

their January victory. They swiftly pushed in six points inside of two minutes without missing a shot, and it wasn't until Jack Sherry pushed in his jump shot did the Lions break into the scoring column.

The jittery Lions couldn't seem to find the basket until about two minutes left in the first quarter, when Ed Haag pushed in two points; Jesse Arnelle added a hook with two men hanging on his arm and then Sherry put in another jump to make the score read 13-16 at the end of the first quarter.

Five minutes later in the second quarter, Ronnie Weidenhammer broke into the scoring with a long set that put the Lions ahead for the first time, 23-22. Mack Isner, who was tied with Eddie Becker with 15 for high scoring for the Mounties, put in a foul shot for the last time the visitors were anywhere near the rambling Lions.

21-Point Splurge

Coach Elmer Gross began putting in his second string subs to give his first team a rest and the strategy paid off as the fired up Lions began to pull away from their visitors in the second quarter. Speedy Jim Brewer, playing good defensive ball, broke up a fast break and was fouled in the attempt. He made the free throw just before the half ended with the Lions ahead 34-26.

The Lions had picked up 21 points in the second quarter while the bewildered Mounties only put in ten on three field goals and four foul shots. Sottile, who had been averaging 20 points a game, was effectively guarded the first half and couldn't get clear to sink his famous jump shot.

Arnelle High

West Virginia began using a full court press in the third quarter and for a few minutes it slowed the Lions' offense. But such tactics also mean a wide open defense, and the Nittanians quickly switched their offense to quick passing and more dribbling until the score at the end of the third period read 56-39.

Arnelle, high scorer of the evening with 19, opened the final period with a jump shot to put the Lions 19 points ahead. From there on the two teams exchanged baskets with the Lions getting 21 points in the final period while their visitors put in 18. (the most

they were able to score in a single period).

The victory was a very important one for the Blue and White—it not only preserved their winning streak in Rec Hall (now stands at 24 straight), but was sweet revenge on the Mountaineers who had beaten them by 10 points earlier in the season.

Boxscore:

Penn State				West Virginia			
	FG	F	T		FG	F	T
Sledzik	5	7-7	17	Sottile	1	4-1	3
Blocker	1	0-0	2	Isner	4	15-7	15
Sherry	4	2-1	9	White	1	6-5	7
Rohland	1	3-0	2	Morris	0	5-2	2
Arnelle	6	12-7	19	Coil	1	5-2	4
Weidham'r	3	4-4	10	Holmes	2	0-0	4
Edwards	2	8-5	9	Spadafore	3	1-1	7
Haag	2	3-2	6	Becker	5	7-5	15
Brewer	1	1-1	3				
Totals	25	40-27-77		Totals	17	43-23-57	
Penn State	15	21	22	West Virginia	16	10	13
West Virginia	16	10	13		18	37	

Leopards, Palms, Capitols Win IM Court Crowns

By TOM WERNER

Three new champions were hailed in intramural basketball play at Rec Hall Tuesday night. The Leopards, league E, the Palms, league D, and the Capitols in league F finished their seasons with perfect 7-0 records to earn playoff entry, to begin March 4.

The Palms waved away Joe's Boys opposition to the tune of 26-18, with Charley Thursam leading the way with 12 points. The losers wound up their season with a barely respectable 4-3 slate. In the same circuit, D, the Aces won by forfeit from the Graymen, thus earning the second place berth in the league with a 6-1 record.

Harry Bray led his champion Leopards to their final victory, racking up four shots from the field and six from the free-throw line for 14 in all.

Ramblers Lose, 36-18
League E also had the Eagles clawing the Panthers, 20-17, to score their fourth win of the year as opposed to three losses.

Sax to Run 440 in Meet Saturday

Swiftness of Sax, fresh from a record-smashing 600-yard victory in the IC4A meet in New York, will stick to the collegiate pastures this week when Chick Werner's indoor thinclads travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday for a triangular meet with Ohio State and the University of Michigan.

Sax will pass up his defense of the "Casey 600," featured in the Knights of Columbus Games in New York, to meet Jack Carroll, Michigan speedster, in the 440 yard feature at Ann Arbor. Carroll won Western Conference honors last year and participated in the Olympic games this summer under the Canadian banner.

The race will mark the first indoor 440 for the sensational Sax this season. He's run five 600 races and one 500.

The event will highlight the meet which will bring the three schools together for the first time indoors. Werner will take a 14-man squad to the contest, including his two other IC4A champs, high-jumper Jim Herb and pole-vaulter Dan Lorch.

This will mark the third non-invitational meet in which the Nittanians have participated this season. The Wernermen lost to Army earlier in the season, 63½-45½, and finished second in a field of 42 colleges last week in the inter-collegiate indoor championships, scoring 22½ points behind winner Manhattan.

WRA Results

BOWLING

Chi Omega over Mac Hall.

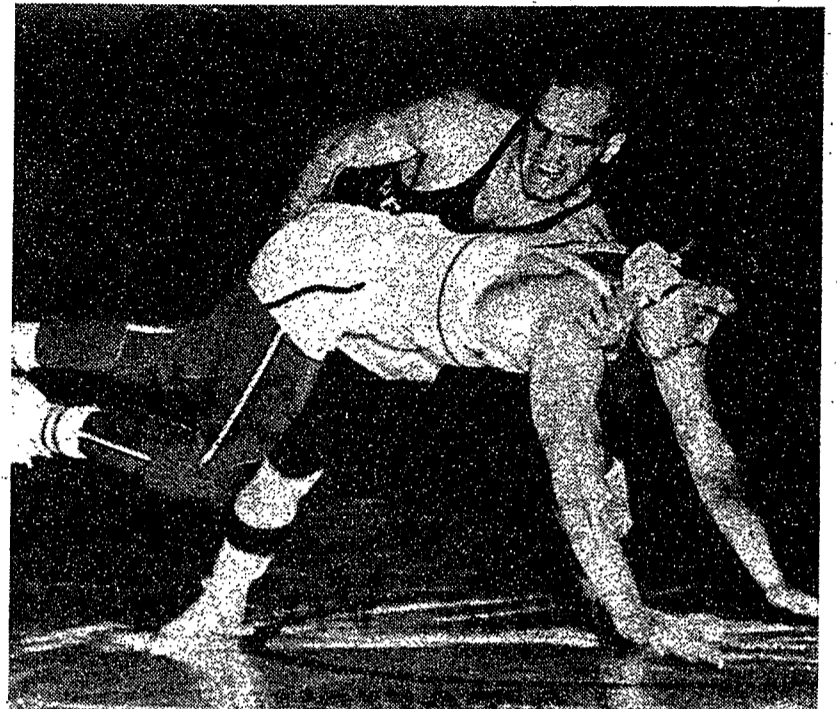
Beta Sigma Omicron tied Philotes.

Alpha Gamma Delta over Little Lions (forfeit)

BRIDGE

North-South Kappa Alpha Theta.

East-West Phi Sigma Sigma.



—Photo by Rosenberg

CO-CAPTAIN DON FREY picks up his Maryland foe, Bob Dreier, for a preparatory pin in the 147-pound battle in Rec Hall last night. State's 147-pounder increased the Nittany Lions lead, 11-3, when he scored a fall in 2:45 with a half nelson inside crotch. The pin was his third of the season and gave him a 4-1-1 log for the season. Penn State won, 18-11.

Samson's Pin Clinches 18-11 Win in Dual Meet

By SAM PROCOPIO

It was the closest shave Coach Charlie Speidel's EIWA champions had this season, but with heavyweight Hud Samson scoring a pin in championship style, Penn State's matmen not only kept their record and Eastern honor intact but gained Southern prestige by defeating previously-unbeaten Maryland, 18-11, last night in Rec Hall.

Samson had more than 5000 enthusiastic spectators standing when he almost secured a pin for the fifth time. The talented heavyweight, however, acknowledged the fans' ovation by making Maryland's Bob Everly observe Rec Hall's lights with a double bar in 7:50. Like the win over Cornell, Samson's fall clinched the victory and the Nittany Lions' 27th consecutive dual meet.

Carroll Take-Down

The breath-taking thriller was one of the best matches seen in Rec Hall for some time. Like any championship match, Penn State and Maryland—both two-time champs—put on an exhibition of open wrestling for the fans.

The power-packed Terrapin squad gave the Nittany Lions much to think about in the opening encounter when Roney Carroll took down EIWA champion Bob Homan for an early two-point lead. Maryland's 123-pounder lost a sure pin in the takedown by one turn.

Homan Wins 12-4

But it was when the 123-pound champion got the opportunity to wrestle from the referee's position that Homan performed his mat knowhow. Homan reversed Carroll within a split second and

then had one of his sure pins slip from under him. He did, however, gain a near fall on the reversal of position.

In the third period Carroll escaped from Homan's hold. He didn't remain standing long, however, because Homan placed him flush with the mat and held him there until the buzzer. Gaining two points for time advantage,

Homan enhanced his total of points to 12, and captured his ninth successive match without a defeat. Homan held Carroll to four points.

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