

Cagers Meet W. Va. Tomorrow

Revitalized Nittanies Seek 14th, 4th in Row

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Penn State's come-from-behind basketball team—finding new life after two near disastrous losses on the road—moves into the final three weeks of its 1955 campaign tomorrow night against West Virginia at Rec Hall and hopes for a fine finishing record are at their highest ebb.

The Lions moved into January with five consecutive road games on the docket, facing their most crucial test of the season. And when previously beaten Carnegie Tech and then up-and-down Pitt toppled John Egli's passers on consecutive nights, sceptics raised their eyebrows. It looked for awhile as if the Nittanies were going to flop completely on the road.

They had won nine of their first 14 contests but all five losses had come on foreign courts.

Then the Nittanies found the winning secret on the road. They won three straight on their opponents' hardwoods, and even though all three games went into overtime, Egli's quintet saved face. Lehigh, an obviously outclassed team in the Rec Hall Lions' 78-37 victory Saturday night, bowed, 81-75, then Temple fell in two extra periods at Philadelphia's convention Hall, 84-80, and West Virginia finally succumbed 77-68 behind an overtime scoring spurge.

Win 13th Game

Home again on Saturday, the revitalized Lions threw an air tight defense at hapless Lehigh, and even though they weren't playing their sharpest game, walked to their 13th victory of the year.

With big Jesse Arnelle—back in his scoring saddle after a momentary lapse against Pitt and Tech—leading the way, the Nittanies moved into a 14-2 lead at the first 10 minutes and were on top, 40-16 at the half. Lehigh's Eddie Cahn began to hit for the Engineers in the second half and the game opened up. But the Lions, who held the Engineers to only six field goals in the first half and only one in the first ten minutes, were never within a hint of danger. Bob Hoffman contributed 14 points, Jim Blocker 12, and Earl Fields nine.

Hint of NCAA Bid

Even before the Lehigh win, several sports writers were lining up the Lions as a possible NCAA participant when the regional playoffs begin in March. But of course a bid will come on the strength of coming performances and the remainder of the schedule appears just as tough as any given stretch in the 25-game card.

Despite its mediocre 11-8 record the Mountaineers are a dangerous club, especially when their Clown Prince, Hot Rod Hundly drops his court antics and plays serious basketball. The sophomore star, the most colorful—and controversial—player in college basketball, has held headlines all over the nation this season. He has the potentialities of a great scorer and at times has proven it. As a freshman last year, he averaged 40 points a game, but has been far below that average this season.

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PENN STATE 81, LEHIGH 75

PENN STATE		LEHIGH	
FG	F TL	FG	F TL
W'd'h'ner	5 3-5 13	Gleekner	9 3-5 21
Hoffman	1 0-2 14	Siegel	4 1-3 9
Arnelle	3 12-18 18	Royster	3 4-7 10
Rohland	5 2-4 12	LeClere	7 4-5 18
Fields	8 6-8 22	Cahn	1 0-0 2
Marisa	0 2-2 4	Walker	4 6-7 13
Edwards	0 0-0 0	Clear	1 0-0 2
Totals	28 25-38 81	Totals	29 17-27 75

PENN STATE 84, TEMPLE 80

PENN STATE		TEMPLE	
FG	F TL	FG	F TL
W'd'h'ner	5 3-4 13	Smith	4 0-1 8
Hoffman	5 0-0 10	Reinfeld	1 1-3 3
Arnelle	11 18-28 40	Silcox	10 4-7 24
Fields	3 0-0 6	Leur	10 9-10 29
Rohland	0 3-6 8	Didrikson	4 6-11 14
Edwards	4 0-1 8	Osherow	1 0-0 2
Blocker	2 0-1 4		
Watts	0 0-0 0		
Totals	30 24-39 84	Totals	30 20-32 80

PENN STATE 77, W. VA., 68

PENN STATE		W. VIRGINIA	
FG	F TL	FG	F TL
W'd'h'ner	11 0-0 22	Bergines	5 3-5 13
Hoffman	3 1-2 7	White	6 2-2 14
Arnelle	8 12-13 28	Witting	6 10-13 22
Rohland	2 0-0 4	Hundley	4 3-4 11
Fields	5 2-2 12	Spadafore	3 0-1 6
Blocker	1 2-2 4	Brennan	1 0-0 2
Edwards	0 0-0 0	Kishbaugh	0 0-0 0
Totals	30 17-19 77	Totals	25 18-25 68

Arnelle Nears 2000, Needs 96

Hook shot specialist Jesse Arnelle, easily Penn State's greatest basketball player, is just a step away from the coveted 2000 point scoring mark today and even closer to the Penn State single season scoring mark—a record he has set and broken in each of the last three seasons.

The 6-5 center, currently averaging 27.6 points a game, needs only 11 points against West Virginia tomorrow to top his own best season mark of 507, set last year. His present 497-point total puts him just 96 points below the 2000 mark and the brass ring appears within easy reach of the big guy. He has a robust 1904.

With seven games remaining on the Lion schedule, Arnelle must average just 14 points a contest to reach the select 2000 mark.

If he makes it, the New Rochelle, N.Y. senior—who also holds the Penn State one game scoring mark, (44), and career scoring record—will join Dick Hemric of Wake Forest and Tom Gola of LaSalle, who passed the mark earlier in the 1955 campaign.

Three other college stars are currently on the brink of the mark and are expected to reach it during the current campaign. George Dalton of John Carroll, Don Schlundt, Indiana, and Dick Wilkinson of Virginia are all nearing 2000 points.

Top man among those who have already passed the 2000 milestone is Frank Selvy of Furman, who graduated last year. He tossed in 2538 but played only three years. Wilkinson is also a three year man. The rest are in the four-year bracket.

The 2000-point total was first reached in 1949 when Jim Lacy of Loyola hit 2154.

Penn State Grad to Aid in Pan American Games

A former Penn State student, Maurice P. Coffey, has been named steward for the United States Olympic Food Housing Committee for the second annual Pan-American Games.

Coffey, who received his B.S. degree in hotel administration at the University two weeks ago, will have the responsibility of purchasing food for the United States delegation.

The games will be held from March 12 to 26 in Mexico City with the U.S. expecting to field a team of 350 athletes, coaches, managers, and officials.

Penn State has agreed to a switch of its 1955 football game with Virginia from Charlottesville to Richmond, Oct. 8.

PENN STATE 78, LEHIGH 37

PENN STATE		LEHIGH	
FG	F TL	FG	F TL
Fields	4 1-2 9	LeClere	2 4-4 8
Edwards	1 0-0 2	Kleiza	0 0-0 0
Hall	2 2-3 6	Royster	2 0-2 4
Blocker	4 4-4 12	Cahn	9 1-3 19
Marisa	0 0-0 0	Gleekner	1 0-1 2
Cooper	0 1-2 4	Rayfield	0 0-0 0
Arnelle	12 3-7 27	Prokop	0 0-0 0
Watts	0 0-0 0	Stiegel	2 0-2 4
Ramsey	0 1-2 4	Heiser	0 0-0 0
Hoffman	6 2-4 14	Walker	0 0-0 0
Hartnett	1 0-0 2	Lethem	0 0-0 0
W'd'h'ner	2 0-0 4		
Lyseck	0 0-0 0		
Totals	32 14-24 78	Totals	16 5-14 37



—Photo by Walker
JESSE ARNELLE drives on a two-hand lay up shot against Lehigh to score two of his 27 points registered against the Engineers in Saturday night's 78-37 slaughter. Trailing Arnelle is the Lions' Earl Fields. Ron Seigel of Lehigh looks on. The win was the Nittanies' thirteenth against five losses.

WDFM Begins AP Newscasts

Student radio station WDFM last night began broadcasting national and international news for the first time.

Under a special arrangement with station WMAJ, the student station is able to buy Associated Press reports for a five-minute broadcast at 9:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and a weekly half-hour roundup at 9 p.m. Fridays.

Perry, Pollard Slated To Race Saturday

Although Penn State track coach Chick Werner was unavailable for comment last night, it appears as though Lion trackmen Rod Perry and Art Pollard will be able to compete this weekend.

Werner, Perry, and Pollard returned to State College last night. Middle distance runner Ollie Sax, the most seriously injured of those in Werner's car when it crashed Sunday as the team returned

from New York following Saturday's Millrose Games, was expected to return to campus late last night with assistant track coach Norm Gordon.

Sax Out of Action

However, Sax will not be able to return to action for some time.

Penn State's indoor track team is scheduled to travel to East Lansing, Mich., for a quadrangular meet with Michigan State, Missouri, and Ohio State on Saturday. The meet is rated as the top intercollegiate battle of the season and falls at the height of Michigan State's centennial celebrations.

Spartan officials have such a high regard for this meet that they have called off the annual Michigan State Relays in order to hold the quadrangular battle.

Perry Beat Dillard

Perry and Pollard are two of the top runners on this year's team. In the first meet of the season, the Philadelphia Inquirer Games held Jan. 21, Perry upset Olympic hurdles champion Harrison Dillard. The ace Nittany timber-topper almost duplicated that sensational feat on Jan. 29 in the Boston A. A. race.

Pollard finished fourth in the sprints in Boston and New York. The "Coatesville Comet" is rated as one of the finest sprinters in the nation. Perry is a sophomore and Pollard a junior.

Barbell Club to Meet

The Penn State Barbell Club will hold its first meeting of the current semester tomorrow night at 7 in 102 Willard Hall.

President William Pearce said that new members will be welcome and that the club will organize its activities and dates for the spring semester.

Navy Plebes Top Lions, Halt Undefeated String

Capitalizing on 29 foul shots, Navy's freshman basketball team stopped Penn State's undefeated string at five games when they beat the Lion frosh 89-79 at Annapolis last Wednesday night.

Navy converted 29 out of 53 fouls to outscore Penn State by 20 on the foul line, as the Lions could only make nine out of 26. But on the field Penn State held a five basket edge as they rimmed 35 to Navy's 30.

Coach Don Swegan said "it was the best game the boys played all year but playing on Navy's home court and their ability to convert their fouls proved to be the deciding factors."

Penn State lost three men from the starting five on personal fouls before the third quarter ended and three others had four fouls each when the contest ended.

Don Chapman led the Lion scorers with 18 points but was handicapped when he attained three fouls in a row and had to be taken from the game. Ron Rainey was second in the scoring parade, tallying 15.

Frank Petinos was high scorer for the night as he dumped in 33 points including 15 foul shots. Petinos drew 57 fouls—one more than the entire Penn State team.

Penn State led most of the first half but was overtaken two minutes before the half ended falling behind 42-39. The game was nip and tuck throughout the second half and the Lion frosh were only two points behind with one minute left in the game, 81-79, but Navy roared back to tally eight straight points and win the game.

Ref Dies at Game

VERNON, Italy, Feb. 7 (AP)—A long blast on Referee Osvaldo Bortolan's whistle yesterday stopped the Zevio-Montebello soccer game at the fifth minute.

Surprised players saw the 31-year-old referee fall to his knees. He was rushed to a hospital where he died today without regaining consciousness. Doctors said he suffered a cerebral lesion.

Boston University, a newcomer to Penn State's 1955 football schedule, opposed the Nittany Lions in 1952 and 1953.

Penn State's next scheduled