

West Virginia Has Strong Offense

Lions Must Stop Mountie Stars

West Virginia's high-scoring Mountaineers invade Recreation Hall tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. to face John Egli's defensive-minded Lions in a return game which the whole Nittany Valley has been waiting a year to see.

Last year's Penn State - West Virginia game is still clear in the minds of most people around these parts for the game is probably on their list of all-time thrillers.

Last February West Virginia brought the top ranked team in the nation to Rec Hall to face a mediocre Penn State team that they had beaten by 34 points earlier in the season.

Whether the Mountaineers were too cocky or overconfident was never brought out, but the Lions took advantage of whatever it was and went on to lead for most of the game.

At halftime the Lions led by 10 and they seemed on their way to a major upset. But the bubble burst in the last few minutes and the West Virginians went on to win by three points, 74-71.

This season the teams have already met and the Mounties handed the Lions a 78-63 loss at Morgantown last Dec. 6. The Nittanics kept up with the Mounties for the first half but then Jerry West and Co. got hot. So the Lions will be out for double revenge tomorrow.

West Virginia brings a 10-3 record into tomorrow's game while the Lions have a 4-2 log. They have won four in a row. Fred Schaus' boys had rough sailing over the vacation as they lost two games to Northwestern and Kentucky and thus fell from 6th place to 11th place in the national rankings.

West Virginia, however, did come through with wins over Oklahoma State, Tennessee and Yale.

The Lions, on the other hand, fared better during the vacation as they beat Colgate, Georgetown, and Richmond. The latter two wins gave them the Richmond tournament title.

If the Lions have any hopes of winning tomorrow they will be confronted with the problem of stopping All-American West. The 6-3 jumping jack has been enjoying another great season and he had scoring outbursts of 44 and 36 points during two of the games over Christmas vacation.

The Lions will also be keeping an eye on Mountie co-captain Bob Smith, for it was Smith who poured in a lot of important baskets which contributed heavily in the late rally that beat the Lions at home a year ago.

Stars, Boozers Win 1st Half Bowling Titles

The All Stars copped the first half championship in the independent League A bowling and the Boozers turned the same trick in the independent League B competition.

The All Stars virtually powered their way to the first half title by rolling up a 40-4 record and finishing with a 9-game lead over the Zeros.

The Boozers' road to success was a little more rocky. They finished with a 31-13 record and a four-game lead over the second place Hi Five.

Lou Klukosky added eminence to the All Stars attack with a league-leading average of 185. Hi Five's Warren Slothower turned in the best average in League B action with a 170 mark.

In the final first half League A matches, fifth place Watts Warriors tied the All Stars 2-2, with the benefit of a 300 handicap. Bob Nelson paced the All Stars attack with a 194 single and 548 series.

Fourth place McKee Aces shut out tenth place Glenn Road, 4-0. The Splinters shut out last place Terrors, 4-0, and the Poconos rolled over the Holy Rollers by the same score.

The Zeros downed the Spares, 3-1, and the Thompsons stopped the Harts by a 3-1 score.



BOB SMITH
West Virginia University

Freshman Cagers Are Tall, Fast

Height, speed and maneuverability warrant favorable speculation by Coach Don Swegan concerning the potential of his freshman basketball squad.

Sporting an average height of almost 6 feet 4 inches, the frosh cagers also exhibit fleetness afoot combined with ability to cut and move sharply and give ample reason for Swegan's statement that: "This appears to be the best balanced team I've had in my five years of coaching."

Swegan had over 100 men to choose from when practice started Oct. 15, and he cut that down to a working squad of 23. "We have a number of potential varsity players in the group," said Swegan, "perhaps a bigger potential than any previous year."

Towering Bob Hutchinson, 6-9, 22-year-old novice from Houtsdale, is the tallest man on the team and shows possibilities of being the big man Penn State has been looking for, according to the yearlings' mentor.

Jack Trueblood, honorable mention All-State schoolboy from Hollidaysburg, and Joe Bradshaw, who broke the Ricketts brothers' records at Phoenixville, add their 6-5 frames to boost the average. They are joined by Bob Blonac, second highest scorer in the state last year, Frank Shea, and high jumping Gene Harris.

"We still need a small man in there to make the team move," said Swegan, "and Bill Patterson, Charlie Fink, Jim Shamey and Tom Moran provide that motivation."

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ON YOUR TOES, 1-2-3—Members of the Finnish women's gymnastic team which will appear in Recreation Hall Friday night practice a unit step for the exhibition. They are, left to right, Mrs. Ritva Salonen, Kaarina Autio, Raili Tuominen, Eira Lehtonen, Marja Sappinen and Tuovi Sappinen.

Finnish Girls' Team to End Male Monopoly Friday Night

It's been a long, dry spell but the monopoly of the male athlete in Recreation Hall will be broken Friday night. That's when Finland's women's gymnastics team puts on an exhibition as part of another gymnastics extravaganza arranged by Lion coach Gene Wettstone.

As the master touch to the evening's activities, Wettstone has added an opera singer, a well-known European pianist and the Penn State Concert Blue Band for an American balance.

But the Finnish women's team which will present its new rhythmic gymnastic style to an American audience will be a welcomed change. The last visiting female athletic team was the Swedish squad which performed to a standing room only crowd in 1955.

The Finnish movements are different from common gymnastics exhibitions in that the Europeans have incorporated more of the rhythmic qualities of the dance with the mere physical movements of strength and coordination.

Heading the vivacious group of "healthy, well-built and graceful individuals" are a pair of sisters who have taken the Finnish women's individual title for the last three years.

The older of the two Sappinen sisters, 20-year-old Marja, was the champion in 1956. But little (17-year-old) sister Tuovi won the title in 1957-58.

The English-speaking sisters have represented Finland in the 1958 World Gymnastic Championships and various other international meets. They are both college students at Turku.

A third teenage gymnast, Eira Lehtonen, will perform in Rec Hall. Eira, who will turn 20 on Jan. 22, is Finnish champion in various individual events.

The oldest of the female competitors is 25-year-old Raili Tu-

minen. She is also the most experienced — winning championships in 1951, '52 and '53, competing in the Helsinki Olympics of 1952 and other international meets. She is a teacher.

The only married competitor on the team is Mrs. Ritva Salonen, 22. Ritva is a Helsinki clerk. Her most recent international competition was at the '58 World Championships.

The pianist, Mrs. Elsa Aro, will accompany most of the women's events and also play solo numbers between events. Her musi-

cal counterpart, opera singer Yrjo Ikonen, has been hailed by European critics as having "an exceptionally gifted (and) powerful voice . . . whose performances are humorous, devoted, spiritual and most splendid."

The women's team will perform mainly in group exhibitions such as team drill, a tambourine Polonaise and another drill using "hula" hoops and balls.

Their individual events will be on the parallel bars, balance beam and calisthenics.

Lion Gymnasts Boast Depth, Experience

First of a Series

Coach Gene Wettstone will be shooting for his ninth Eastern and fifth National gymnastics title this year with probably the strongest team he has assembled here.

Although hit with three major scholastic ineligibilities for the first two meets, the Lions have improved in two important team categories — depth and experience.

It was those two factors that contributed greatly to the Lion downfall last year as they lost the Eastern title to Army and the National honor to Michigan State and Illinois.

Besides a more experienced squad this year, Wettstone will welcome the aid of Olympian Armando Vega. The all-around ace has been selected captain of the squad although he will not be eligible until the spring semester.

Vega, and juniors Lee Cun-

ningham and Vince Neuhauser are ineligible at the present. The quintet will miss the Temple meet Saturday afternoon and the West Virginia meet on Jan. 31. Both meets are at home.

Last year the Lions handled both teams by 30 points. They beat Temple, 63-33, and the Mounties, 62-32.

The biggest loss via graduation was champion rope climber Phil Mullen. The loss of the Eastern champion combined with the ineligibility of Neu-

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Casual

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