

Cagers Pointing For 'Big Upset'

By SANDY PADWE

Take the eleventh best basketball team in the country which is currently averaging close to 80 points a game and pit it against a team that is defense-minded and sporting a four-game winning streak and you have all the ingredients for a topnotch basketball game.

Tonight at 8:30 Coach Fred Schaus brings his nationally-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers into Rec Hall with a 10-3 record to face John Egl's Nittany Lions who are 4-2 and looking for an upset and revenge.

Earlier in the season West Virginia dumped the Lions at Morgantown by a 78-63 count. The Lions will be out to avenge this loss as well as the 74-71 defeat the Mounties handed Penn State last year on the Rec Hall hardwood.

The Lion have been playing their best ball since the season began, according to Egl. "I think that we finally have that balanced attack that we have been looking for," said the Penn State coach. "The three wins over the vacation seemed to be just what we needed."

With Egl's three big men—Ted Kubista, Tom Hancock and Bob Edwards—playing good defensively as well as offensively and adding smooth all-around performances by Mark DuMars and Wally Colender the Lions have won four straight.

Just before vacation the Lions topped Gettysburg. Then came a win over Colgate at Rec Hall and the two tournament wins at Richmond against Georgetown and Richmond.

Egl will go with the same starting lineup that has been producing so well of late. That will find DuMars and Colender out front with Kubista, Edwards and Hancock inside.

DuMars and Colender are the top scorers for the Lions. Both are averaging 14 points per game. Hancock leads the team in rebounds and against Richmond he



Mark DuMars ... high scoring guard



Tom Hancock ... big man underneath

pulled down 18.

Schaus' Mountaineers will open with Bucky Bolyard and Bob Smith out front while Bob Clousson will be at center. The forwards will be All-American Jerry West and Willie Akers.

West is one of the top college players in the nation and made everybody's All-America last season. This year he picked up where he left off and has been scoring and rebounding with the best in the nation.

Assistant West Virginia coach George King, who played five years for the Syracuse Nationals and one year for the Cincinnati Royals of the NBA, rates West as a sure bet for the pro ranks when he graduates in June, 1960.

"West is one of the best shooters I have seen," said King. The 6-3 wonder boy from Cabin Creek, W.Va., has been hitting on 53 per cent of his shots this season.

Santoro Featured In Semi-Veteran Lehigh Mat Lineup

Lehigh will send a semi-veteran lineup, featuring defending 147-pound Eastern champion Dick Santoro, onto the mats Saturday night when it clashes with Penn State's wrestling team at Recreation Hall.

Santoro, a senior who has never been beaten in his collegiate dual meet career, heads a list of six letterwinners on the Engineers' roster. However, in Lehigh's two previous meets this year, Coach Jerry Leeman has not included all six as a unit in the starting lineup.

Only Santoro and Leon Harbold and Ed Hamer—a couple of other two-year veterans—have seen action in both Lehigh tilts. But Santoro is the only one of the trio to win both of his matches.

Harbold owns a win and a draw and Hamer has a 1-1 mark. The other veterans include Ed Slater (1-0) at 130, John Driscoll (0-1) at 177 or heavyweight and Russ Triponey (0-1) at 177.

Despite Santoro's experience at Lehigh, this is his first year in the role of "top dog" for the Engineer grapplers. In his last two seasons, he had to take a backseat to Joe Gratto, a two-time Eastern 137-pound tilist and one-time 137-pound national kingpin.

But with Gratto graduated, Santoro zooms to the forefront. The ex-serviceman has won 39 matches, lost two and tied two over his three-year span in dual and tournament competition. He won the EIWA 147-pound title last year after placing second behind Penn State's Dave Adams in 1957.

However, Santoro dropped down to 137-pounds for the NCAA tournament and wound-up third, losing to the eventual champ, Paul Aubrey of Oklahoma, in the semi-finals, 5-3.

Thus far this season, Santoro (Continued on page twelve)



FORMER LEHIGH STANDOUT Joe Gratto (left) poses with current star Dick Santoro after both won Eastern wrestling titles last year.

Frosh Courtmen to Face Unbeaten Altoona Tonight

A high-scoring, undefeated Altoona Center basketball team invades Rec Hall tonight to oppose the Nittany frosh cagers in their first test of the season. The tap-off is at 6 p.m.

The potent Altoona aggregation, which has averaged 80.6 points per game, is currently riding the crest of a seven-game winning streak with victories over McKeesport Center, 69-59, Hershey Junior College, 74-66, Mont Alto Foresiry School, 105-53, Potomac State

College, 91-83, Keystone Junior College, 75-65, Juniata College Jayvees, 79-75, and Behrend Center, 71-65.

The Cambria County cagers have displayed themselves as a second half team. In four of their seven contests they were trailing at halftime—once by as much as 20 points—but roared back to come out on the long end of the score.

They lack height but make up for it with speed and accurate shooting. (Continued on page twelve)

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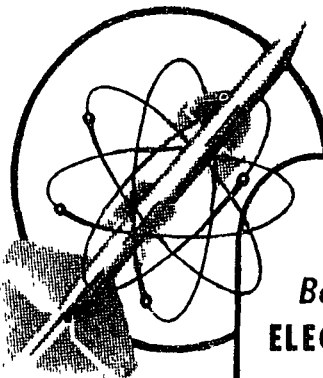
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