

The Mounties Are Human, They Lost

By SANDY PADWE

Flags flew at half mast last week in West Virginia following the catastrophe of catastrophes, the Mountaineers had lost.

California's Golden Bears, NCAA champions by virtue of a one point win over the Mounties last March, turned on the steam and crushed the weary West Virginians, 65-45 in the finals of the Los Angeles Holiday Tournament.

It was the first loss in 12 outings for the Mounties, the pride of West Virginia. But Tuesday night after a five-day rest, they bounced back into the win column with a 95-79 win over Furman.

Saturday they'll be out to gain lost ground on Cincinnati and California when they come to Rec Hall to face John Egl's Nittany Lions.

Mountie coach Fred Schaus, who was greeted with talk of disension following the loss to California, quickly squelched the ugly rumors and attributed the defeat to an overdose of basketball.

Before playing in the Los Angeles Tourney the Mounties had copped the Kentucky Invitational Championship by whipping St. Louis and Kentucky, two of the top teams in the nation.

Then they flew to California to compete in the eight-game tournament. They had two toughies with Stanford and UCLA and by the time they reached the finals they were dog-fired, Schaus said.

West Virginia's first loss this year dropped them into the number three position in both of the nation's major college polls.

And if past performances are any indication, they shouldn't have an easy time getting win number 13 and a higher ranking Saturday night.

The Lions have given Schaus and his Mounties nothing but trouble in their last two appearances here. Both times West Virginia came in ranked number one in the nation.

They left that way too, after a few scares. In 1958 the Lions led throughout the whole game only to lose the lead in the last few minutes. Result: WV. 74, PSU 71.

Last year, with Mark DuMars and West hooking up in a real scoring duel, the Lions took the Mounties into overtime before losing, 89-81.

DuMars had 30 in that game and West had 32. Earlier this year the Mounties topped the Lions

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G-Men's Prospects Hinge On 3 Important Events

(This is the first of a two-part series on the 1960 gymnastic team by positions. Today's story covers the horizontal bar, parallel bars and the side horse.)

By DICK GOLDBERG

The Penn State gymnastic team, getting set to open its season and to try to make a successful defense of the EIGL and NCAA crowns, will have to depend heavily on individual performances on the horizontal bar, side horse and the parallel bars.

These three events are the strongest on the squad. With the exception of the parallel bars, each department is manned by veteran performers.

The horizontal bar, according to coach Gene Wettstone, has the most depth of any position. The top three members of the Lion club will compete in the event. They are Greg Weiss, Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham.

Weiss, the junior member of the trio, is an accomplished performer on the difficult piece of apparatus. Coach Wettstone feels that the sophomore sensation is capable of putting together a difficult routine and executing it with good form.

Werner and Cunningham have proven themselves on the high bar. Cunningham won the Eastern championship last year and Werner finished fourth.

On the side horse, which is called the most difficult event by many gymnastics experts, the Lion mentor will field a potent combination composed of Cunningham and Weiss along with two-year letterman Dave Palmer.

Weiss copped the Pan-American title last summer. Cunningham, since his sophomore year, has been the top performer on the Nittany club in this position.

Palmer appeared in every meet last year and coach Wettstone calls him a very steady gymnast.

Cunningham, Weiss and sophomore Ken Morrow are slated to appear on the parallel bars. Wettstone cannot field his best performer on the p-bars—Werner—since a man can only enter three events in an Eastern dual meet. Werner is needed to perform elsewhere.

However, Cunningham and Weiss will take up the slack. Both men give very powerful routines on this event which is primarily a test of strength.

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in Morgantown, 104-74, with West getting 34 and DuMars 31.

SET SHOTS—The Lions were mighty glad to get away from Carnegie Tech with a 10-point win Tuesday . . . The Tartan Gymnasium resembles a cheesebox and the Nittanians had trouble getting accustomed to it . . . Jake Trueblood, Mark DuMars, and Wally Colender are nursing minor injuries . . . Trueblod turned his ankle, DuMars came up with a charlie horse, and Colender hurt his back in a fall . . . Bob Edwards' Freshman caqers play their first game prior to the varsity affair Saturday. They'll play Ogontz Center . . .

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