

# Mounties Edge Cagers, 80-78

## Harris Tops All Scorers In Contest

By SANDY PADWE  
Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 14 —Valentine's Day turned out to be a dud for the Penn State basketball team.

The Lions dropped a heart-breaking 80-78 decision to the 10th-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers here tonight when Kenny Ward made a jump shot from the corner with just five seconds remaining.

The Mounties played without their leading scorer, Rod Thorn, who was in bed with a virus attack, and West Virginia couldn't break away from the determined Lions.

The game was one of the closest in the rich history of West Virginia basketball and was tied 18 times.

The first half was just a preview of things to come, with both teams matching basket for basket. At the intermission the score was tied 39-39.

The lead continued to change hands throughout the second half but with 9:35 remaining the Lions had an excellent chance to grab a commanding edge.

After Jake Trueblood broke through West Virginia's press for a lay-up, State led 73-68, the widest margin for either team all night.

But the Mountaineers battled back and with 2:12 left Paul Miller, West Virginia's leading scorer with 22 points, made a lay-up to tie the score at 76.

Gene Harris countered for Penn State to put the Lions up 78-76 with two minutes left.

Now it was Jim McCormick's turn to play hero. He hit a jumper with 1:25 remaining and the score was tied at 78.

With State in possession and



GENE HARRIS

... gets 24 against Mounties

time running out, Mark DuMars drove through the Mountie defenses but his driving lay-up rolled around the hoop and fell out.

West Virginia gained possession and immediately called time. They brought the ball up slowly and maneuvered for a good shot which Ward hit from the right-hand corner much to the delight of the 6000 in attendance.

For West Virginia it was win number 19 against 3 defeats while the Lions are 9-8. The two teams meet in a rematch in Rec Hall Tuesday.

Harris was State's top scorer

with 24 points and DuMars, who seems to be fully recovered from an ankle injury, had 21.

Penn State outscored West Virginia from the field, 35-30, but the Mounties converted 20-29 foul shots compared to 9-15 for State.

W. VIRGINIA (89)		PENN STATE (78)	
	Box Score		Box Score
	FG F TP		FG F TP
Patrone	2 3-3 7	DuMars	9 3-5 21
Miller	9 4-8 22	Wilson	2 0-0 4
McCormick	8 2-3 18	Mitchell	5 2-2 12
Ritchie	6 3-4 15	Harris	11 2-3 24
Visnie	0 0-0 0	Trueblood	6 0-3 12
Ward	2 2-3 6	Phillips	0 0-0 0
Poach	2 5-5 9	Hoffman	2 1-2 8
Shuck	0 1-2 1		
Cattlett	0 0-0 0		
Dubois	1 0-1 2		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30 20-29 80</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>35 8-15 78</b>

## Donahue's Showing Boosts Gym Hopes

By JOHN MORRIS

Penn State gymnasts won five events and tied for first in the other in Saturday's 52 1/3 - 43 2/3 victory over Army, but one of the brightest spots of the meet was the second place finish by State's Jack Donahue on the flying rings.

Donahue, a consistent performer for the Lions in 1957 and 1958, scored a creditable 244 to finish second to Gerry Schaefer in the Army meet.

It was the first competition for the senior star since 1958 and the Lions were happy with his showing.

Coach Gene Wettstone has been looking for depth all year and the addition of Donahue gives the Lions one of the best ring teams in the East.

"Jack is a good gymnast and will definitely help the team," Wettstone said last week.

An orphan, Donahue has had to work his way through school since leaving Philadelphia's Girard College, a school for homeless children.

He worked during the day and went to Newark College of Engineering night school for two years while he was saving to come back to Penn State.

Because of his night school work Donahue was considered a transfer student and wasn't eligible to compete for the Lions last semester.

"When I left here in 1958,"

Donahue said, "I was through and had no intentions of competing this year."

"But I guess you get the bug in you for gymnastics, and I think I can help the team."

Donahue started working out seriously in January and rounded into shape quickly under Wettstone's close supervision.

He thinks that this year's team has a chance to repeat as national champions and predicts an easy win in the nationals for teammate Schaefer.

"Gerry is a shoo-in for a gold medal," Donahue said. "He has both the determination and the natural ability to be really great."

Donahue finished fourth in the 1958 easterns in his specialty, but doesn't plan to compete this year.

"I just wanted to help the team," he said. "The easterns are just for individual titles and I don't think I can afford the time away from my studies."

Donahue is planning on an engineering career and doubts if he will compete after college, but he won't swear to it.

"It's a hard thing to break away from," he said. "There's a real sense of accomplishment when your mind says something and your body does it."



Jack Donahue

## Houston to Scout NL Players Before Stocking Club—Paul

HOUSTON, Texas (AP) — Gabe Paul says he will be ready when the National League decides how it is to stock new 1962 franchises at Houston and New York with experienced players. Paul said yesterday that every National Leaguer will be scouted thoroughly by Houston during the 1961 season.

"We'll have complete information on every player when it comes time to stock our club with experienced talent," said the Houston general manager. "We're going to stay after the free agent, but we want to know exactly what our top scouts think of National League talent when it comes time to purchase those players."

Bobby Mattick and Paul Flor-

ence, two scouts who worked under Paul when he was general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, are key men in Paul's plan.

Florence signed as a Houston scout in December. Mattick signed last week.

"They will be key men in our plan," Paul said. "Jack Tighe will be another."

Tighe, former manager at Detroit, signed last month.

"After Florida spring training, Florence will headquarter in Chicago," Paul said. "Mattick will have Los Angeles as his base. Tighe lives in Michigan. The three of them, plus some more we'll name later, will keep scouting reports on every player in the league. Once the league sets its formula, we'll be ready."

### Basketball Scores

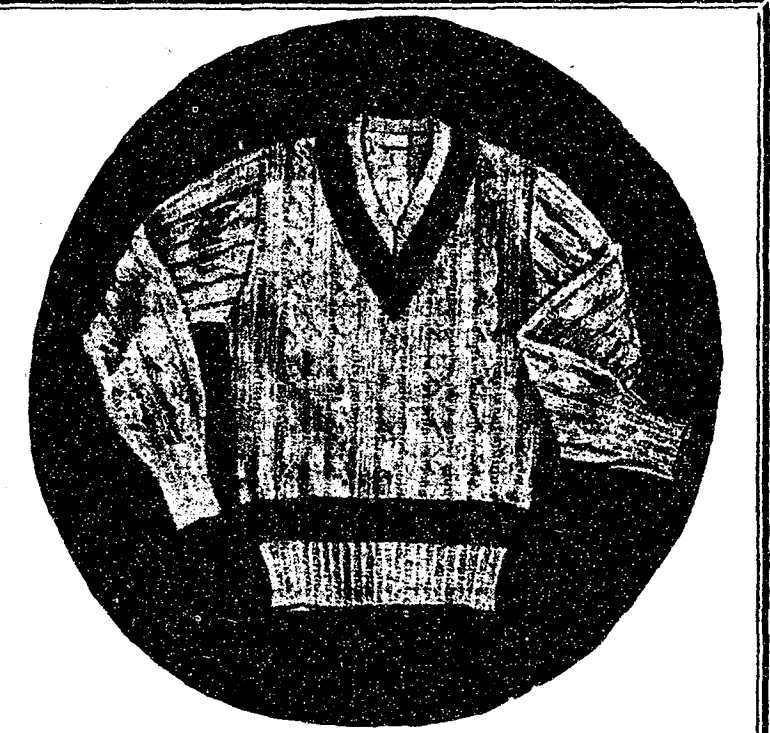
College	Score
Temple 78	Bucknell 66
Loyola of Chicago 81	Marquette 78
Arkansas 74	Texas 59
Southern Methodist 79	Texas Christian 68
Buffalo 72	Toronto 59
Williams 88	Rensselaer 46
Otterbein 79	Muskingum 53
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