

# Mounties Drop Lions, 79-60

## Harris Tops All Scorers In Contest

By JIM KARL  
Sports Editor

MORGANTOWN, W.Va., Feb. 20—West Virginia's "injury-ridden" basketball team still had more than enough depth to swamp Penn State here tonight, 79-60.

The Mountaineers, minus two regulars, got more than adequate games from Gale Catlett and Dick Dubois.

Catlett scored 20 points before fouling out with 10 minutes to go in the game and Dubois led a full-court press that time and again stopped Penn State at the 10-second line.

THE TWO REGULARS who missed the game were captain Paul Miller and playmaker Jim McCormick. Miller quit the team yesterday because of a painful foot ailment and McCormick missed the game because of a severe charley horse.

McCormick had been averaging 15.4 points per game and Miller 10.4 points going into the game.

Dubois, a nephew of Mountie coach George King, personally stole the ball five times from John Mitchell, three steals coming in a row.

The Lions had another bad night from the field, with Gene Harris, Earl Hoffman and Bobby Donato missing easy shots in the first half.

STATE HIT ON just 36.5 per cent of its shots from the field, while West Virginia hit 49.2.

Harris was the game's leading scorer with 22 points, but only four of those came in the first half when West Virginia ran up a 38-23 lead.

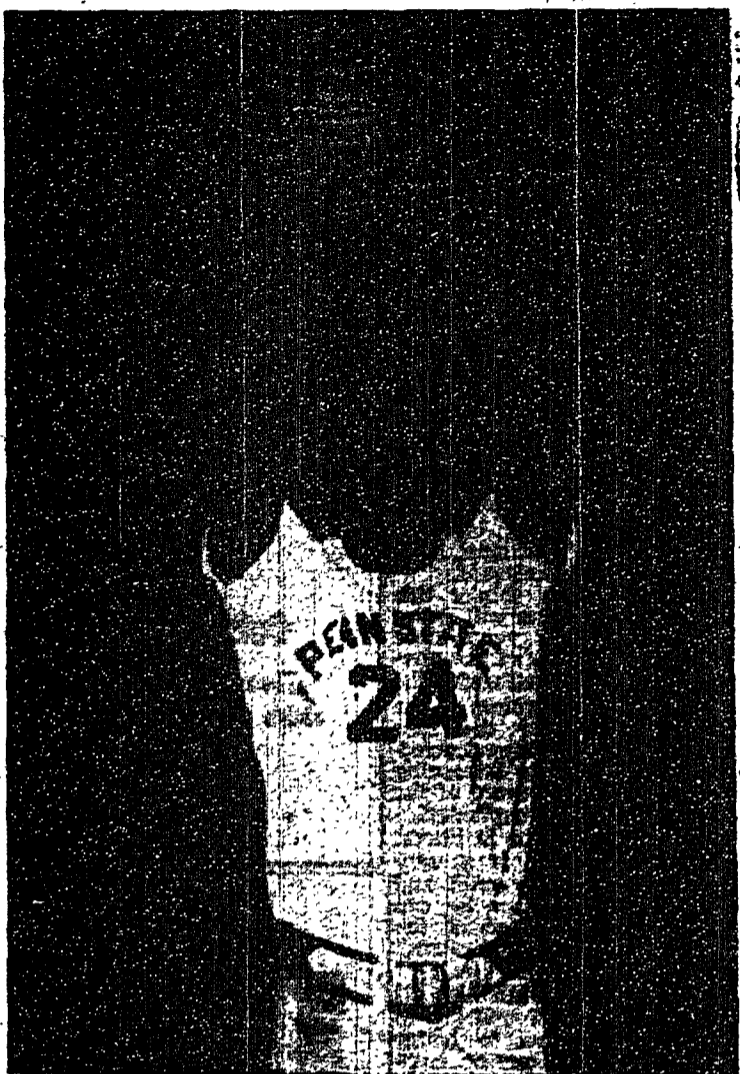
State was out in front in the game only once, when John Phillips opened the scoring with a jumper. The Lions were never in the game after the first 10 minutes.

Phillips hit three field goals in three tries to keep State close at 11-10 with seven minutes gone.

THAT'S WHEN THE picnic started for West Virginia. In the next five minutes the Mounties outscored State 19-0 to run up a 30-10 lead.

King's full-court press with Rod Thorn and Dubois out front completely unnerved the Lions.

At one point State lost the ball four times in a row. Mitchell three



HAS OFF-NIGHT: John Mitchell had his troubles against West Virginia last night scoring just 14 points as Penn State dropped a 79-60 decision to the Mountaineers at Morgantown. Mitchell and the Lions found a Mountie full-court press difficult to break and hit on only 35.8 per cent of their shots. Gene Harris led all scorers with 22 points.



PLAY-MAKING ACE Jim McCormick, the Mounties' second leading scorer this season, was one of two West Virginia stars to sit out last night's 79-60 victory over Penn State. McCormick had been averaging 15.4 points per game. His replacement, Dick Dubois, sparked the Mounties' defense.

times and Donato once on an offensive foul at Richmond, Va., March 1-3.

At the start of the second half Ulo Kart hit a jumper from the key and Donato scored on a 20-foot set shot to close the gap to 38-27 but West Virginia, with Catlett, Thorn and Kenny Ward doing most of the damage, opened up a 20-point lead, 54-34, with eight minutes gone.

HARRIS BEGAN to find the range midway in the second half, and at one point scored 13 of State's 19 points, but it was too late to do any good.

The win insured West Virginia of its sixth consecutive 20-win season. The Mounties are now 20-6, with a game remaining against Furman Saturday before the Southern Conference Tourna-

This will be the first season in six years that West Virginia has not finished in the Top Ten. The Mountaineers are currently ranked 18th in the UPI poll.

State, now 11-9, has lost two of its last four games. The Lions close out their home season against Pitt Saturday night. They have road contests remaining with Temple and Rutgers.

### BOX SCORE

W. VIRGINIA 79				PENN STATE 60			
FG	F	TP	Pts	FG	F	TP	Pts
Thorn	7	3-4	17	Harris	9	4-7	22
Ward	6	3-3	15	Mitchell	8	4-4	14
Catlett	3	4-6	8	Hoffman	3	4-6	6
Lowry	5	1-2	11	Phillips	3	0-1	6
Dubois	0	3-5	3	Donato	1	2-2	4
Bode	1	1-2	3	Kart	2	2-4	6
Shuck	1	0-1	2	Marin	0	2-3	2
Wolfe	2	2-2	6	Hutch'coo	0	4-0	0
Weir	1	0-0	2	Staub	0	0-0	0
				Nov	0	0-0	0
Totals	13	17-27	79	Totals	23	14-31	60

## Two Lion Swordmen to Bid For Perfect Records Saturday

By IRA MILLER

Two Penn State fencers will be shooting for undefeated seasons when the Nittany swordmen close out their regular 1962 campaign Saturday against Cornell in Rec Hall.

The duo, Larry Chamberlain in sabre and Art Fuller in foil, swept through State's first two meets against Johns Hopkins and Syracuse without losing a bout.

CHAMBERLAIN, WHO before this year had never even seen a fencing meet, let alone compete in one, had been a pleasant surprise. Only one of Chamberlain's six opponents to date has been able to score four touches against him.

Fuller, who fenced in high school in Glen Rock, N.J., has had two bouts decided by the minimum margin.

Despite their unblemished records, however, Lion coach Dick Klima isn't too optimistic about their chances for success Saturday.

Cornell fell before mighty Columbia, 18-9, in its most recent outing but Klima is quick to point out that Columbia is the top team in the nation right now. Earlier this season, Columbia upset N. Y. U. and the Violets had won

the Eastern title three straight years.

Klima took in the Columbia-Cornell meet at Ithaca, N.Y. last Saturday and brought home a wad of "dope" on the Big Red swordmen. The Lion mentor apparently is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to get State ready for this week's meet, the final one of the season.

THE LIONS WILL be competing in the Eastern championships this year for the first time since 1851, when fencing was dropped at State.

At that time, the Nittanians were at the bottom of the twelve-team heap. Klima has set his goal for an eighth or ninth-place finish in this year's tourney "not bad for the first year" as he puts it. The young coach hopes to beat out Harvard, Rutgers and Brooklyn College.

The Easterns will be held March 16-17 at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in New York.

### Nittany Coaches Active

Penn State's Chic Werner is the current president of the U.S. Track Coaches Association and the Nittany Lions' Gene Weltstone is president of the U.S. Gymnastics Coaches.

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