

MAIN CAMPUS SPORTS.....

GYMNASTIC TOURNEY

Penn State gymnasts finished second to Iowa in the NCAA championships held Saturday and Sunday, April 5, and 6 in Seattle, Washington.

The Lions went into the competition carrying their 14th Eastern team title, and senior co-captain Bob Emery carried home the Nissen Award for the nation's top senior gymnast.

Of the seven teams in the competition, three (Illinois, California, and Iowa) are coached by former Penn State gymnasts.

Only one Lion gymnast took top honors. Paul VeAler tied for the individual still rings title with Maythaler of Iowa State.

Coach Gene Wettstone had this to say: "We had more variety and risk in our routines than did Iowa but the judges still didn't give us the high scores. I'm disappointed that our boys didn't get the high scores that they deserved with their artistic exercises."

Coach Wettstone is in his thirty-first year of coaching at Penn State.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The October 11, 1969 battle with old rival West Virginia has been designated as Penn State's Homecoming game for next fall.

The East won the East-West wrestling tournament held at University Park on April fifth. Two national mat champions Wayne Boyd of Temple (123 lb.) and Tom Kline (191 lb.) were upset in the tourney. The only national champion to retire with a win was Gobel Kline (152 lb.) of Maryland. The East swept the last four events on the card to take the tournament 23-11.

By placing third in the NCAA wrestling championships, Penn State in the nationals since 1964 when Mark Piven placed third at 130 pounds. Frantz finished his first season on the varsity with a 16-3-1 record.

Senior Rick Wright, by placing fourth in epee in the NCAA championships at Raleigh, is the first Penn State ever to be named to the All-American fencing team.

Bill Erickson is the only Erieite on Penn State's football roster. The 6'2", 205 lb. junior graduated from McDowell in 1966.

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