

# Zimmerman Stars Between As Gymnasts Lose To Gophers, 27-18

## Between The Lions

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### Looking Ahead

Penn State's gymnasts made a game bid for a double Mid-west victory Saturday night but Newton Loken, all-around national gym champion, proved too much competition and the Lions dropped a 27-18 score to the Gophers of Minnesota.

"The final score was not indicative of the closeness of the meet," Coach Eugene Wettstone pointed out yesterday. Hal Zimmerman tied Loken in tumbling with both boys in top form. Ed Trybala lost by one point to Loken on the horizontal bar and had to be content with a second place tie. Everyone but the judges thought Sol Small had clinched first place on the side horse but the Lion contender lost out by 1 1/2 points.

Wettstone, in praising the Lion contestants stated, "Trybala and Small looked very good in their events, while Zimmerman proved to be one of the outstanding performers of the meet." Zimmerman subdued Loken on the parallel bars and tied the champ for first spot in the tumbling event. The diminutive Lion star was awarded two first places also on Friday night in the Chicago meet.

"The boys just didn't work their best," Wettstone explained. "We lost the services of Lou Bordo on the horizontal bar and Sol Small on the parallel bars because of hand injuries they received in Chicago.

Wettstone, however, commended Loken on his fine work in the meet. Loken has held his national all-around gym championship for two years and has what Wettstone terms, "a smooth" routine with never a break. It is hard to believe that one man can perform so well in so many events," Wettstone continued. Loken also captured three first positions when the Gophers traveled to our campus last year.

The meet with Minnesota was a non-league tilt and will not effect the teams' standing. The gymnasts will start their quest for the eastern championship February 7 when they play host to Princeton.

Horizontal bar—Loken, Minn., first; Trybala, PS, and Olsen, Minn., tied for second.

Side horse—Loken, Minn., first; Small, PS, second; Bjorgo, Minn., third.

Flying rings—Loken, Minn., first; Small, PS, second; Olsen, Minn., third.

Parallel bars—Zimmerman, PS, first; Loken, Minn., second; Bordo, PS, third.

Tumbling—Zimmerman, PS, and Loken, Minn., tied for first; Berg, Minn., third.

## Werner, Grieve Speak At Pitt Testimonial

Chick Werner and Bob Grieve, varsity and frosh track coaches, respectively, left yesterday for Pittsburgh for a farewell banquet to one of the most colorful members of the track coaching fraternity.

The banquet was held last night at the William Penn Hotel for Jimmy Potts, assistant coach at Pitt, who is retiring to go into business after 16 years of coaching at the Smoky City university.

Other speakers at the banquet, besides the Nittany mentors, were introduced by Billy Evans, WPIAL president. They include: George Wheeler, former Pitt gymnast and AAU champion; Jimmy Hagan, Pitt athletic director; and Carl Olson, Pitt track coach.

With the future fortunes of the Nittany Lion football team fast crumbling, it may be necessary for the Athletic Advisory Board to allow freshmen to play on the varsity. But no hasty decision need be made until colleges and universities throughout the nation consider the effects war will bring.

Here at Penn State, however, it would seem to be the ideal plan since education has been speeded up for the next year and probably for the duration of the war.

On the one hand freshmen now will have three seasons of football ahead of them since the College program has been speeded up. On the other hand the varsity eligibility plan may lead to commercialism. Some intercollegiate regulations would have to be set up to prevent subsidization. Only in this way could collegiate sports avoid becoming professional.

Looking at the Nittany Lion roster, we find that it is rapidly dwindling. Already Ralph Ventresco, Paul Weaver, and Bill Debler, backfield reserves who would have formed the nucleus of the 1942 backfield, have gone into the armed forces. Debler may possibly return for the second semester, but it is doubtful whether he will survive the draft until next grid season.

The staunch line which Coach Bob Higgins so carefully built has been caved in suddenly. Ted Kratzke and Jim Bonham, guards, have departed and so has Bob Halpin, burly tackle. John Moody, freshman fullback, has also been drafted. Harry Alston, freshman right halfback, has dropped out of College, but he may return for next season. The status of John Potskian is still indefinite.

Probably, many more players will be claimed by the national emergency before next fall. At our first glance at the freshman varsity eligibility rule, it would seem a good idea if the majority of colleges would accept it.

However, if Penn State, along with a handful of colleges would initiate the plan, it would cheapen athletic standards built up by the College. That's why the plan needs thought and not quick action.

If the rule were passed, it would not revolutionize collegiate football because few first-year men out of high school could measure up to the standards of collegiate football.

Regardless of the passing of the rule at Penn State, Lion football does not look too dark for the future. With the return of Sparky Brown to College yesterday, a shifty runner and passer will be available. Teamed with Jack Banbury, Dave Alston, Aldo Cenci or Ray Ulinski, Brown should fit in with a smooth-clicking backfield.

Line prospects, barring draft, look good. At the ends there should be Potskian, Davis, Van Lenten, Walters, Durkota and Boyd. Reasonably optimistic of returning so far also are Schoonover, Brosky, Mundwiler, Foltz, Nobile, Moore, Suhey, Cackovic, and Wolosky, all linemen.

Freshman backfield stars who have signified that they expect to return are Dave Alston, Weitzel, Ulinski, Davis, St. Claire, and Tucerri.

Other players have not yet cleared up their statuses; but it is expected that, because of their young ages, many of them will be allowed to play football next season.

## College Facilities Opened To Assist 'Hale America'

Under the direction of Dr. Lloyd M. Jones, professor of physical education, the facilities and personnel of the College will be utilized in the "Hale America" program for national fitness.

The central district in Pennsylvania, which will be headed by Dr. Jones, is one of nine in the State. It includes Blair, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Huntingdon, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, and Union counties.

## Princeton Primes For Lion Match

With experience gained in a training period of 21 days after its initial match of the season, a talented Princeton wrestling squad which was held to a 16-16 tie by Rutgers early this month will renew hostilities again this Saturday when the Tiger and the Nittany Lion tangle in Rec Hall.

Although the Princeton grapplers were hampered by inexperience in their debut against the Scarlet, the showing made by Coach Jim Reed's proteges is considered to be indicative of the competition the Nittany matmen will meet.

Tiger Captain Herbert Van Brewer, a senior, did not wrestle against Rutgers as Bob Taffar forfeited the 121-pound match but his standing as captain and his varsity experience are acknowledged to qualify him as a strong opponent for spunky Charlie Ridenour.

Aggressiveness has been called the key-note of the Tiger's attack. In the 136-pound and 145-pound weights Princeton men have the reputation of pushing their matches relentlessly.

Further strength in the lightweight divisions is added by Ira Griffin, last year's freshman squad captain who went through his entire season undefeated. In his first match of this season he pinned Dave Scarr with a bar and chancery in less than 9 minutes of the 128-pound fracas.

Princeton's 1940-41 wrestling record lists five victories and only two defeats. Closest meet of the entire season was the 14-12 defeat handed to Coach Charlie Speidel's team. Pennsylvania, however, blanked the Tigers 28-0 and Lehigh chalked up the only other victory over Princeton, 17-11.

# Cagers Seek 7th Victory At West Point Tomorrow

## Lions Will Leave At Noon Today

Following a week and a half layoff, Penn State's varsity basketball team will embark at noon today for West Point, where they will clash with the Army passers on the Military Academy floor tomorrow night.

The Lions, in quest of their seventh victory in nine starts, will not be at full strength for tomorrow's engagement. Although the condition of his injured ankle has improved, Dave Hornstein is still confined in the College Infirmary, and will not be able to accompany his teammates to West Point.

Hornstein's loss may cause a definite weakness in the Nittany ranks, since the Lions are lacking in reserve strength. As a result, Coach John Lawther will again switch his starting lineup.

Larry Gent and Elmer Gross, the two forwards who carried the brunt of the Nittany attack in the victory over Pitt, are expected to hold the front court positions at the opening tipoff against Army tomorrow. After getting off to a slow start earlier in the season, Co-captain Gross suddenly hit his stride when he topped the Penn State scoring in each of the last two games with West Virginia and Pitt.

Herk Baltimore will be back at his center stance once more, after having moved over to a guard position in the starting lineup for the Pitt game. In place of Baltimore, Hornstein held the pivot position at the opening tipoff against Pitt.

According to Lawther, the guard posts are still undetermined for the battle with Army. The Lion mentor will pick his back court starters from Bob Ramin, Dick Grimes, and John Egli.

## At The Movies

CATHAUM:  
"Remember the Day"  
STATE:  
"The Bugle Sounds"  
NITTANY:  
"Small Town Deb"



**SWITCHES LINEUP**—Coach John Lawther will be forced to change his starting lineup again for the Army game at West Point tomorrow night. Dave Hornstein, sophomore guard, will not accompany the team because of an injury.

## Frosh Courtmen Face Service Men

With the Great Lakes Naval Training Station leading the way, Uncle Sam's service teams have been busy upsetting top collegiate basketball squads throughout the nation.

For this reason, Nick Thiel's Nittany Cub cagers need fear their opponents of the coming Saturday evening tilt. They are matched against the Aberdeen, Md. testing ground quintet preliminary to the Princeton wrestling match.

The frosh team has improved immensely since the Cornell Little Red upset them in their initial start by a score of 32-31, but the game arranged by the Nittany freshmen mentor and Lieut. Lou Barth, former Penn State cager and present post morale officer, will severely test the young squad.

One of the former college stars in the service team's lineup is Mark Heller, former Syracuse captain, who opposed the Blue and White at Rec Hall several times during his college days.

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