

Penn State Gymnastic Team—Runner-Up in the Eastern Intercollegiates



Nittany Lions Place In Gymnastic, Boxing, Wrestling Intercollegiates

The results of the Eastern Intercollegiate in gymnastics, boxing and wrestling, held this past week, follow:

GYMNASTICS

SIDEHORSE—I. Greene, Penn State 265; Julian, Navy 250; Zinzi, Dartmouth 264; Gibson, Army 215.

HORIZONTAL BARS—Spangler, Navy 254; Gross, Army 231; Wagner, Navy 220; Fortson, Navy 218.

ROPE CLIMB—Davis, Navy. Time 4.2. Farris, Navy and Wear, Army. Time 4.4; Steele, Army. Time 4.7.

PARALLEL BARS—Julian, Navy 260; Dougherty, Navy 226;

Green, Penn State 225; Lobell, Army 212.

FLYING RINGS—Moore, Army 250; Hacker, Navy 243; Rankin, Navy and Checkering, Army 236.

TUMBLING—Valentino, Penn State 259; Blazin, Army 244; Frey, Penn State 240; Worthington, Army 210.

ALL-AROUND CHAMPION—Frey, Penn State 1014; Julian, Navy 866; Neiger, Penn State 847; Reiff, Temple 736; Spangler, Navy 724.

BOXING

120 POUNDS—Thistle, Coast

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Frey Wins All-Around Title For Lions

Greene, Valentino Emerge EIGL Gym Champions

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Penn State again proved itself to be one of the best in the East as the Nittany gymnasts, led by little Hal Frey, annexed two of the six individual championships as well as the all-around laurels in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League finals last week at Annapolis.

The Middies took the title as they placed men in first places in the horizontal bars, rope climb and parallel bars but the Lions pressed them right down to the wire as they rang up victories in the side horse and tumbling events to add to Frey's all-around title.

Steve Greene and Johnny Valentino were the winners for the Lions. Both freshmen, they are outstanding examples of Wettstone-developed gymnasts.

Greene also took a third spot in the parallel bar competition, Frey came in third in the tumbling and Warren Neiger plodded along steadily throughout the competition to earn himself third place notch in all-around ranking.

Frey Wears Cast

The amazing thing about the 1014 points amassed by diminutive Hal Frey in downing his Navy rival Alex Julian was the fact that the Nittany acrobat wore a cast on his left ankle throughout the competition.

Hindered by a broken bone in his ankle which has made a cast necessary the past five weeks, the Lion veteran surprised everyone including Coach Gene Wettstone by doing a fine job in the tumbling to add to his point total and win handily from his Middle foe.

Nationals Loom

Coach Wettstone has nominated seven Lions to make the trip to Philadelphia in mid-May to participate in the National Amateur Athletic Union Gymnastic Championships.

Hal Frey, with his cast off, will take on the field in side horse, parallel bars, rings, high bars, clubs and tumbling.

Neiger will be entered in side horse, parallel bar, flying ring, high bar and rope climb competition while Greene will display his wares on the side horse, high bars, rings and rope climb.

Bill Wintersteen, third place winner in the Indian clubs at the Nationals last year, will share the distinction with Frey of being the only returning lettermen participating. He will enter this event again this year.

Gaumer, Eddy and Mangis will be additional Nittany entries in the rope climb.

Valentino left immediately after the Eastern Intercollegiate to enter the Army Air Corps and will not be available to fill the tumbling gap for Wettstone.

Serago Forsakes Cake, Pie To Win Goodman Trophy

Frankie Serago didn't have a sensational record in the ring this season. In fact he had scored just one victory until he whipped West Pointer Salvadore Felices for the Eastern Intercollegiate boxing crown last Saturday night. Still, when Frankie Goodman handed him the Goodman trophy for being the outstanding Penn State boxer of the year, the fans were more than satisfied.

Many obstacles faced diminutive Frankie Serago when he came to the first boxing practice in Rec Hall last December. He weighed 142 pounds, just seven pounds more than classy Billy Cochran, and three pounds less than tough, sharp shooter Hal Howard, both sure bets for varsity spots.

Seeing the field crowded in his own weight class, Serago was willing to lose 15 pounds to fill an empty class at 127. Frankie began to boil pounds off. He stopped drinking water. Ate no potatoes or gravy. Turned away from cake, pie, ice cream and milk. Cancelled soup, pudding, and rolls from his menu. Saw no soft drinks or cigarettes during study hours.

Frankie's grind for the 127 nod didn't stop at the restaurant counter, for in nearly three months training, he never missed a night's practice.

Said Lion coach Leo Houck: "I wish I had eight fighters who would train as faithfully as Frankie!"

Into these three months of training for the intercollegiate boxing meet, Serago packed ten minutes of stomach exercises into his conditioning course every night. Then with three rounds of rope jumping behind for the day, he would box three rounds on the light bag, three rounds on the heavy bag, and spar a regular bout with other men his weight division.

"Is that all?" jibed a reporter. "Well," said Frankie, "nearly every night I run a mile before I quit, just to get a little more wind."

Ready for Fighting Now

Finally getting to his objective at 127, he found disappointment awaiting him in his first two fights, as he dropped decisions to Felices of Army and Coakley of Maryland. When Virginia came to Penn State he got his first win of the season, and followed with a

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