

Gymnasts Win Opener; Down Spartans, 61-51

Bonsall Grabs Two Events To Take High-Scoring Mark

The Nittany Lion gymnasts, unbeaten since 1944, proved at East Lansing, Mich. Monday night that it will take more than reams of written or spoken words to make them bow in defeat.

Disregarding gloomy pre-season forecasts, Coach Gene Wettstone's charges, led by Captain Bill Bonsall, defeated Michigan State 61-51 to inaugurate Wettstone's tenth year at the Nittany helm on a victorious note.

The Lions won four out of seven events and tied in a fifth to hand the Spartans their second defeat of the fledgling gymnastic season.

BONSALL HIGH

Bonsall, who placed first in both the horizontal bar and side horse competition, emerged as individual high scorer.

He took the horizontal bar with 277 points and was also high man on the side horse with 240 points. The Nittanyites took the two events by the decisive scores of 11-5 and 12-4 respectively.

Sophomore Al Christie, a newcomer from Hazleton, Pa., helped the Lions take the rope climb 9-7 as he scrambled to the top in 5.3 seconds.

Another newcomer, Rudy Valentino, made an impressive debut as he captured the tumbling event with 238 points. Last year's ace tumbler, Bill Meade, was second and Bonsall was third. State annexed a 13-3 margin in that competition.

TIE ON BARS

Meade also placed second in the parallel bars, this time to the Spartan's Mel Stout, and the best the Wettstonemen could get in that event was an 8-8 tie.

The Spartans, competing for only the second year in their history in intercollegiate gymnastic competition, won in the rings, and trampoline. Bonsall placed second in the rings to Stout of Michigan State.

Almost 4,000 spectators were on hand to witness the Spartans clash with the NCAA and NAAU champions.

PREP FOR ORANGE

The team returned to State College late last night and will resume practice in preparation for their second, and more severe test, against the Orangemen from Syracuse at Syracuse Saturday.

Coach Paul Romeo's gymnastic crew should give the Nittanymen some real competition in their meeting. So far this year they have already met two of the East's top aggregations, Army and Temple.

Although they bowed to the Cadets by a 58-38 count, the Syracuseans took four out of six events from the future generals at West Point. Only Army's great reserve strength enabled them to cop the decision.

The summaries:

Horizontal Bar—PSC 11 MSC 5. 1st, William Bonsall, PSC 277; 2nd, Mel Stout, MSC, 273; 3rd, Mike Kurkowiak, PSC, 260; 4th, Wendell Lomady, PSC, 227; 5th, Dick Foerch, PSC, 218.

Side Horse—PSC, 12; MSC, 4. 1st, William Bonsall, PSC, 240; 2nd, Dave Benner, PSC, 220; 3rd, Mel Stout, MSC, 201; 4th, Mike Kurkowiak, PSC, 184; 5th, Dick Richter, MSC, 169.

Parallel Bar—PSC, 8 MSC, 8. 1st, Mel Stout, MSC, 276; 2nd, Bill Meade, PSC, 252; 3rd, Joe Mirezni, PSC, 241; 4th, Dick Richter, MSC, 227; 5th, Mike Kurkowiak, PSC, 210.

Rings—MSC, 11. PSC 5. 1st, Mel Stout, MSC, 278; 2nd, William Bonsall, PSC, 265; 3rd, Ivan Towns, MSC, 264; 4th, Gordon Thomas, MSC, 238; 5th, Jesse Fehl, PSC, 227.

Rope Climb—PSC, 9 MSC 7. 1st, Albert Christie, PSC, 5.3 seconds; 2nd, Mayo Aradt, MSC, 5.6; 3rd, Wendell Lomady, PSC, 5.8; 4th, Mike Bowerman, MSC, 6.2; 5th, Glenn Jeannero, MSC, 7.6.

Tumbling—PSC 18 MSC 3. 1st, Rudy Valentino, PSC, 238; 2nd, Bill Meade, PSC, 238; 3rd, William Bonsall, PSC, 232; 4th, Mel Stout, MSC, 217; 5th, Dick Richter, MSC, 186.

Trampoline—MSC 18 PSC 8. 1st, John Roback, MSC, 256; 2nd, Pat Carnahan, MSC, 237; 3rd, Ivan Towns, MSC, 218; 4th, Charles Kalbfuss, PSC, 199; 5th, Rudy Valentino, PSC, 186.



WETTSTONE

Sports a la Fem

By Clarice Linnch

Freshman girls on campus for the first time can be seen running around White Hall without the slightest idea of where they are headed. One of these uninformed coeds wound up in the swimming pool while searching for a place to sign up for a gym course.

Just a word of warning to you girls who are unfamiliar with the workings of White Hall. Don't look for any men in there. A few of them may be wandering around at times, but most of the building is taboo for the male sex.

BASKETBALL

What has happened to all those girls who wanted to play basketball? Last semester more girls signed up for basketball than there was room for, but so far there aren't enough girls for two teams. Oh, well, it's always fun to play against yourself.

Then of course, just to make it more interesting and a bit different, it's always possible to try some variations with two or three players on a team. It could turn out to be amusing, and who knows, some new sport might evolve from this farce.

BASEBALL

We've just discovered why college baseball isn't what it should be. In less than a month the players on the major and top minor leagues will be headed toward Florida, California, Arizona or places with a comparable climate.

But the poor college baseball player is forced to stay in the north and practice indoors for an indefinite period. It could be a different story if the college players were sent south too.

As far as their classes go, the instructors might not mind the extra work of mailing lecture notes and assignments. Maybe it would elevate college baseball to the position of football.

Colone Inks Pact With AAC Colts

Punting star and 1948 captain of the Nittany Lion football team, Joe Colone, signed a contract to play for the Baltimore Colts of the All-American Conference next year, it was announced over the weekend.

Drafted by the Detroit Lions of the National League two years ago, Colone decided to sign up with the rival league on the suggestion of a Baltimore doctor who removed a bone spur from his shoulder last year.

Colone, a member of the Lion's undefeated Cotton Bowl team in 1947 and captain of the once-beaten squad this year, visited Baltimore for consultations prior to and after his operation. Dr. George Bennett, orthopedic surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, suggested that the Berwick senior play for Baltimore.

IM Basketball

With varsity cagers cavorting on the Rec Hall hardwood tonight, intramural basketball takes a one-night vacation. The IM schedule will resume tomorrow night with another nine-game card starting at 8:45 p.m.

Fighters Prep For Rough Tilt With Syracuse

Heavy Marty Crandell To Extend Drazenovich

Beehive-like activity keynotes workouts at the Rec Hall boxing ring as Coach Houck's ringsters prep for their toughest test to date against a well-balanced ring unit from Syracuse this Saturday.

Seven varsity lettermen plus a sensational newcomer form the nucleus of the Syracuse men. Tabbed as "great" by his coach, Roy Simmons, the Orange heavy, Marty Crandell, squares off against Chuck Drazenovich in what might be a preview of the EIBA finals.

Ardent Nittany fight fans will probably remember the hard-punching Crandell. Last season, performing with the Syracuse jayvees, Crandell surprised Rec Hall spectators when he scored a 20-second KO in the second round against Lion Jack Bolger.

Decisions Saey

Surprising the collegiate boxing realm this year, the well-coordinated puncher scored a KO victory in the first round against Miami's former NCAA ruler, Art Saey. It was the first knockout Saey had suffered in four years of competition.

Crandell went on to decision Army's lanky Bill Kellum, a stylist who last Saturday held Drazenovich to a draw. Last weekend he dropped a close decision at Catholic University.

Since 1932 the Orange have won the Eastern team trophy seven times, while for four years they went undefeated in dual meet competition. The net result has been the establishment of Syracuse as a power in the collegiate field.

Again this season, Coach Leo Houck terms the Simmons-coached boxers as one of the best teams in the country. At 145-pounds Tim Curley, Eastern runner-up in that weight class last year, represents the Orange.

Orange Standouts

Joe Bongo, 30-24 winner over Jack Sheehe last year, moved up a weight and now performs at 155. Defending EIBA champion, Jimmy Rollier, with his crowd-pleasing style, should be tops again competing in the 165 division.

The 6-foot 2-inch Ray Fine, last season's heavy, will perform at 175-pounds this year. His long arms give him an advantage over most contestants.

West Virginia Tests Unpredictable Lions

Lawther's Surprising Cagers Aim for 2nd Upset Tonight

Over 3800 people can't be wrong!

But after witnessing and hearing of some seven tragicomic losses bestowed on their court heroes in nine outings already; this season, can the loyal Nittany cage fans—plus coach John Lawther—be blamed for scratching their noggins.

With Saturday's stupefying win over a highly respected Syracuse team still lingering in everybody's mind, the big question remains—can State repeat its recent feat at Rec Hall at 8 p.m. tonight when Lawther's mighty Lions face the University of West Virginia, one of the top point-producing teams in the country?

The odds makers will have tough sledding to call the turn on an unpredictable State squad's outcome with the tall Mountaineer team, in the light of Coach Lee Patton's apparent difficulties in winning on the Rec Hall boards.

LAST YEAR

For those with short memories let it be recalled that last year a hard charging Rebel squad (which won 17 out of 20 soires) thundered into State College with one of the best quintets in its cage history, only to fall before the thrusts of an aroused State five.

Be that as it may, the Lions' blood will have to be more than lukewarm tonight to stop another great West Virginia club which is again racing toward high national ratings, currently sporting a 12 and 3 record.

Defending a spectacular 49 consecutive home-game winning streak, and following the State contest, winding up their season with seven of eight games in their home balliwick, Patton's warriors are almost certain to cop over 18 contests.

SEEK REVENGE

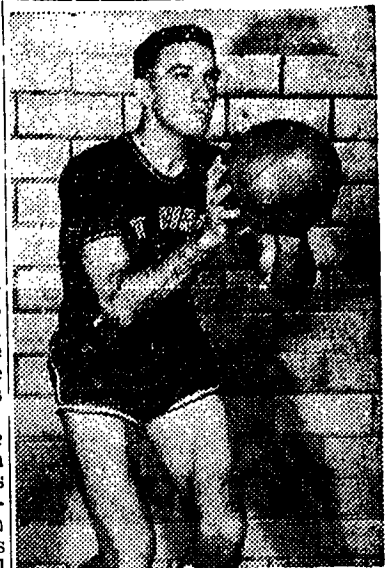
Earlier this year coach Lawther's play-as-you-go boys absorbed an artistic 52-28 lacing at the hands of the Southerners in the Morgantown fieldhouse.

West Virginia offers Fred Schaus, who earlier this season broke his team's individual scoring record with a 33 point performance against Wayneburg; Eddie Sterling, Eddie Beach, Clyde Green, Joe Duff and Bob Jackson. Of this group, Schaus and Beach will stretch 6 feet, 5 inches and 6 feet, 4 inches respectively.

Lawther will start Milt Simon.

Rates Him Tops

Lion Coach Chick Werner rates his ace, Jim Gehrdes, the best hurdler in current college competition.



FRED SCHAUS

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