

# Gymnasts, Swimmers Vie For Eastern Titles

## Valentino Defends Tumbling Crown

By BUD FENTON

Nine Penn State gymnasts, including Rudy Valentino, defending tumbling king, will compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate championships tomorrow at Annapolis, Md.

The men will leave today for the site of the tourney. At least one Penn State athlete will compete in each of the six events.

### Hazen Unable To Appear

Gene Wettstone, coach of the gym-men who split even during the six-meet dual season, reported yesterday that Jim Hazen, flying rings man and one of the contenders for the Eastern title will be unable to compete due to academic difficulties.

Valentino will be attempting to retain the title he won last year in Rec hall. The human pinwheel is unbeaten this season and has lost only once in the past two years. He will be the favorite in the tumbling event tomorrow. Owen Wilkenson will also compete in tumbling.

### Benner On Sidehorse

Dave Benner, winner of fourth place in the National tournament last year, will be among the top contenders on the sidehorse. Larry Jamieson will be the Lion second man in that event.

Tom Campbell and Earl Kerber will be entered in horizontal bar competition. Campbell, a former state high school champion, has been impressive in his first year of collegiate competition.

Dave Schultz will be the only Nittany entry in the rope climb. A sophomore, he is expected to gain valuable experience in the tourney.

Dave Douglass, parallel-bars man, will be the only State competitor in that event.

Bill Hendrickson will carry the

## Duelists Oppose Phila., Face Owls Tomorrow

The Penn State foilers close their 1951 dual meet season this weekend in Philadelphia when they engage the unbeaten Philadelphia Fencers club tonight, and the Temple Owls tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Art Meyer announced that he will use the same line-up that started last week. In the sabers Captain Ed Merek, Charles Ricker or Bob Searles, and Jerry Clauser will exchange blows for State.

Ed Kalanik, Joe Kusick, and Tom Taylor are slated for the foils, while Lou Como, Pete Raidy, and Bob Whitman will form the epee trio. Captain Merek, Searles, and Ricker will fence their final duels for State.

## Lion Trackmen Compete In Cleveland K of C Meet

Seven Nittany trackmen are in Ohio tonight to take their final board running whirl of the season in the Cleveland Knights' of Columbus games.

Mile relayers Bill Lockhart, John Lauer, Guy Kay, and John McCall are seeking to shatter the ill-luck which has dogged them the last two weekends. On the other hand, Jim Herb, Bill Ashenfelter, and Bob Freebairn look to repeat IC-4A successes in the high jump, two-mile and mile respectively.

Homer Barr, wrestling captain, will aspire to third heavyweight title in the 1951 championships.

Nittany Lion hopes in the flying-rings competition.

Of the group, Valentino and Benner are conceded the best chances of gaining titles, while Campbell, Schultz, Douglass, and Hendrickson will be striving for medal winning positions.

## Mermen Seeking To 'Steal Points'

By JAKE HIGHTON

Rejuvenated by two straight closing victories, Lion swimmers go into the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association championships with little hope of winning, but very eager to "steal" points from the big boys.

The championships, which are being held in New York University's pool tomorrow afternoon and night, figure to be a four-cornered scrape among Rutgers, Seton Hall (champs last year), Pitt, and Lehigh.

### Hamilton Bright Hope

Brightest prospect for individual honors among Coach Gutteron's entries is backstroker George Hamilton who piled up seven victories and was never worse than second all season.

Following his loss to Benza, of Seton Hall, and Art Mayer, of Delaware, his chief foes tomorrow, Hamilton recorded a better time than his conquerors when he zipped to a new Penn State record of 2:19.9 over the 200-yard distance.

In the sprints, Cas Borowy will swim for the Lions. Borowy has won only once all season but the had-working senior has had

many heartbreaking second-place finishes.

### Split Decisions

Several times Borowy lost by the split second between one hand slap on the finish board immediately following another.

Sophomore diver Bob Kenyon, victorious four times in dual meets, has recovered from food-poisoning which kept him from the F&M meet and may pull a few surprises on the favored divers as he did when amassing 101 points against Syracuse.

Gene Kolber has strong possibilities of placing in the 440 which he has won five times this season but in his other specialty, the 220, he has been beaten consistently.

Also with good chances of carrying away points from the "powers" is the 400-yard relay team. A week ago the quartet of Bob Long, Dick Wilson, Kolber, and Borowy swam a fast 3:42.3 which set a Penn State record only three seconds from the pool mark.

## Aubrey Piper

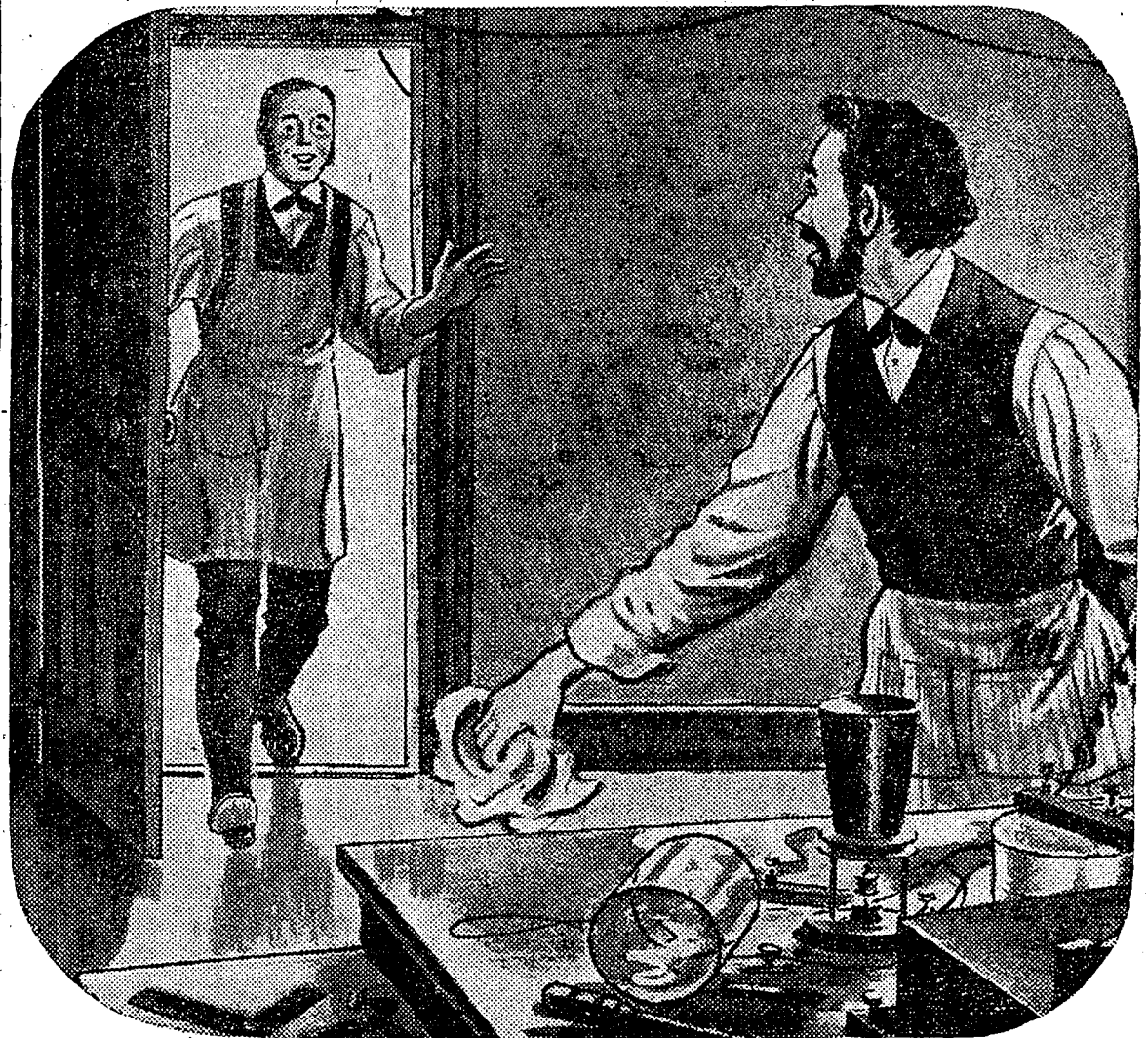
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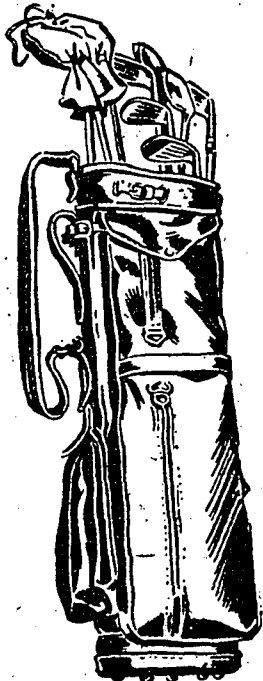
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