

# Gymnasts Host North Carolina

## Nittany Lions Open Season At 8 Tonight

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF  
Penn State's 1952 gymnastics team will put its wares on display for the first time at 8 tonight in Rec Hall, when it engages North Carolina, coached by ex-Penn State tumbler Bill Meade.

Seven events, including the rope climb, parallel bars, side-horse, horizontal bar, flying rings, and the trampoline will be featured in the meet. The latter event is scheduled only for tonight's encounter.

Coach Gene Wettstone, who will be starting his fourteenth season as gym mentor, announced only one change in the lineup that will face the Tarheels tonight. In the parallel bars Bill Sabo was switched to third rank and Al Wick was placed second.

Jean Cronstedt, young gymnast from Finland, will make his debut tonight as the Lions' top performer on the p-bars and the horizontal bar. The other two Penn State entries in the h-bar are sophomore Mario Todaro and senior Earle Kerber.

**Shultz in Rope Climb**  
Bobby Lawrence will be the main threat for the Lions on the sidehorse event, followed by Frank Wick and Dick Shaffer.

Coach Wettstone named Johnny Baffa and Bob Boudreau as second and third men in the rope climbing event. Dave Shultz, lanky senior rope climbing specialist, is the Lions' ace in this event.

In tumbling, Wettstone will use Bob Kenyon, Howdy Mason, and Bob Kreidler against the Tarheels. Kenyon is considered to be the Nittanians' top matman.

**Hazen Won Rings**  
Owen Wilkinson, who will captain the Blue and White tonight, and Kenyon will perform on the trampoline. The Tarheels, who excel in trampolining every year, are favored to take this event.

Led by Jim Hazen, who took first place in the flying rings against the Tarheels last year, the Lions are expected to win handily in this event. John Hampford and Tony Procopio will also perform on the rings.

**Former Champ**  
In its meet last year with North Carolina, Penn State's gymnastics squad took six out of seven first places and swept two events completely to trample the Tarheels, 74½-33½.

Tarheel Coach Meade was a former pupil of Wettstone in 1943, 1948-49, and a former eastern intercollegiate tumbling champion at Penn State. He served five years in the Navy as a radioman.

## Panthers Capture First Half in AIM Bowling League

By winning eight games over Atherton Hall last week, the Panthers won the first cycle of AIM bowling competition at the Dux Club.

With 78 victories and 26 losses on their record, the Panthers finished six games in front of the second place Plugs.

The Plugs' Dayton Alger, however, continued his pace as the outstanding bowler for the league with a 173 average for 39 games.

Tom Huntley of Atherton finished first cycle action with the highest single game score, having rolled a high 233. McElwain Hall's Smith was high man for a three game set with 603 pins.

The AIM league will resume second half activity Feb. 11 at 9:15 p.m.

Final team standings for the first half are as follows:

TEAM	W	L
Panthers	78	26
Plugs	72	32
K.K.'s	67	37
Keystones	66	38
Vets	65	39
Atherton Hall	64	40
Emergency Squad	64	40
Beaver House	46	58
Penn Haven	44	60
Nittany Co-op	41	63
Black Sheep	36	68
Eager Beavers	32	72
McElwain Hall	30	74
Penn State Club	22	82

### Begins 14th Year



Gene Wettstone

## Inquirer, K of C Meets Attract Lion Thinclads

Coach Chic Werner will take a squad of 13 men to the Philadelphia Inquirer track meet tomorrow morning. The following night five of them will journey to Boston to compete in the Knights of Columbus meet at the Boston Garden.

The mile-relay quartet will be composed of John Lauer, Bill Kilmer, Ollie Sax, who competed in Washington last week, and Dave Thomas. Thomas qualified for the fourth spot by turning in the best time for the 440 in yesterday afternoon's time trials.

**May Save Ashenfelter**  
Coach Werner is still undecided as to his two-mile relay squad, but will take five men, Bill Ashenfelter, Bob Roessler, Jack Horner, Don Austin, and Dave Pierson, four of whom will be selected for the race.

He may save Bill Ashenfelter for Saturday night since Ashenfelter is competing in the two-mile invitation race at Boston.

**First For Thomas**  
Dan Lorch, pole vaulter, favored by the good weather in the past few days, has had a chance to do some actual vaulting in practice for the first time this winter. He will be competing against at least five vaulters who have cleared 14 feet or more, three of them having bettered 15 feet.

This will be Thomas' first taste of intercollegiate competition. He is a senior but has been a candidate for the varsity for the past two seasons, always being overshadowed by such great sprinters as Jim Gehrdes, Wilbur Lancaster, and Bill Lockhart.

## Officials Await Russian Entry

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 16—(AP)—Officials of the winter Olympics awaited word from the Russians today on whether the Soviets will send an ice hockey team to the games next month.

It was reported yesterday the Russians had applied for membership in the International Ice Hockey Federation and would ask to be entered in the Olympic tournament.

The secretary general of the Olympic organizing committee, Rolf Pettersen, said he would still accept a Russian application to participate even though the deadline expired New Year's Eve. Pettersen added, however, the application must be in his hands in the next couple of days.

Walter Fyri, press officer of the games, said he had press tickets for the Russians and these would be kept in reserve for the next few days pending word from the Soviet about intentions.

### All Big Boys

Penn State's current basketball team, bigger than usual, averages 6 feet 3 inches in height.

## Cagers Conclude Trip Tonight, Meet Dickinson At Carlisle

By DAVE COLTON

Penn State's travelling cage squad concludes an abbreviated two-day trip when it meets a winless Dickinson team in Carlisle at 8:30 tonight.

The Lions played Gettysburg last night in the first of their three away games this week.

Coach Elmer Gross' quintet is a heavy favorite to improve the

7-1 record which it carried into last night's battle with the Bullets. Dickinson has dropped successive games to Albright, Lebanon Valley, Western Maryland, Franklin & Marshall, and Wagner.

Coach Johnny Hopper promoted two of his junior varsity stars, Leroy Huber and Robert Varano, in an effort to bolster his club for tonight's fray. Huber, six-two forward, and Varano, six-one guard, were the leading scorers on the undefeated jayvee team.

### Zilling Top Scorer

Hopper expects to stick to his starting lineup of Bill Kinsella and Bob Beaver, guards; Dick Johe, center; and Bill Stark and Dick Zilling, forwards. Zilling, a senior, leads the team with an average of 17 points per game.

Zilling is familiar with the scoring leadership since he paced the Red Devils the last two seasons. Stark, aggressive forward, was runnerup to Zilling last year. Against Juniata last week he tallied 28 points.

Gross will open with the lineup which guided the Lions to consecutive victories over Michigan, Pitt, Colgate, Syracuse, and Carnegie Tech.

**Arnelle, Sledzik Top Lions**  
Co-captain Hardy Williams and Ronnie Weidenhammer, Kutztown freshman, will start at guards; Jesse Arnelle, center; and high-scoring Herm Sledzik and Joe Piorkowski, forwards.

Arnelle is the Lions' top point-producer with 123 in eight games. The tall freshman has averaged 15.4 points per game, Sledzik is second with a ten point per contest average.

Tonight's contest will be the first meeting between the two schools in 18 years. State holds a 10-2 edge in the series. The Lions won the last contest played in 1934, 37-21.

The Nittanians finish this semester's activity with an important clash with Pitt in the Panthers' fieldhouse, Saturday. After the Pitt game they will not play again until they travel to Annapolis to play Navy, Jan. 30.

## Pitt Boasts 3 Unbeaten Wrestlers

Three unbeaten Pittsburgh wrestlers should provide stiff tests for undefeated Nittany matmen in three weight classes when the Lions and Panthers square off in Rec Hall Saturday.

Hugh Peery, son of Pitt coach Rex Peery, appears as the outstanding grappler in the Pitt lineup. Young Peery, Pan-American Olympic champion last March, has won four straight matches so far this season in the 123 pound class.

### Poses Test for Lemyre

Freshman Bob Homan will probably get the assignment to take on Peery for the Lions. Bob is himself unbeaten, having won the first two varsity matches of his life in surprising fashion.

Number two man, for the Panthers and probably potentially as strong as Peery, is Harold Miller at 130 pounds. Miller is also unbeaten in four starts this season. Last year Miller was top man for Pitt, piling up the creditable record of 12-2 in dual meets.

### Uram Undefeated

Miller will have his hands full Saturday, as his opponent will be the quick, skillful Dick Lemyre. The Nittany Pan-American bantamweight champion is unbeaten thus far in his first two varsity starts.

Pitt's third undefeated matman to oppose the Lions will be Chuck Uram, at 147 pounds. Uram, although having wrestled to a draw once, has turned in three victories.

To meet this challenge, State has unbeaten Don Frey ready to go. Frey has not lost in dual competition since he started varsity wrestling last year. He took 147 pound runnerup honors in both the EIWA and NCAA championships a year ago.

### Other Starters

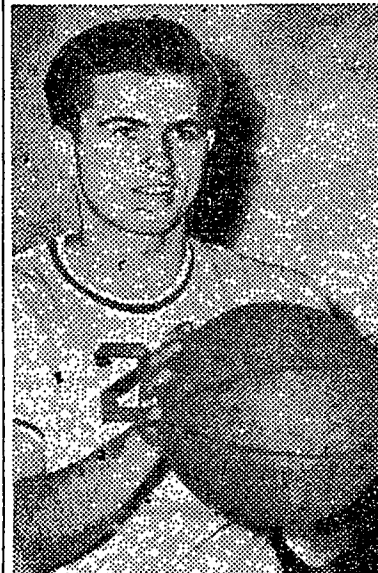
Joe Kane, only letterman besides Miller in the probable Pitt lineup Saturday, should be Coach Peery's heavyweight grappler wrestler if he has recovered from a dislocated elbow suffered against Michigan State. Kane has lost three times and won once so far.

Other probable Pitt starters are frosh Bud Wise (2-2) at 177 pounds; Harven Krause (0-3-1) in the 167 pound class; George Matthews (2-2) at 137 pounds; and freshman Joe Solomon with a 3-1 157 pound record.

### Penn State Grad

Charlie Ridenour, now in his first year as University of Pennsylvania wrestling coach, is a former Penn State mat champion.

### Devils' Top Scorer



Dick Zilling

### Dickinson Forward



Bill Stark

### Yanks Turn Down Bid

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—(AP)—A bid by an unidentified Dallas man to buy the New York Yanks' franchise in the National Football League and transfer it to Texas has been rejected, a spokesman for owner Ted Collins said today.

"It is the first concrete offer we have received," Collins' attorney, Myron Engelman said. "It was transmitted to us by Bert Bell (NFL Commissioner). Mr. Collins said we should forget it."

### 26th Year

Charlie Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, is in his 26th year as head coach of the Nittany Lion matmen.

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