

The Lion's Lair

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From the reactions of the crowd at the gymnastics meet Thursday night, Nittany Lions fans have adopted another sports darling in talented Jean Cronstedt, Penn State's own "Flying Firm."

In the three years that we've been at State, gymnastics has always run fourth to Penn State's other winter sports, basketball, wrestling, and boxing, in crowd appeal. This is in no way a reflection on the caliber of Gene Wettstone's teams, but probably is because gymnastics is the least familiar sport to students coming to State.

Most high schools in the state do not have gymnastic teams and a good percentage of the students witnessed their first gym meet in Rec Hall in their freshman or sophomore year in college. Because of this, many people do not understand the scoring, and therefore, do not develop the interest which they do for basketball, wrestling, or boxing.

But it doesn't take an avid gymnastics fan to recognize Cronstedt as a superb gymnast. His performance on the horizontal bar was almost flawless as he gained 287 points out of a possible 300. With three judges voting, that's an average of 95.6 points per judge out of a possible perfect score of 100.

Cronstedt also managed to gain 278 points on the parallel bars or an average of 92.6 per judge. When you perform well



enough to get 90 points from a judge, you're really putting on a show.

Three other Lion gymnasts captured the fancy of the Rec Hall crowd. Jim Hazen pulled 271 points on the flying rings; Bobby Lawrence, 280 on the side-horse; and Bob Kenyon 272 in tumbling; Meet Captain Owen Wilkenson also showed good form on the trampoline. Since the trampoline is not a regular Eastern Intercollegiate event, Wilkenson's performance stands out all the more. He finished second only to Reggie White, Southern Conference trampoline champion.

All in all, we'd say that Wettstone has a well-balanced gym team. With Cronstedt on the horizontal and parallel bars, Hazen on the rings, Kenyon leading the tumblers, Lawrence on the side-horse, and Dave Shultz in the rope climb, it's going to take a pretty good gymnastics team to turn back the Lions this year.

Congratulations to Penn State's basketball team for its record-smashing performances against Gettysburg and Dickinson, and to Jesse Arnelle for setting a new away game individual high of 28 points.

NSCA Picks Follmer 2d Team All-American

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thews was unbeaten as a freshman and presently owns a 2-2 mark.

Freshman Bob Homan, twice decision winner for the Lions, is faced with a tough 123 pound foe in Coach Peery's son, Hugh Peery. Soph Peery hasn't lost a match since his sophomore year in high school, and currently sports a 4-0 log with three pins and a decision.

Battle of Unbeaten

Lion Dick Lemyre's two straight sophomore win streak is threatened by a tough Panther, Hal Miller. Miller has scored four wins without loss thus far this season after leading his team last year with a 12-2 record.

State's unbeaten Don Frey is also matched with an undefeated opponent in Chuck Uram. The Panther wrestler was unbeaten last year as a freshman and now owns a varsity mark of 3-0-1.

Doug Frey with a 1-1 mark for Charlie Speidel's squad, will run into Pitt's outstanding frosh prospect, Joe Solomon. Solomon has won three and took his lone loss from Michigan State's National AAU champion, Bob Hoke. Solomon was WPIAL champion for the last three years.

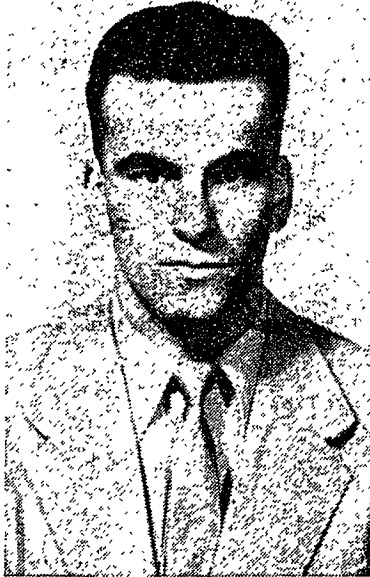
Surprisingly Fast

Nittany Joe Lemyre should have little trouble getting his third 167 pound win of the season without loss. Opposing him tonight will be either Harven Kraus, winless in four bouts, or frosh Willard McMarlin.

Hud Samson, surprisingly fast for a 177 pounder, goes for his third straight in this his first varsity season against Panther Bud Wise. Frosh Wise has a 2-2 mark at the moment.

Rounding out the Lions' lineup is heavyweight Lynn Illingworth. Lynn is two-for-two thus far, one of which was an impressive pin victory last week. Facing him tonight will be either letterman Joe Kane with a 1-3 record or freshman football guard Eldred Kraemer.

2d Team All-American . . .



Fran Follmer

Penn State right halfback Frank Follmer was among seven Pennsylvania college players named to the 1951 edition of the National Soccer Coaches Association All-American team.

The selections were made at the opening day session of the association at the Hotel Paramount in New York City.

Follmer was named to the second team, as were four others of the select seven. The lone players from Pennsylvania to make the first team were Tony Puglisi, outside left for West Chester, and George Place, Swarthmore's inside right.

Temple Places Two

Other second team selections include two from Temple and one each from Lehigh and Penn.

Arnold Menge, right fullback, and Lennie Oliver, center half-back, represented Temple. Lehigh had Dick Gigon, outside right, for its representative while Penn placed Joe Devaney at center forward.

The lone repeater on the first team was Jim Hanna, Seton Hall, who was again nominated to the right halfback post.

Guests at Dinner

Gordie Jayne, Navy's left wing, also was nominated to the second team. Jayne played against State this year and it was his penalty kick that gave the Middies a 1-0 lead. The score ended in a 2-2 tie.

Players selected for the first team were guests at the All-America dinner last night.

Jim Carter Offered Guarantee to Meet Paddy DeMarco

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 — (AP)—Boxing promoter Bennie Ford said today he was prepared to offer lightweight champion Jimmy Carter a guarantee of \$25,000 or 35 per cent of the gate receipts to defend his title here in a 15 round match with Paddy De Marco of Brooklyn.

The offer was telegraphed to Carter's manager, Willie Ketchum, in New York. De Marco's manager, Jimmy Dixon, who also is in New York, agreed to the proposed match today by telephone.

De Marco, rugged little battler who throws punches from all angles, fought here last night with Eddie Chavez of San Jose. The scheduled ten-rounder was stopped at the end of the fourth

round and declared a "technical draw" when Chavez suffered a cut over his right eye. The cut required six stitches.

Future Nittany Foe Leads Ivy League

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 — (AP)—Pennsylvania, leading the Ivy basketball league with a 3-0 record, entertains Dartmouth (1-2) tomorrow night while Cornell and Princeton, locked in a second-place tie with two victories each, clash at Ithaca, N.Y.

Both are important games, as a loss by Penn would give Cornell or Princeton a chance to take over the league lead.

Penn, fresh from a vital 66-64 victory over defending champion Columbia last Wednesday, will be seeking to make it two straight over Dartmouth. The Quakers whipped Dartmouth, 73-67, last Saturday in Hanover, N.H.

Chick Werner has been at the helm of the Penn State track team for 19 years. He also coaches cross-country.

Sport Flashbacks

By JOHN SHEPPARD

JANUARY 1942 . . . In recognition of their brilliant soccer careers at Penn State, Captain Woody King and Anibal "Bringo" Galindo were chosen as the inside forwards on the All-Eastern soccer team.

Led by John Egli, junior forward who scored 14 points, the Lion cagers romped to a one-sided victory, 53-26, over American U. The triumph brought Coach John Lawther's 16-year collegiate coaching record to 237 victories against 71 defeats for a percentage of .769.

Coach Charlie Speidel's wrestlers dropped a close 19-13 match to Michigan.

Although the Wolverines edged out State, each team won two matches by falls with "Double-Bubble" Kerns and Charlie Ridenour registering pins in the heavyweight and 121-pound classes, respectively, for the Lions.

West Virginia's second half onslaught turned a close battle into a rout as Penn State's courtmen went down to a decisive 58-33 defeat. The Mountaineers put the game on ice in the final two periods after the count stood at 26-19 at halftime.

Jack Grey, Jess Fardella, Homer Hoffman, and Ernie George contributed triumphs when the varsity boxing team ushered in Coach Leo Houck's 20th year as fistic mentor at State with a 4½-3½ win over Western Maryland.

With bantam Charlie Ridenour scoring his third straight fall in as many starts, State's wrestling team outmaneuvered the Middies on the Rec Hall mats, 16-14. Ridenour pinned 121-pounder John Gano with a body scissors and half-nelson in 5:03.

Paced by Herk Baltimore, later a Wilkes-Barre Baron professional cage star, the State courtmen had won six of their eight games. Pivot man Baltimore meshed 66 points to lead the field with Elmer Gross, senior co-captain, second with 51 markers. Both scored in every game.

Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts downed a favored University of Chicago squad in Chicago, Ill., 30-15. Harold Zimmerman captured two first place positions, winning the parallel bar

and tumbling events.

Elmer Gross and his one-hand shots bore the brunt of the Nittany attack as the home forces scored a 41-33 upset over Temple. Gross marked up 14 points on five field goals and four successful tosses from the foul line.

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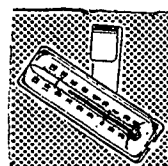
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