

Gym Team Scores Twin Wins

Swamp Spartans, 70-42; Nip Illini by Seven Points

By TOM SAYLOR

Two impressive performances gave the Penn State gymnastics team a pair of victories over Midwestern foes Friday and Saturday at Michigan State and Illinois.

Coach Gene Wettstone's team drubbed Michigan State, 70-42, Friday and then upended Illinois, third behind Florida State and Southern California in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, 67½-60½.

Against the Spartans, State grabbed four of seven events. But the lopsided margin came about via State's tremendous depth. The Lions took the runnerup spot in each event except the trampoline—not used in Eastern competition. The Spartans placed one-two-three.

Lions Sweep Rope Climb
Point-wise for State, Jean Cronstedt took top honors, scoring 287 points for first place in the horizontal bar competition. Cronstedt's teammate, Mario Todaro, was second in the event with a 261.

The Lions swept both the rope climb and the parallel bar events, while MSC finished one-two-three on the trampoline.

Rope climbing went to Dave Schultz, John Baffa, and Norman Yu while Al Wick, Cronstedt, and Karl Schwenzflier took the p-bar event. Cronstedt and Schwenzflier were tied.

Record Crowd
The only double-winner of the match was MSC's John Walker who took firsts in tumbling (260) and the trampoline (273).

At Champagne, Ill. the following day, Wettstone's crew bowled over Illinois before a record crowd of 1067, despite Bob Sullivan, NCAA tumbling champion and runnerup to teammate Dick Browning in the NAAU's last year, who put on a one-man show.

Sullivan took one first, tied for another, and garnered four seconds in piling up 27 points.

Sullivan was first on the parallel bars, tied with State's Jim Hazen on the flying rings, and finished second in the trampoline, calisthenics, horizontal bar, and tumbling events.

Cronstedt Sets Pace

Sullivan, Austin, and Dick Browning paced the Illini to the lone sweeps of the evening, crushing all opposition in tumbling and on the trampoline. Browning was NAAU tumbling king last year and won the event Saturday.

Cronstedt set the pace for State with 16 points, winning the calisthenics and the horizontal bar events and placing second on the parallels.

Other Lion winners, besides Cronstedt and Hazen, were Dave Schultz in the rope climb and Bob Lawrence on the side horse.

In winning the side horse, Lawrence whipped last year's NCAA side horse titlist, Frank Bare, who finished a distant third Saturday.

Wettstone's team will be inactive until Feb. 14 when it travels to Annapolis, Md., to compete with Navy.

'53 Lacrosse Managers

Sophomore candidates for second assistant lacrosse manager for 1953 are asked to sign up today at the Graduate Manager of Athletic's office, 106 Old Main.

If their old enemy—the foreign court jinx—holds true, the Nittany Lion cagers will be in for rough sledding this week when they resume their eastern tour and might possibly result in the Lions having only a .500 percentage.

Thus far this season the jinx has accounted for all five losses with the latest being a 60-56 setback suffered at the pleasure of their city cousins, the Quakers. The record now stands at eight wins in 13 starts with 11 more games left in the schedule. Six of these are away contests—Georgetown tonight, Navy tomorrow, Rutgers Saturday, and Colgate, Syracuse, and Temple the following weeks.

Bolger High Scorer

In the Hoya game tonight the Lions will be at the short end in the height department. The Georgetown squad has three big boys with center Hugh Beins the tallest at 6-7. Playing on either side of this pivot man are Denny Murphy, a good one-handed push shot ace at 6-5, and Bill Bolger, a 6-5 senior.

The latter player is the team's high scorer who massed 435 points last year and set an individual game score record at 38 points. Other members are Bob Makatura, the team's third highest scorer, and Lou Gigante.

Beck Stars

The Hoyas had an 8-1 record before their Siena game last Wednesday. Last season's record showed 15 wins in 25 starts with their biggest wins over the NY champs, LaSalle, 70-68; and over

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Marino Upset Victim

Lanky Hank Arnold picked up the Lions' only other win. Using his height and the effective jab at the end of a long left arm, Arnold licked Dave Lewis, 29-26, in the 156 division.

First-bout shy, Arnold was slow to take the offensive and lost the first round. However, his jab and looping right hand seasoned with a couple of neat one-twos gave him second and third round nod over a foe who pushed rather than snapped his punches.

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Butler Drops Decision

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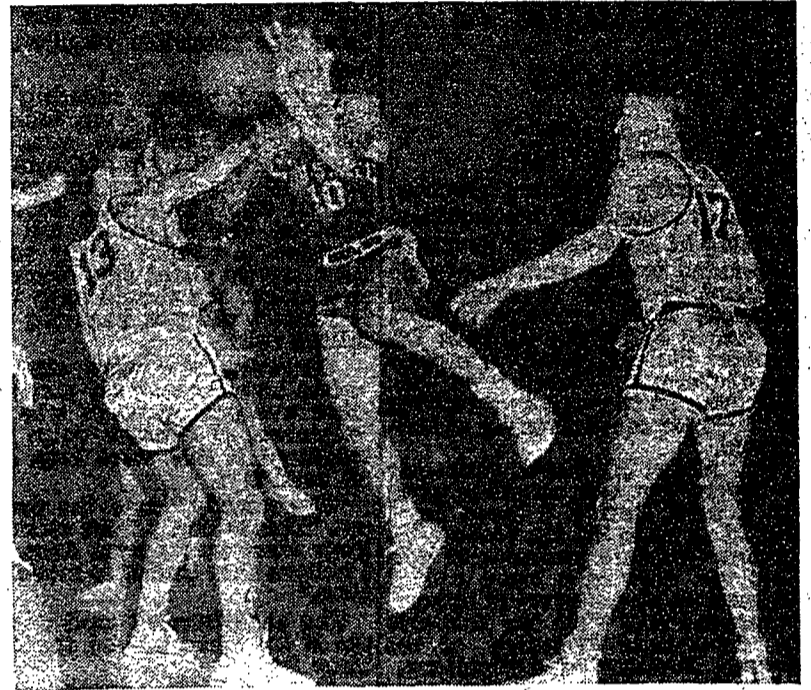
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CAPTAIN HERM SLEDZIK gets stopped by Penn's Heylum as he goes up for a one handed push shot. Coming in to help retrieve the ball is Hoagland, number seventeen for the Quakers. The Lions suffered their fifth loss of the season to the Quakers on Saturday, 60-56. Tonight they'll play at Georgetown and tomorrow against the Midshipmen at Annapolis.

Ivy League titlists, Princeton, 84-62.

The Lions were ahead by several points until late in the final quarter when the Quakers, led by All-America Ernie Beck, started their offense rolling and piled up a 57-50 lead with three minutes to go. Switching to a man-man de-

Baseball Candidates

Varsity baseball candidates are to report to Joseph Bedenk at 301 Rec Hall this week.

fense the Lions managed to creep up on the Ivy Leaguers on a jump (Continued on page seven)

Mittmen Lose to Maryland, But Show Promise for Future

By JAKE HIGHTON

Just as some victories can be unsatisfying, some defeats can leave considerable satisfaction. Such was the case with Penn State's season — opening boxing loss to Maryland Saturday night in Rec Hall. The Lion mittmen were struck down, 4½-3½, but they came off with plenty of glow and bright promise.

The Terps were obviously sharpened and ring-hardened with three previous dual meets, yet State nearly gained a tie. Trailing 4-3 in the final bout before a surprisingly large "off-weekend" crowd, the Lions lost their chance to tie on an Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association ruling.

Bill Andresevic, making his heavyweight debut for State, was outpointing Maryland's Southern runnerup Cal Quenstedt with ten seconds left in the first round. At that point, the ref noticed a cut Andresevic had opened over Quenstedt's eye, and the bout was stopped. By EIBA rules any bout halted in the first round of a dual meet is automatically a draw regardless of who is ahead.

Flore Dazzles

Nevertheless, Coach Eddie Sulkowski had plenty to cheer in defeat. Two of his standouts, Tony Flore and Adam Koiss, came through with sparkling victories to offset the upset loss of Captain Sammy Marino. A newcomer and intramural champion only a month ago, Hank Arnold surprised with a victory in his varsity debut. And, although ex-IM fighters Stan Engle and Dick Cameron were defeated, both were impressive in first varsity bouts. In fact, Engle looked so good that Sulkowski thought he should have won his 147 bout.

Maryland had the better team Saturday, but not the best individual performer. That distinction belonged to State in the person of Flore. The Lions' classy stylist gained an easy, wonderful-to-watch 30-27 victory over Gary Fisher in the 139 class.

Koiss Wins Easily

State's EIBA runnerup coolly and calmly picked off, parried, and blocked punches and tied up the Terp's bull-rushes in champion fashion. In the second round Flore scored with crashing counterpunches and landed a hard right. In the third, he easily dodged Fisher's wild haymakers and counted with several fast combinations of lefts and rights.

Koiss too won with ease and in devastating manner over Hal McInnis, 30-25. The Nittany EIBA

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