

Sax Nipped in 600 Blanket Finish



OLLIE SAX, Reggie Pearman, and Mal Whitfield (right to left) hit the finish line together in the NAAU 600 yard run Saturday in New York. Whitfield was declared the winner on a "split decision" in what was probably the most spectacular race of the indoor season. His time was 1:10.4, good enough for a new meet record, and just .2 second slower than the world mark. Sax, who was awarded second place, was clocked at the identical time. Only two inches separated the two at the finish line.

Heavy Practice Sessions Slated for Gym Lions

The high-riding gymnasts, strong after their first Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Association team title in five years, went through a full practice session yesterday at Rec Hall as Coach Gene Wettstone issued a "no letdown" practice ultimatum for the remaining workouts of the week.

The gym Lions, in dropping Navy from the ranks of the unbeaten Saturday, all but eliminated their top competition for the Eastern title this year. But Wettstone is not one to take things for granted.

Syracuse, unbeaten in EIGA play and only conqueror of the defending Black Knights of Army in the last three seasons, looms as the next Eastern hurdle that the Wettstone men must take on the road to the team crown. Syracuse earlier this season dumped the Cadets, 53-43.

Schwenzfeier Top Man
The Lions will meet the Orange gymnasts Saturday at Syracuse. Syracuse is also undefeated in Eastern play.

Meanwhile, the pleasant memory of upending the Middies at their home gym still lingers. Sophomore Karl Schwenzfeier, top point-producer for the Nittanians with ten points, included his surprise first on the flying rings.

Midshipman Hal Lewis, although displaced on the parallel bars and involved in a tie for second on the rings, still was high man of the day. He turned in a near-perfection 284 on the horizontal bar among his 11½ points.

Four Slams
Jan Cronstedt, who earlier in the meet fell from the H-bar, came back strong on the parallel bars (at a time when the Lions were trailing by eight points) with a 281 total good for first place.

Al Wick and Schwenzfeier finished two-three to complete the slam and put the gymnasts ahead by two.

Four of the six events resulted in slams, two by Wettstone's charges and two by the Middies. State finished one-two-three in the sidehorse and the P-bars.

Navy, with Cronstedt out, coped completely the horizontal bar event and all but third place in the tumbling.

Bobby Lawrence, Frank Wick, and Tony Procopio displaced their Navy opponents in the sidehorse, Lawrence accumulating a 274 total.

Hazen—Key Man
Ropeman Dave Schultz was clocked in 3.9 seconds, his best intercollegiate time in the rope-climb.

Jim Hazen, the Lions' ever-steady ringman, turned in a better-than-his-score showed 254, putting him in a second place tie with Lewis that iced the meet. Hazen, the man of the hour, gave up some harder routine to preserve the Nittany edge, and, at that, his cutdown performance was still underrated.

Baseball Managers
Sophomores interested in becoming assistant baseball managers may apply at the Athletic offices in Old Main.

Grapplers' 'Big 8' Is Raiders' Problem

Although the Big Red of Cornell possess one of the most outstanding wrestlers in the business in Frank Bettucci, co-captain and Eastern Intercollegiate champion, the Ithacans will have a tough battle on their hands this Saturday in New York. In fact, they will be confronted with most of Penn State's unbeaten octette.

And too, among the unblemished eight are Coach Charlie Speidel's three EIWA champions—Bob Homan, and Dick and Joe Lemyre. Joe, who is co-captain, is also NCAA champion.

Included with the undefeated EIWA champs are Jerry Maurey, Don Frey, Larry Fornicola, Bill Krebs, and Bill Shawley.

Homan Early Punch
To this date, it has been the excellent skill and performance of these men that has kept the Lions' eastern prestige and record intact.

Homan, who wrestles on one knee, has not only confused foes early in the dual meets but has given Penn State that early punch in four out of four matches, gaining wins via decisions and a pin. Against Penn he did not wrestle the opening encounter. He followed Doug Cassel, however, in the 130-pound class with his second fall of the campaign.

Dick Lemyre's Streak Longest
Reaching the ultimate aim in wrestling with three falls, Speidel's rugged Maurey has yet to see one point scored against him. His other win, a 10-0 decision, could have ended in a fall but Maurey had to concentrate on keeping his Lehigh foe from running off the mat. Maurey will be seeking his tenth dual meet win against Cornell.

Dick Lemyre claims the longest winning streak with 11. Dick's brother, Joe, is looking forward to his seventh straight win and his tenth unbeaten dual meet.

Bellefonte's Fornicola and co-captain Don Frey have four unbeaten dual meet victories. Frey, however, has not tasted a defeat in nine matches. Krebs and Shawley have performed only once but have done exceptionally well. Shawley's win was a fall.

Three More To Go

Three dual meets stand between Penn State and its third straight unbeaten wrestling campaign. The Lions, unbeaten since Syracuse turned the trick in 1950, face Cornell, Maryland and Army before bidding for their third straight Eastern intercollegiate team title at Princeton, N.J., March 13-14.

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