

Gymnasts Take Eastern Title

Cadets Fall, 59½ - 36½ As Lions Cop 9th Straight

By GEORGE BAIREY

There was just no stopping the Lion gymnasts Saturday afternoon, and the poor, three-time defending Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association champs from West Point couldn't stay out of their way.

Army got dethroned royally, 59½-36½, in the EIGA seasonal wrapup for both clubs.

The win, the first in six years over the Cadets, crowned Coach Gene Wettstone's young outfit as the brand-new Eastern champs. It was the first Eastern gym crown for the Lions in five years.

A win over the Cadets was a definite must, for a loss would have meant a two-way deadlock for the 1953 kingship. Army went into the meet with two wins and one loss in Eastern play.

The new champions, finishing up the dual meet season with a perfect record of 6-0, also stretched their consecutive win skein to nine. The 1952 Army club was the last to turn back the Nittany gym crew.

Shultz Does Phenomenal 3.6

The Lions, in clinching their first perfect season since 1948, could do no wrong and Army no right. Army's Black Knights, with all their assumed balance, wound up the afternoon with one first place. That came in the first event, the tumbling, when the number-two Cadet, Bill Charles, piled up a 261 total.

That's all there was from the Army standpoint. Wettstone's charges swept the next five firsts, including Dave Shultz's surprise win in the ropeclimb.

Shultz, in his last Rec Hall showing, turned in a record-breaking 3.6 effort good for first. Army's highly-touted John Ballantyne was clocked in 3.7.

4 Seniors in Last Meet

The other Nittany first-placers were Bobby Lawrence on the sidehorse, Jan Cronstedt on the horizontal bar, Al Wick on the parallel bars, and Jim Hazen on the flying rings.

Four seniors completed their college dual meet gymnastic careers. They are Captain Bob Kenyon and Bill Sopper in the tumbling, ropeman Shultz, and ringman Hazen.

The summaries:

TUMBLING—(1), Jack Charles, Army, 261; (2), George Haas, Army, 260; (3), Bob Kenyon, Penn State, 249; (4), Ned Crighton, Army, 235; (5), Warren Hommas, Penn State, 214.

SIDEHORSE—(1), Bobby Lawrence, Penn State, 280; (2), Frank Wick, Penn State, 271; (3), Jim Sibley, Army, 262; (4), Tony Procopio, Penn State, 236; (5), Bill Axup, Army, 213.

HORIZONTAL BAR—(1), Jan Cronstedt, Penn State, 285; (2), Mario Todaro, Penn State, 252; (3), Tony Procopio, Penn State, 241; (4), Dick Laurence, Army, 231; (5), Cecil Jellison, Army, 199.

ROPE CLIMB—(1), Dave Shultz, Penn State, 3.6; (2), John Ballantyne, Army, 3.7; (3), Bill Renner, Army, 3.8; (4), Johnny Baffa, Penn State, 4.0; (5), Bob Boudreau, Penn State, and John Funkhouser, Army, 4.1 (tie).

PARALLEL BARS—(1), Al Wick, Penn State, and Ray Colven, 269 (tie); (3), Jan Cronstedt, Penn State, 267; (4), Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 259; (5), Jay Edwards, Army, 241.

FLYING RINGS—(1), Jim Hazen, Penn State, 274; (2), Erhart Demand, Army, 264; (3), Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 260; (4), Tony Procopio, Penn State, and Bob Carpenter, Army, 242 (tie).

22 Fraternity Matmen Win First Bouts

By MOOCH WILLIAMS

Don Fields of Phi Sigma Kappa and Norm Naylor of Phi Kappa Tau, in the 145-pound class, threw their opponents to gain their first IM wrestling wins and kick off the lid of the IM wrestling card last night.

Other winners in the 145-pound class were Ed Smith from Phi Delta Theta and Dick Lindfors from Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dave Rimple of Phi Sigma Kappa was the only winner in the 128-pound class as he pinned his opponent in the third period.

Harry Wendel of Theta Chi took his time in pinning 135-pound Doug Schorke of Phi Kappa Alpha. Wendel was ahead when he copped the bout late in the third period.

The 155-pound class saw the most action with six bouts. Theta Chi's Whitehouse pinned his opposition late in the second period. Jim Mayes of Delta Upsilon copped his victory at 1:50 of the first period. Jim Diehl of Sigma Nu did the winning stunt in a shorter time of 1:45 over Alpha Tau Omega's Muckinhaupt. Sidney Ziff of Phi Sigma Delta also pinned his opponent. Bob McFadden won Phi Kappa Tau's second match of the night by pinning Paul Pawloski of Kappa Sigma. Tony Vendetti of Tau Kappa Phi and Seymour Lazarus of Beta Sigma Rho were even in the first period until Vendetti took the match with a pin at 1:27.

In the 175-pound class, Andy Krassowski of Pi Kappa Phi took Zeta Beta Tau's Berger at 1:46 of the first period. Winfred Doederlein's early two-point lead was no advantage as Don Brainerd of Triangle won the match with a first period pin.

Heavyweight Phil Weaver of Delta Chi defeated Sylvan Taub of Phi Epsilon Pi in the second period. Yellow-shirted Tom Schmalzreid of Alpha Zeta took Delta Upsilon's Schaffer late in the third period after a bitter battle.

Winners by forfeit were: Don Barney of Sigma Nu, Buzz Pierce of Pi Kappa Phi, Walt Laska of Sigma Phi Sigma, Bill Ziegler of Phi Kappa Psi, Theopilos Balabanis of Phi Kappa Psi, and Bill Walker of Sigma Pi.

Matmen Defeat Army to Remain Unbeaten for 3d Year, Win 29th

By SAM PROCOPIO

It's history, and before more than 5500 Rec Hall fans.

Coach Charlie Speidel's EIWA two-time champions remained unbeaten for the third straight season and extended their winning streak to 29 when they closed their final chapter of dual meet competition with a most convincing score Saturday over Army—a team which defeated Lehigh and Cornell.

The final score—Penn State 23, Army 3—which was certainly misleading, does not reveal, however, much of the close battles that confronted Bob Homan, Doug Frey, and Joe Lemyre. Then too, missing from Coach Lloyd Appleton's lineup was Jerry Tebben, his outstanding 167-pound matman.

Homan Wins, 4-2

Observing the brighter side of the story, however, Speidel's boys not only gave him an early lead that he claimed would be needed, but the Lion matmen kept on winning until 177-pound EIWA champ, Al Paulekas, decided State's 167-pound EIWA and NCAA champ, Joe Lemyre, in the 177-pound class, 5-3.

Getting the Lions off on the right foot was Homan who decided Captain Bob Karns, 4-2. The short but well-built Karns had Speidel's 123-pound EIWA champ in a riddle for more than two minutes in the first round. Nevertheless, just before the buzzer ended the round, Homan took Karns down. The Cadet had something to say for himself in the next round with a reverse. Quick as a streak of lightning, however, Homan reversed him. From there it was nip-and-tuck.

Unorthodox Pin

Penn State's only unbeaten wrestler, Dick Lemyre, climaxed his dual meet competition this season with one for the book when the slick 130-pound EIWA champ pinned John Eckhardt in 5:39, putting the Lions out in front 8-0.

It all began when Lemyre took Eckhardt down late in the second round. Having control all the time, the always turning champ made a fast twist and found himself underneath his 130-pound foe. Almost from nowhere, Lemyre was back on top with an unorthodox hold and his pin. Both Lemyre and Eckhardt were looking at Rec Hall's lights at the same time, but it was Eckhardt's shoulder blades which were touching flush with the mat.

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—Photo by Rosenberg

HEAVYWEIGHT HUD SAMSON makes one of his many pin attempts on West Point's Jerry Lodge. Samson's easy 13-4 win gave the Lions an added three points and a 23-3 triumph over Army in Rec Hall Saturday.

Mittmen Await EIWA's After 5-3 Army Loss

By JAKE HIGHTON

You would hardly expect a team which has just lost its sixth straight match and which has been victory-starved all season to be optimistic about impending intercollegiate championships.

Yet, Penn State's boxing team, despite a 5-3 loss to Army Saturday night in Rec Hall, is eagerly awaiting the EIWA title matches this Friday and Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y.

The reason for the optimism stems from the three victories the Lions did wrest from the Cadets thanks to Sam Marino, Tony Flore, and Adam Kois. By continuing their season long pattern of impressive victories, these Nittanians establish themselves as strong contenders for individual titles.

And as a further consequence, any team which has the possibility of gaining three individual titles not only has the right to be optimistic but must be considered as threats.

As far as the match with Army was concerned, it was the same season-long story of eager and willing but inexperienced Nittany boxers. The Cadets took the edge by sweeping successively the 147,

156, and 165 pound classes and then clinched matters with a win in the heavyweight division.

Marino (125) started the Lions properly with a 30-25 decision over Stan Beck. Using a sharp left jab, Captain Sam took an early lead and continued to pile up points. In the third, Sammy iced the decision with a staggering right cross followed by a swift flurry of lefts and rights.

Army's EIWA runnerup Jim McGee was stunned for two rounds by 132 pounder Sam Butler's stubborn counterpunching but finally assured himself of the verdict (30-26) by canvassing Butler with a wicked right cross.

Flore put the Lions ahead for

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