

50 Gymnasts to Vie in EIGA's

By GEORGE BAILEY

More than 50 gymnasts from five Eastern Inter-collegiate Gymnastic Association schools will be on hand at West Point today as the first session of the two-day annual tourney for top Eastern honors gets underway.

Schools represented will be the Eastern champs—Gene Wettstone's Nittany Lions—the host school, Army, and Navy, Syracuse, and Temple.

The all-around competition will begin at 2 p.m. today with the other six events scheduled for tomorrow. The competition tomorrow will be in the tumbling, sidehorse, horizontal bar, rope climb, parallel bars, and flying rings events.

Wettstone and his 12-man traveling outfit will leave for West Point this morning by car.

Lions To Be Tough In Nationals

The 1953 tourney, the first showing of the gymnasts since their conquest of Army last week for the Eastern team title, also serves as a tuneup for the National Collegiate Athletic Association gym team championship to be held March 27-28 at Archbold Gymnasium in Syracuse.

The Lions will be a strong factor in determining where the National crown shall fall this year. The men of Wettstone have already felled the number three and four place finishers of last season in Illinois and Army in dual meets this season.

The Illini finished third in the nationals last year with 60½ points, followed by the fourth place Cadets with 57½. Florida State, the university year-in-and-year-out associated with gymnastic power, won the 1952 national team title with 89½.



—Photo by Sexauer

Jan Cronstedt
In defense of two titles

points. Southern California was second with 75.

This season the Lion gymnasts nipped Illinois at Champaign, Ill., 67½-60½. Illinois has since then gone on to take the Western Conference team championship for the second year in a row.

First things first, the Lion gymnasts will be concentrating their efforts on the six individual crowns and an all-around title today and tomorrow.

Sophomore Jan' Cronstedt will be in the top pressure spot of the whole tourney. Cronstedt, the 1951 all-around and H-bar Eastern titlist, will have his work cut out for him in both events.

The all-around department is loaded with potentially-powerful gymnasts such as Temple's triple-threat performer, John Jengo, Hal Lewis of the Naval Academy, and Mike Trnka of Syracuse. Trnka finished third in last season's all-around standings, and Jengo sixth.

Schwenzfeier, Procopio Top-Seeded

Lewis, after sitting out over half of the 1952 season because of a fractured leg, is all set for his final fling in Eastern gym circles. The Middie won the EIGA H-bar crown in 1951 as a sophomore and has administered the only defeat to Cronstedt on the H-bar this year.

Other Lion performers seeded at the top of the heap are Karl Schwenzfeier and Tony Procopio in the all-around competition, Bobby Lawrence in the sidehorse, Dave Shultz in the ropeclimb, Jim Hazen in the flying rings, and Al Wick on the parallel bars. Rounding out the 12-man traveling team are tumbler Bob Kenyon, Frank Wick, sidehorse; Mario Todaro, horizontal bar; and ropemen Johnny Baffa and Bob Boudreau.

Grapplers, Boxers Open Preliminaries

Speidel Switches Joe Lemyre Lineup to 167-Pound Slot

By SAM PROCOPIO

PRINCETON, N.J., March 13—Penn State's two-time EIWA wrestling team arrived here yesterday afternoon for the 49th annual Eastern tournament and is eagerly awaiting today's preliminaries which begin at 1 p.m.

Speidel, who had announced earlier that he would send the same team in the EIWA's that faced Pitt and Army, made one major change in his lineup today. He named EIWA and NCAA

Penn State's lineup, according to Speidel, that will go into the first round of the EIWA tournament this afternoon (with season records in parentheses) is as follows:

123 Bob Homan (7-1-0)
130 Dick Lemyre (6-0-0)
137 Jerry Maurey (7-1-0)
147 Don Frey (5-1-2)
157 Doug Frey (4-1-3)
167 Joe Lemyre (7-2-0)
177 George Dvoroziak (3-3-1)
Hwt. Hud Samson (8-1-0)

champ Joe Lemyre to tackle the 167 spot instead of the previously said 177-pound class. George Dvoroziak was moved up from the 167 division to the 177-pound bracket. Lemyre had been wrestling in the 177-pound class this season and has posted a 7-2 win-loss record.

The first round eliminations, pitting members of the 16 EIWA teams, is the first of four sessions to determine individual and team champions. The quarter finals are set for 8 tonight and the semi-finals and finals for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Each team will get a point toward its total whenever a man scores a fall. Other team points are scored only when a man advances to the semi-finals. Each team is awarded six points for an individual champion; four points for second place; two points for third place; and one point for fourth place.

In the 147 division, Don Frey will likely meet Frank Bettucci

Tennis Candidates

Candidates for the tennis squad have been asked by Coach Sherman Fogg to report to him at Rec Hall at 4 p.m. today or from 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow.

Freshmen interested in trying out are asked to report at these times.

Sherry to Captain '53-'54 Cage Team

The Penn State cagers officially ended their season last night by announcing Jack Sherry as captain and John Chemsak as head manager of next year's basketball team.

Sophomore Jesse Arnelle, for the second year in a row, was named to the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania Collegiate basketball team. His teammate, Sherry, was given honorable mention.

Included in the AP's first five were All-Americans Tom Gola of LaSalle and Ernie Beck of Penn; Dick Ricketts of Duquesne; Larry Hennessey of Villanova; and Arnelle. Second five had Norm Grekin of LaSalle, Mike Depaul of Albright, Don Virostek of Pitt, Maurice Stokes of St. Francis, and Carlson Lovett of F&M.

King Syracuse Will Be After Fifth Consecutive Boxing Title

By JAKE HIGHTON

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—Penn State boxers begin bucking one of the largest fields and Syracuse's championship stranglehold on Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing history at 8 p.m. tonight in the preliminary round here in Archbold Gymnasium.

Over 50 mittmen from the expanded seven-team EIBA will be

NITTANY ENTRANTS
125—Sam Marino (3-1-2)
132—Sam Butler (0-4-0)
139—Tony Flore (3-0-1)
147—Stan Engle (0-4-0)
165—Hank Arnold (1-4-0)
176—Adam Kois (5-0-1)
Hwt. Bill Andresevic (2-1-3)

vying for individual titles while host Syracuse is after its fifth consecutive team title and 12th in the 30-year history of the

league. Penn State with seven championships seeks its first crown since 1940 in the Leo Houck era.

Final championship matches are listed for 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, semi-finals at 2 p.m.

Aside from champion Syracuse and leading contender Penn State, Army, Maryland, Virginia, Catholic University, and City College of New York have filed strong entrants.

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