

Gymnasts Syracuse-Bound For NCAA's

Coach Wettstone, Ten Athletes Depart Today for 11th Tourney

By GEORGE BAIREY

Penn State's hopes for its first National gymnastic championship since 1948 will ride on the shoulders of Coach Gene Wettstone's ten best athletes as they travel to Syracuse, N.Y., today for the 11th annual NCAA gym tourney.

The gymnasts, scheduled to leave this morning in three cars, are Jan Cronstedt, Karl Schwenzfeier, Al Wick, Frank Wick, team Captain Bob Kenyon, Bobby Lawrence, Tony Procopio, Jim Hazen, Dave Shultz, and Bob Boudreau.

Boudreau was named yesterday by Wettstone to work the rope climb instead of Johnny Baffa.

All-Around Play Tomorrow

Two preliminary sessions will be run off tomorrow, setting up proceedings for Saturday's championship play at 1:30 p.m. Only ten men in each event will qualify for the championship action.

The 1953 all-around champion will be decided at tomorrow's evening session, starting at 7:30. Wettstone has entered the maximum number of gymnasts allotted each participating team into the event in Cronstedt, Schwenzfeier, and Procopio.

Cronstedt is the two-time Eastern all-around king, while Schwenzfeier has a third and a fourth to show for two years competition in Eastern circles. Both are sophomores.

Sullivan to Be Back

The all-around title goes to the gymnast who has the most points in five events—the horizontal bar, parallel bars, sidehorse, flying rings, and calisthenics.

The 1952 National all-around king, Southern Cal's great, John

Beckner, was graduated, but Illinois' ace tumbler, Bob Sullivan, still remains as a big threat to the all-around crown. Sullivan finished third in the NCAA all-around last season.

Only Lions to get added assignments for the Nationals are Kenyon and Hazen. Kenyon will work the trampoline besides his tumbling, while Hazen will climb the rope along with his flying rings activity. All the other gymnasts will be working the same events they worked in the dual-meets all season.

The all-around men, Cronstedt, Schwenzfeier, and Procopio, are required to work five definite events to be eligible for the crown.

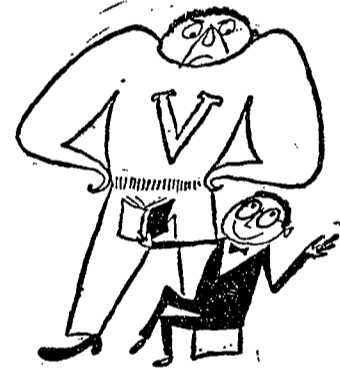
Cronstedt will be the only Lion gymnast to perform in both the '52 and '53 NCAA's. Last year, at Colorado, Cronstedt picked up a third place in the parallel bars.

THEY SAY:

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Them's Fightin' Words!

ONCE there was a big, muscular fellow named Joe Schlumph. He was full-back on the football team, captain of the baseball team, and star of the basketball team. He had a roommate named Freddie, who spent more time reading books than Joe did sewing letters onto his sweaters.

One day, Freddie came running in. He was obviously greatly excited. "Joe!", he panted, wiping the steam from his horn-rimmed glasses. "Guess what! I've just found the perfect shirts for all college men! They're brand new... and they're great for dates or cla—"

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"Honest Injun?," said Joe.

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"An oligarch?," said Joe. "Well I don't care. I'm gonna buy some anyway!"

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Three NCAA Entries Led Mitt Team

As you would expect from Penn State's three entries in the National Collegiate boxing championships, Adam Kois, Tony Flore, and Sam Marino led the team in victories during the dual season which wound up last Saturday.

Being the only experienced campaigners on the squad, the trio of mittmen contributed most of the team's wins and will be carrying Penn State hopes in the NCAA's in Pocatello, Idaho, on April 9-10-11.

Kois Unbeaten
Coach Eddie Sulkowski's aces have been hard at work all week. They will leave State College on Easter Monday, April 6.

Eastern Intercollegiate 178
pound champion Kois led the entire team with five wins without loss. Adam was held to two draws, one by an intersectional Michigan State foe.

Flore (139), although upset in his bid for an EIBA title, was also unbeaten. Tony won four. The lone blotch on his dual record is a draw with a member of Wisconsin's defending NCAA titlists.

Andresevic Best Newcomer
State's captain and repeat 125 pound EIBA champion, Marino, only won three during the dual season but still only lost once. He was held to two draws. Sam, however, did avenge his lone dual loss by turning the tables on Maryland's tough Gary Garber in the Easterns.

Of the newcomers, heavyweight Bill Andresevic posted the best record with two wins, one loss, and three draws. Dick Ahern, 165 pounder, split even in two matches during his first varsity season.

Other individual records were: Joe Reynolds, 132, (1-2-0); Stan Engle, 147, (0-5-0); Steve Melmeck, 147, (0-4-0); Hank Arnold, 156, (1-4-1); Dick Cameron, 165, (0-4-0); and Joe Goleman, heavyweight, (0-1-0).

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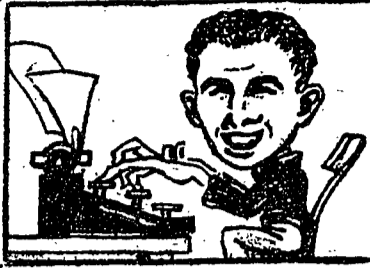
Penn State in 1952 compiled its best football record since 1948. In its third season under Rip Engle, the Lion eleven won 7, lost 2, tied 1. Michigan State and Syracuse administered the defeats.

IM Entry Deadline

The deadline for entries in intramural badminton singles and handball doubles is 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Bobbin' Along

with BOB SCHOELLKOPF
Ass't. Sports Editor



With the departure of basketball, boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, and Old Man Winter, that old feeling which comes with the spring robins hits almost every American kid. They call it baseball.

Although the Penn State baseball team has had this feeling since the middle of February under New Beaver Field's cold, cold stands, with the coming of sunny weather it has taken up the usual hard labor to get in a workable condition. The '53 diamond squad has its work cut out for it if it is going to match or better last year's club, which finished third in the College World Series at Omaha.

The 1953 team has had a few breaks this spring in the weather and has taken good advantage of them. On each of the past three Saturdays the Nittanians have put in a good three hours' worth of innings on the beautiful New Beaver baseball field, which corrects the old saying to read "diamonds are a BALLPLAYERS' best friend."

The Lions' pitching, which will be the strong point on this year's club, has had the usual spring jump on the hitters. The Lion clouters, with the coming of the warm weather, have slowly begun to kiss the ball with some authority.

Headlining the Nittany mound staff, which has very good depth for a college squad, is big Keith Vesling, a big winner from last year's crack outfit that took the District 3 playoffs and whipped teams such as Texas and Duke in the NCAA playoffs. Vesling, aside from his sizzling fast one and fine sharp-breaking No. 2 pitch, has good control—an oddity among young fastball "throwers."

Behind Ves, Coach Joe Bedenk has State College's tobacco-chewing veteran, Dewey Krumrine, who did a bang-up job as both a spot-starter and relief hurler last year. Krumrine tosses mainly overhand but has a good sidearm delivery he uses against right-handed hitters. Three other veteran flingers, who fill out the predominantly righty throwing staff, are Red Moore, Gerry Troy, and Garland Gingerich. All three can whip the high hard one, and have good wrinkles in their repertoire of pitches.

Newcomer to the hurling staff is Larry Bayer, another right-hander. He has looked impressive thus far in pre-season drills with his hopping fast ball and good control and should be a big help to Coach Bedenk's hustlers.

BONE CHIPS—Four members of Elmer Gross' hoop squad are out for the diamond team... Ronnie Weidenhammer is a holdover shortstop, Jesse Arnelle is giving pitching a trial... Jack Blocker, first baseman, and Jack Sherry, outfielder, round out the converted cagemen... The new double-play combination the Nittanians will sport this season will be as slick as the Bill Mihalic-Carmen Troisi duo last season... The '53 duo consists of Chuck Russo at the keystone and Ronnie Weidenhammer at shortstop... both men are only soph.

Bill Hopper, homer-hitting gardener for the Bedenkmen last season, is currently attending Navy Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I... Hopper signed with the St. Louis Cardinals after the College World Series ended at Omaha last June... After experiencing a hitting draught, Bill, known chiefly for his slugging feats, was farmed out to Hornell of the Pony League for the remainder of the season, where he took to the mound... Another rainy day prevented the Lion baseballers from taking the field yesterday... With Easter vacation rapidly approaching, Coach Bedenk's crew will be toiling especially hard to round into shape for its opener against Lehigh April 10... Sil Cerchie, captain of the Lion diamondmen and long-ball hitter of note, hits the books with equal vigor... Sir Sil's 2.4 average in pre-law isn't quite as high as his all-College batting average, but suffices nicely.

'Exact' Gymnasts

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