

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Chick Werner's indoor track team will be making another bid for the coveted IC4A title tomorrow in New York's Madison Square Garden. Last year the Lions finished second behind powerful Manhattan. The Jaspers, perennial favorites in the annual all-collegiate extravaganza, have been placed in that position again this year.

There are no balmy breezes available, or no warm ocean beaches to beckon them for after-practice relaxation, but

just the same, Joe Bedenk's baseball Lions have begun their "spring" training. Bedenk has been working his pitchers and catchers for the past two weeks and most of last season's veterans are beginning to turn out for regular sessions at Beaver Field. The Lions inaugurate their season next month.

A check in the records shows that there is still one big winning streak listed in the Penn State books. Elmer Gross' basketball teams have won 32 straight contests in Rec Hall. The last time the Nittanians were beaten on the local court was Jan. 1951 when Colgate turned the trick.

More on records: Yale University must own the longest intercollegiate win streak right now. The Eli swimming team won its 108th straight meet Saturday against Harvard.

Dutch Sykes' comment when someone mentioned that the pressure is off Charlie Speidel now that the Lion Wrestler's streak is broken: "Believe me it's much easier to take that kind of pressure than the pressure you get when you're losing."

The uniform custodians in the major leagues are getting a real workout this spring. Everybody seems to be buying, selling, or trading. The biggest sale, of course, was the peddling of the Yankee's Vic Raschi to the St. Louis Cardinals. Along with the Springfield Rifle, well knowns like Dave Philly, Danny O'Connell, Bobby Thompson, Sam Jethroe, Harry Byrd, Eddie Robinson, and Murry Dickson will be fitted with new flannels this summer.

Yankee manager Casey Stengel appeared to take the loss of his big right-hander with extreme calm.

"I'll just have to develop someone to replace him," was Case's reply.

Bet he does, too!

Back on the local scene: Jesse Arnelle appears to be headed for his third straight 400-point season. The big center had accumulated 351 points in 16 games. As a freshman he set a new season scoring total with 468 points, then tossed in 432 points last season. Jesse won't reach his 1951 mark this

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Win Over Owls May Net NCAA Bid-- Lions Eastern Gym Title

By **RON GATEHOUSE**

The Eastern gymnastic champ will very likely be decided tomorrow when the Nittany Lions clash with Temple in Philadelphia's South Hall.

Gene Wettstone's performers stand as the only undefeated team in the Eastern League, and since the Eastern championship is based on a team's won-lost record, a win for the Nittanians would automatically present them with the crown. Temple is the final Eastern foe on the Lions' schedule.

Owl coach, Max Younger, will be sending some very capable men at the Lions to strive to break the latter's winning skein. However, the Owls appear to possess little depth on their 18-man squad.

Two Stand Out for Owls

Bob Demerjian and Gene Scholl appear to be the big men for the host team. Demerjian captured the state side horse crown in 1951 and came in second in that event last year in the MAAAU meet.

Wettstone is counting on Lion horse specialist, Bob Lawrence to offer Demerjian more than he bargained for or has met so far this season. Lawrence is the defending Eastern titleholder on the horse, and has suffered only one defeat this season. In the Navy meet, a slight mishap in his routine caused him to settle for the number two post, with the first place nod going to teammate Co-captain Frank Wick.

Scholl Holds Rope Record

Scholl walked away with second honors in the Nationals AAU meet in 1952. He currently holds the Temple vertical-climb record with a time of 3.6.

Nittany rope artist, Skeets Haag, still owns an unblemished record. His best clocking so far has been 3.7. At the start of the season he was unable to surpass the 3.8 mark. During practice sessions prior to the Navy clash he altered his style and took first honors against the Middies and Army with identical 3.7s.

Although Demerjian owns state and MAAAU honors on the horse,

versatile Bill Coco is the Owl's star performer in that event.

Coco will also appear in the number two position on the rope and third man in tumbling.

Jengo No. 1 on H-Bar

Owl captain, John Jengo, is their student on the horizontal bar and number two on the parallel bars. On the H-bar he will face undefeated and National all-around champion, Jan Cronstedt. Cronstedt owns four straight wins on the bar this season, and is expected to make it number five against the Birds.

Bob McCarthy will lead his winged cohorts on the parallel bars, and will fly head-on into Nittany Co-captain Al Wick. Wick has taken the number one spot three times this season, while bowing to the number two position behind Cronstedt in the Navy duel.

Jack Bretcher is the best of the Philadelphians will have to offer on the flying rings. As in the case of his Owl counterparts, he should find the goings rough. If he is to meet defeat, it will probably come in the form of Karl Schwenzfeier or Tony Procopio. One of the two has captured first honors in every meet thus far with the exception of the Michigan State duel.

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tion match with North Carolina State, 69-60.

Four of Gross' present starting five played in that set at Raleigh as freshmen, so Gross will not be taking a completely inexperienced team to Fort Wayne. Jesse Arnelle, Jack Sherry, Ed Haag, and Ron Weidenhammer all played in 1952.

The only other time a Penn State team played in the tournament was in 1942 at New Orleans when Dartmouth dumped them, 44-39, in the opening game. The Lions won the consolation game, however, beating Illinois, 41-34.

Gross said yesterday that he was surprised but very pleased to receive the invitation. "I know the boys will be very happy about it," he said, "and we'll certainly do our best."

The cagers have three more games, all of them at home, remaining on their 19-game schedule. They meet Rutgers in Rec Hall tomorrow, and follow with Georgetown and Temple, next week. The opening game with Toledo is scheduled just three days after the Temple game.

Lambda Chi Pledges Clean Up Sunset Park

Eight Lambda Chi Alpha pledges recently completed their work week community project of cleaning Sunset View Park in State College.

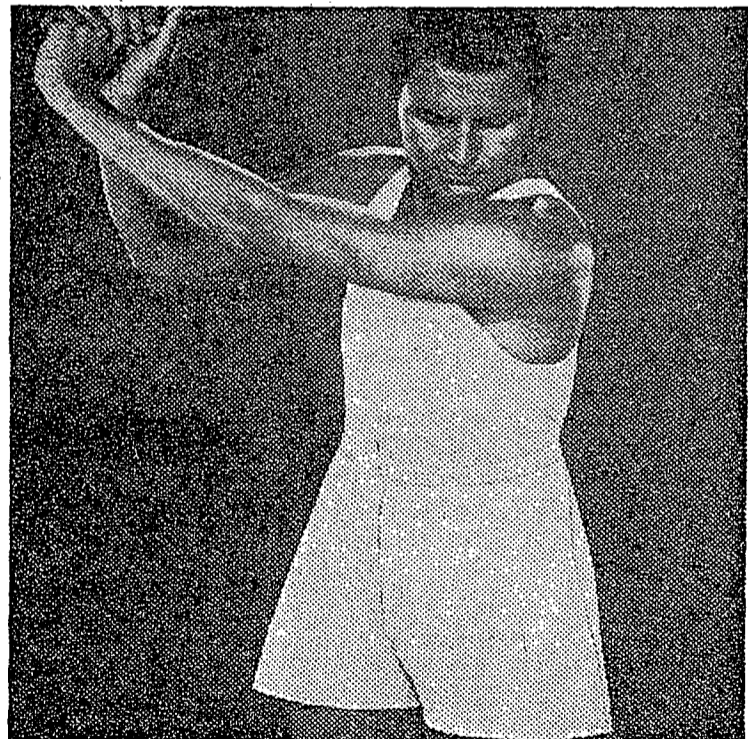
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