

Gym Team Prepares For NCAA's

Penn State's gymnastic team has returned to the friendly confines of Rec Hall to once again roll out the mats and apparatus, this time to go through the calm before the storm—the calm being their daily practice sessions, and the storm coming in the form of the annual NCAA gymnastic tournament, which this year is slated to take place at the University of Illinois at Champaign.

Jan Cronstedt, the Olympic All-Around title winner in the past weekend's EIGA meet at Philadelphia, and Tony Procopio, who captured the Eastern All-Around crown, have tucked away the trophies they earned via their brilliant performances. The remaining seven Nittanians who placed in the East's biggest gymnastic attraction have stashed their medals away, and the entire team now is ready to get down to serious business and polish up its routines for the coming tourney.

Pleased with Lions Showing
Gym mentor Gene Wettstone was greatly pleased with the Lions' showing in the meet, which consisted entirely of individual competition.

He gave special mention for the outstanding routines contributed by John Baffa and Frank Wick.

Baffa, who had failed to place above third in the regular season meets, came through with 249 points out of a possible 300 to take second honors. He now looms as a hopeful point-earner for the Nationals.

Wick First on Horse

Nittany co-captain, Wick, who for the second time this season surpassed one-time Eastern side horse champ, Bob Lawrence, turned in a brilliant routine on the horse to account for 282 points and a first place.

Lawrence, who's performances are ranked as probably the most difficult in the nation on the horse, broke in his routine and thus failed to place.

Tumbler Bill Paxton also surprised the Nittany coach with a fourth on the mats.

Wettstone listed Cronstedt as having "one of his better days." The Lion ace took three first places, a second on the long horse, a third on the still rings, and a fourth on the side horse, in addition to his All-Around victory. His three first place medals came via free exercise, horizontal bar, and parallel bar wins.

Perhaps the work of Tony Procopio satisfied Wettstone the most. He commented that the Eastern All-Around winner was "overdue," and has all along been capable of exhibiting the fine routines he turned in.

Co-captain Al Wick and versa-

1954 Eastern Wrestling Champions



1954 EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONS who won their respective titles at Ithaca, N.Y. where the 50th renewal of the EIWA tournament was held last Friday and Saturday. Win-

ners (l. to r.) are Hugh Peery of Pitt, 123-pound class; Dick Lemyre of Penn State, 130; Jerry Maurey of Penn State, 137; Charles Uram of Pitt, 147; Ed Rooney of Syracuse, 157; Joe Gattuso of Navy, 167;

George Beresford of Pitt, 177; and Pete Blair of Navy, heavyweight. Rooney won the Outstanding Wrestling Award, selected by the 16 member coaches of the EIWA. Pitt won the tourney with Penn State second.

'Just Out' Makes Debut on WDFM

"Just Out," a new 15-minute radio show, made its debut on station WDFM last night. The two-part broadcast will be heard weekly at 9 p.m. Monday, according to Joseph Hayes, WDFM promotion manager.

A discussion of recently published articles from books, magazines, newspapers, and other sources by Eleanor Moran, second semester arts and letters major, and Moylan Mills, graduate student in English, will be featured during the first half of the show.

AROTC Rifle Squad Defeats Gettysburg

The rifle team of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps defeated the Gettysburg College ROTC rifle squad 1379 to 1351 Saturday at Gettysburg.

John Thalmer, fourth semester electrical engineering major, was high scorer for the University with 281 out of 300 possible points. Charles Hayes, fourth semester industrial engineering major, was second with 280 points.

tile Karl Schwenzfeier, when asked their opinions of their own performances, both commented that they performed under par in the gym festival. However, both turned in good performances.

Lion Unknown Wins Eastern Boxing Title

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my afternoon bout, and I think that's why I didn't get tired in the final fight," he said after questioned whether he felt tired against Maloney.

When asked if he had his sights set on the NCAA champion berth, Stokes said "I'm more concerned about my fight in two weeks at Louisiana State University with the National Champ Calvin Clary. He's going to be tough to beat."

Clary defeated John Granger, Syracuse, in the 139-pound semi-finals last year then went on to annex the collegiate crown, with victory over Penn State's Tony Flore in the finals.

"Also," Stokes continued, "in any of these champion tournaments, a great deal depends on how the individual men are placed as far as when and with whom they fight. The factor of this 'seeding' program might have been the cause for several of the upsets in the Easterns."

Stokes commented that Patrick and Coach Eddie Sulkowski have helped him a great deal. "Eddie is exceptionally helpful between rounds," Stokes said. "He has a knack for picking out the faults of your opponents and for helping you collect on them," he explained.

As far as Stokes' coach is concerned, Sulkowski said: "Stokes is the kind of boxer who has the natural ability and good reflexes for a fighter. A boy with these fundamentals, is easy to work with and very quick to learn—that's Stokes."

There are only two kinds of camels in the world. The Arabian camel has one hump on its back; the Bactrian camel has two humps on its back.

Baseball Citrus Dope

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Don Thompson's scratch single with the bases loaded in the last of the ninth drove in two runs to give the Brooklyn Dodgers a 2-1 victory over Washington's Senators today.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Jim Greengrass' sacrifice fly in the ninth inning with the bases loaded brought in the run that gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 victory over the New York Yankees.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Six-hit pitching by a trio of young righthanders gave the Milwaukee Braves a 7-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers today in their exhibition baseball game.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15 (AP)—The New York Giants won their fourth straight game by walloping the Baltimore Orioles 13-8 today with home runs by rookie catcher Ray Katt, second baseman Davey Williams and outfielders Monte Irvin and Willie Mays.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Five home runs by the Athletics overmatched six doubles by the Red Sox as the Boston club fell to its fourth consecutive defeat today 10-7.

Gus Zernial and Ray Murray hit for the circuit against starter Jim Ehrler. Then Don Bollweg, Tom Giodano and Lou Limmer completed the round trip parade against Ike DeLock.

FRESNO, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Homers by Stan Musial, Ray Jab-

lonski and Wally Moon topped a 19-hit St. Louis Cardinal attack that swamped the Chicago Cubs 16-7 today.

TAMPA, Fla., March 15 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies scored six runs in the eighth and three in the ninth to defeat the Chicago White Sox 12-11 today.

Sidelights --

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games, connected on 61 per cent during the trip . . . Sherry scored on a left-handed hook against the Irish. "I fulfilled the ambition of my college career," the Lion captain quipped . . . Earl Fields says as you go farther west the hotels get worse and the steaks better.

The Lions left Iowa City immediately following the game and traveled straight through. A five-hour layover in Chicago broke up the sleeping hours. "It didn't matter," said Ed Haag. "We couldn't sleep anyway. We just sat around and grinned at each other."

The Bumblebee is so named because of the humming sound it makes when it flies. The word comes from the Middle English word "bumblen," meaning "humming."

Cagers Meet LaSalle

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the whole trip and we must play the same kind of ball Friday if we want to win."

The Lions leave for Kansas City by plane tomorrow. They will be playing in the second game of the doubleheader scheduled in the Municipal Auditorium. Bradley University and the University of Southern California battle in the other half of the semi-final twin bill.

They are all that remain of 24 quintets which originated the tournament lineup. Notre Dame, LSU, and Indiana—ranked in the first ten nationally—have been eliminated, and for the first time in its history, Penn State is within reach of college basketball's highest pedestal. But it's a long reach.

State's amazing uprising in the tourney came through plenty of hard work. Gross credited the three wins to "spirit, determination, and a wonderful will to win." And he knows that his team will have to possess all three again Friday when it meets one of the east's most formidable college quintets.

Ken Loeffler's Philadelphians slugged North Carolina State and Navy, both victors over Penn

State during the regular season, to win their section of the Eastern Regionals. Gola and Co. have been given the favorites' role for Friday.

As a result, Penn State will be the underdog for the fourth consecutive time in their amazing tournament drive.

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