

NCAA Tourney Looms As Biggest Gym Hurdle

Track-Field Stars Set For Meet

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—The first 50 were the hardest for the Rev. Bob Richards, who will go for his 51st pole vault over 15 feet tomorrow night in the Knights of Columbus games at Madison Square Garden.

Already the Flying Parson has surpassed the great Cornelius Warmerdam in the number of 15-foot performances although he is still shooting for Warmerdam's world record marks.

Warmerdam, now retired, holds the outdoor record of 15 feet, 7 3/4 inches and the indoor mark of 15 1/2. During his career, he bettered 15 feet 43 times.

Richards is unbeaten in six years of competition in the K-C meet and he holds the meet record of 15-4, set two years ago. The mild-mannered preacher will have keen competition from Don Laz and Jerry Welbourn, both of whom have done 14-9 this winter; Don Bragg and Jim Harrington.

Other features of the annual meet will be Olympian Mal Whitfield's try for the double in the 880-yard run and the Casey 600 and the 2-mile race between those friendly FBI antagonists, Horace Ashenfelter and Fred Wilt.

Sugar Ray Awarded \$25,000 Damages

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—A Supreme Court jury in a verdict on record today awarded \$25,000 damages to former welterweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson in a libel action against the publishers of the Amsterdam News.

Basis of the action was Robinson's charge that on January 6, 1951, the paper "wickedly and maliciously" carried a story which falsely caused the impression that he had been "guilty of assault and battery on his wife."

Only one bridge remains to be crossed for the Nittany gymnasts to wind up their second consecutive unblemished season. And that bridge is in the form of the biggest hurdle the Lions have faced this year—the National Collegiate Athletic Association gym tourney. The Nittanians will be seeking their second straight NCAA victory.

Site for this year's 12th annual tournament is Illinois University's Huff gymnasium at Champaign, April 2-3.

The meet, which could very appropriately be tabbed as the 'melting pot' of the nation's outstanding gymnasts, is the final goal for the country's best gym aggregations to show and prove their wares.

In the Nittanians' latest outing, the Eastern gymnastic individual competition meet at Temple last weekend, they completely dominated the meet to carry away top honors in six of the 11 events. Competition was provided by 50 of the East's best.

The only mar on the Lions' slate since their winning streak which began in 1950, is a 49 1/2-46 1/2 setback suffered at the hands of Sweden's internationally respected team on January 16th at Rec Hall.

Gene Wettstone, Nittany coach, has announced he will send the maximum number permitted into the tourney—ten gymnasts.

The Flying Finn, Jan Cronstedt, will once again spearhead the Lions in their quest for recognition—this time—national gymnastic supremacy.

Right on his heels will be the nine Nittanians who had the big say so in the gym team gaining its all-winning ways; Tony Procopio, Karl Schwenzfeier, Bob Lawrence, Co-captains Frank and Al Wick, Skeets Haag, John Baffa, Dick Spiese, and Bill Paxton.

Cronstedt will be out to defend the two titles he picked up last year. He captured top honors in the all-around and parallel bars events. In addition, he will be seeking to improve two other places he gained—a second on the horizontal bar and a fifth in free exercise.

He is the only Lion who will be appearing in the annual classic for the third time. He picked up a third place tie on the bars as a freshman three years ago.

Procopio and Schwenzfeier have

both served as versatile performers for Wettstone over the past two campaigns, and will once again assume that role.

Procopio has consistently earned team points for the Nittanians in two events—H-bar and flying rings. Last year he placed sixth in the all-arounds.

Schwenzfeier, the State gymnastic 'mighty might,' has been nipped and tucked with Procopio over the past season. In addition to H-bar and flying ring routines he has performed on the twin bars.

Both can work the side horse and have calisthenics routines.

Lawrence, one-time Eastern side horse title-holder, looms as a hopeful on his specialty, along with Frank Wick. Lawrence broke in his routine in the EIGA meet to lose his title, but Wick, determined to keep the crown in the Nittany Vale, carried away top honors.

Al Wick is the Lion representative on the parallel bars. The double-vision version of Frank has been a consistent winner on the twin bars, although he had to settle for second honors behind Cronstedt in the EIGA tourney.

Haag picked up five victories in the six dual meets on the rope, but failed to place in the individual competition. His best time for the 20-foot climb was 3-8.

Baffa performs on the rings and makes the verticle climb, and Paxton is the Lions' top tumbler.

Spiese, who had seen little action prior to the Nittanians' final duel, the West Virginia encounter, broke into the starting lineup with a fine performance on the parallels.

Gross Rejoins Lions

Nittany basketball coach Elmer Gross was unable to accompany his team to Kansas City, Mo., by air Thursday due to mild attack of virus.

Gross did make the trip from Pittsburgh by train to join the Lions for the NCAA cage finals.

Assistant coach John Egli put the Lions through a stiff workout at Municipal Auditorium and took charge of the team until Gross arrived.

Gymnastic 'mighty might'



KARL SCHWENZFEIER, versatile Nittany Lion gymnast exhibits the form that carried him to top honors on the flying rings over the Lions' past campaign. Schwenzfeier is one of the gym stalwarts that will lead Coach Gene Wettstone's NCAA defending champs into this year's annual classic at Champaign, Ill., April 2-3.

Lacrosse Managers

Candidates for second assistant Lacrosse managers are asked to sign up at the Athletic Association office, Old Main, or see Arthur Cohen Monday through Friday at 3 p.m., in room 221 Rec Hall.

McKenley Upset

MELBOURNE, Australia, Mar. 19 (AP)—Jamaican sprinter Herb McKenley was beaten tonight, in the Hawthorn Football Club 130 yards gift race by Joe Nicholl who covered the distance in 12.3 seconds.

Major League Citrus Dope

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 19 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians nipped the New York Giants, 2-1, in chilly, cloudy weather today to end a five-game losing streak. For the Giants, the loss snapped a five-game winning streak.

Outfielder Dale Mitchell drove home the first Cleveland run in the fourth with a single to break a scoreless tie. In the fifth, a single by Al Rosen fetched across the second run.

The Giants were blanked until the ninth when two singles, a walk and a fielder's choice produced their lone tally.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 19 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics hit four home runs off rookie Ben Johnson today to defeat the Milwaukee Braves 10-6 in their exhibition baseball game.

Bobby Shantz, the A's ace left-hander who was ailing last season, allowed one run on two hits in the five innings he worked. He struck out five and walked three.

TAMPA, Fla., March 19 (AP)—The Washington Senators, winless in their first nine Grapefruit League games, came up today with 6-5 victory at the expense of the rookie-studded Cincinnati Redlegs.

Pete Runnels paced the Senators' 11-hit attack with four consecutive singles. Chuck Stobbs and rookie Dean Stone, a pair of southpaws, limited the Redlegs to seven hits, including a double and triple by Lloyd Merriman, 29-year-old returning serviceman.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 19 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox took advantage of five St. Louis Cardinal errors today to hand the National League club an 8-2 defeat. Seven of the runs were unearned.

The White Sox attack didn't lack for hits—there were 12 of them off the Redbird hurlers, including ex-Yankee Vic Raschi.

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 19

(AP)—A pair of unearned runs off reliever Murray Dickson paved the way for the Boston Red Sox to chalk up a 7-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in a game halted after six innings by rain.

MESA, Ariz., March 19 (AP)—Ernie Banks and Dee Fondy each hit two home runs today as the Chicago Cubs exploded out of the exhibition-season doldrums with a 13-8 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

At Bradenton, Fla. (AP)—Phila. (A) 410 201 110—10 17 3 Milw'kee . 100 001 130—6 9 1 Shantz, Scheib 6, and Murray, Robertson 6; B. Johnson, Thompson 4, Cole 6, and Calderone, Burris 6. W—Shantz. L—B. Johnson. HRs—Phila., Power, Zernial, Renna, DeMaestri. Milwaukee, Logan, Queen.

At St. Petersburg, Fla. — Chi. (A) . . . 130 200 101—8 12 0 St. L. 002 000 000—2 7 5 Harshman, Sima 8, and Lollar; Raschi, Deal 3, White 7 and Rand, Sarni 7. W—Harshman. L—Raschi

At Tampa, Fla., (AP)— Wash. 220 002 000—6 11 3 Cinn. 300 001 001—5 7 0 Stobbs, Stone 6 and Oldis; Perkowski, Wehmeier 7 and Baldwin. W—Stobbs. L—Perkowski.

At Clearwater, Fla. (AP)—Game called end of sixth, rain. Boston 003 022—7 8 1 Phila. (N) 000 600—6 9 2 Parnell, Freeman 4 and Wilber,

Daley 2; Roberts, Dickson 5, and Sandlock. W—Freeman. L—Dickson. HR—Boston, Olson.

At Mesa, Ariz. (AP)— Balt. 400 000 040—8 9 2 Chi. (N) : 000 013 45x—13 18 0 Kretlow, Perkins 5, Post 8 and Johnson, Moss 8; Rush, Lown 6, Moisan 8, and Garagiola, Tappe 6. W—Lown. L—Perkins.

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