

Gymnasts Place 9 out of 10 Men

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Cronstedt, the Flying Finn who has been the spark in leading the Nittanies to their undefeated intercollegiate seasons the past two years, captured top honors in the free exercise, parallel bars, and horizontal bar events.

Cronstedt is the defending national titleholder in the latter two events. He failed to place among the top three in the free exercises in last year's meet.

But the most brilliant performance of the nationally-heralded gymnast was undoubtedly the superb performance he turned in to remain the national all-around champ for the second year running. He earned 1557 points to lead Florida State's Don Holder by 15 points.

Schwenzfeier and Tony Procopio also placed in the all-around, a specialized and skill-combining event, by tying for sixth place with a total of 1450 points.

Mighty Mighty

Schwenzfeier, the 'mighty might' of the title-seeking Lions, captured two qualifying fourth places and a fifth place to account for the triple action he will see in tonight's finals. He took the number four spot on the flying rings and parallel bars, and fifth place in the highly co-ordinated free exercise events.

Procopio, rated as possessing more endurance than any other Lion gymnast, is entered in two of the final events. He registered 256 points to come in third in his season-long specialty, the flying rings, and took tenth place on the horizontal bar with a respectable 248.

Baffa Surprise

John Baffa took the form of a surprise package by astonishing Wettstone by placing in two events—the swinging rings and the rope climb. He recorded respective fifth and eighth places.

Bob Lawrence, who Wettstone claims as having the most difficult routine on the side horse, walked away with top honors in that event. His amazing routine netted him 280 points—25 points ahead of another Lion performer—second place co-captain Frank Wick.

Fabulous Don Perry of UCLA continued on his spectacular rope climbing ways by duplicating his record-setting performance of last year. He jaunted up the 20-foot climb in 2.9 seconds—a world's record.

Haag Qualifies

Skeets Haag, the number one Nittany performer in the verticle climb, qualified for tomorrow's action by going up in four seconds flat.

The Staters will have their biggest representation on the parallels. They managed to qualify four men in that event. Right behind title-defending Cronstedt was co-captain Al Wick who netted a good 274 points.

Dick Spiese came in number ten for the Lions on the twin bars with 235 counters.

Paxton, who was entered in the tumbling action, was up against what Wettstone claimed "the hottest field in the history of the journey."

Wettstone stated had it not been for a poor long horse jump by Schwenzfeier in the all-around competition he would have probably captured third place honors in that event.

Lion Track Success Up to Vets, Sophs

Returning stars from last season's team and promising candidates from the 1953 freshman squad are scheduled to pace the track and field team during the coming campaign.

Coach Chick Werner will be counting heavily on such top performers from last year's team as Rosey Grier, Red Hollen, Dan

Lorch, Ron Johnson, Roy Brunjes, Skip Slocum, and Ollie Sax. Among the standouts from last seasons frosh team are Art Pollard, Doug Moorhead, Charlie Blockson, and Bruce Austin.

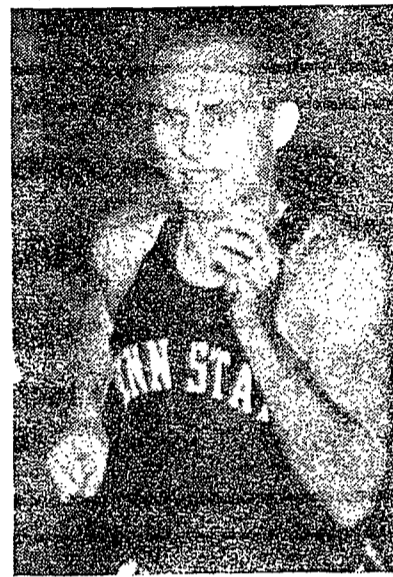
"Blockbuster" Blockson and Grier are the two top weight men and they should provide some interesting competition, not only for the opponents, but also among themselves. Last year Grier established a Nittany record by putting the shot 51' 1 1/2". In the only indoor meet in which the Lion weightmen saw action this past season the mark was erased by a 51' 3 1/2" heave by Blockson. Grier will throw the javelin and discus besides the shot. Blockson will compete in the discus and shot-put event.

Another sophomore who bears watching is Pollard—the "Coatesville Comet." During his freshman year he caused a mild sensation by running the 100-yard dash in 0:09.5. In the recent indoor campaign he ran the 60-yard dash and was lead-off man on the Nittany mile relay quartet.

In the 440-yard event Werner has plenty of talent from last year. Slocum, who ran the sprints mostly last year, is listed to run in this field. Sax will be out to make up for last season when he was handicapped by an injured foot. Another 440 runner who was sidelined by a foot injury is Bill Kilmer. He and Dave Leathem round out the field in this event.

Red Hollen, Lamont Smith, and Doug Moorhead, who formed the "Triple Trouble Trio" of the Nittany cross-country team this past fall, are the top distance men. They will get aid from Dan Sutter and Jim Pastorius.

Pole vaulters are scarce this season, but Werner has one of the best in the East in Lorch. The Little Lion captain consistently clears the bar at 13'. Ben Shields is the No. 2 vaulter.



Ollie Sax Track Star

Rados Honored

Penn State's star quarterback of the past football season, Tony Rados, yesterday was given a trophy designating him central Pennsylvania's outstanding athlete of 1953. The award, which came about as a result of Rados' outstanding play in guiding the Nittany Lions to their six won-three lost record, was made at a dinner last night by the Altoona Jewish center.

Lemyre Repeats

Only three Penn State wrestlers ever won three straight Eastern titles. Jack Light, now a medico, and Charlie Ridenour, University of Pennsylvania coach, turned the trick in the '30s and '40s. Dick Lemyre copped his third crown this year.

Baseball Citrus Dope

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 2 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox jumped on Philadelphia Phillies' pitchers Curt Simmons and Steve Ridzik in the last three innings for all their runs to defeat the Phils, 8-0, today.

Boston's seven-hit attack featured catcher Mickey Owen's grand slam home run in the eighth inning with two out. Ridzik was pitching at the time.

Mel Parnell went eight innings for the American Leaguers; Tom Brewer finished out. The Phils had five hits.

FORT WORTH, TEX., April 2 (AP)—A three-run homer by second baseman Davey Williams in the fifth inning provided the big punch as the New York Giants defeated the Cleveland Indians, 4-0, in warm, sunny weather today.

Williams homered off Bob Lemon, the Indians' 21-game winner. The Giants already were ahead 1-0 at the time, having scored in the second inning on a triple by Willie Mays and a single by Whitey Lockman.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2 (AP)—Excellent pitching by Ace Billy Pierce and a home run by short-stop Chico Carrasquel featured a 3-1 exhibition baseball victory by the Chicago White Sox over the St. Louis Cardinals today.

Pierce gave up six scattered hits and only one run in seven innings.

TAMPA, FLA., April 2 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers roughed up Saul Rogovin, a former teammate today and coasted to a 12-5 victory over the Cincinnati Redlegs "B" team.

In their biggest batting splurge, the Tigers hammered out 19 hits—three of them home runs by Don Lund, Frank House and Al Kaline. Bill Hoelt and Dick Weik combined to hold Cincinnati to seven hits.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 2 (AP)—Gene Conley, rookie righthander, became the first Milwaukee pitcher to go the route as the Braves trounced the Dodgers 17-2 today.

A 23-game winner with Toledo last season, Conley allowed Brooklyn only five hits.

Socking World Series hero Carl Erskine for 11 hits in three inn-

ings and Joe Black for 10 in the next two frames, the Braves accumulated 24 safeties.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 2—Homers by Luis Marquez, Bill Serena and Ralph Kiner plus three unearned runs gave the Chicago Cubs an 8-6 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in an exhibition game here today.

The Cubs, trailing 3-0 going into the last of the third, scored six runs off starter Lou Kretlow and added two more in the fifth and sixth to insure the win despite a 3-run rally by the Birds in the top of the sixth.

GREENWOOD, S.C., April 2 (AP)—Mickey Vernon singled in the winning run in the 11th inning today to give the Washington Senators a 7-6 edge over the Cincinnati Reds in an exhibition baseball contest.

The Reds had gone ahead 6-4 in the top of the 11th, but Red rookie righthander Willie Powell went wild, issuing three singles, two walks and three runs in the fatal frame.

Arnelle Wins All-American Cage Position

For the second year, Penn State's Jesse Arnelle was named to the Helms Athletic Foundation's ten-man all-American basketball team. Tom Gola, LaSalle, was named player of the year.

Others named to this team were Cliff Hagen, Kentucky; Togo Palazzi, Holy Cross; Bob Pettit, Louisiana State; Don Schlundt, Indiana; Bob Carney, Bradley; Dick Rosenthal, Notre Dame; Frank Selvy, Furman; and Bob Mattick, Oklahoma A&M.

Arnelle, reaching his peak in post-season tournament play, also was named to Notre Dame's all-opponent team for 1954. Others on this team are Bob Leonard, Indiana; Julius McCoy, Michigan State; Jim Lamkin, DePaul; and Jim Young, Canisius.

The Lion center has been officially listed by the NCAA as 36th among the nation's scorers. He averaged 21.1 points per game during the 1953-54 season.

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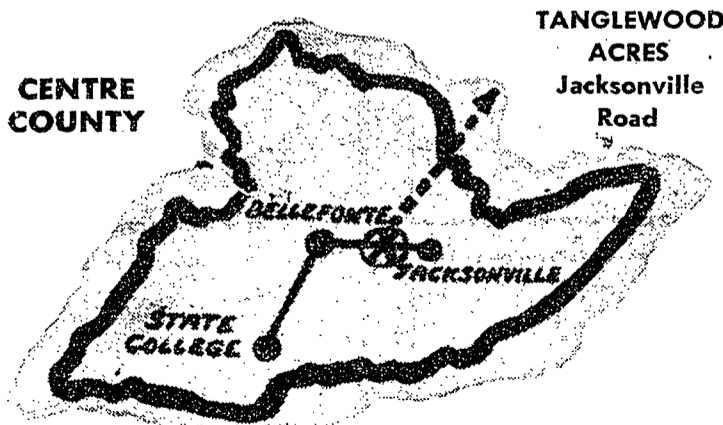
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