

Star Gymnast Will Not Return

Cronstedt To Remain In Finland

By RON GATEHOUSE

Although it's months before gymnastics will be entering the Penn State sports scene, Coach Gene Wettstone has already been presented with an over-sized headache. His captain-elect and number one performer for the past two seasons, Finnish-born Jan Cronstedt, has decided not to continue his studies in the Nittany Vale.

He has enrolled in Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, in search of a medical degree. Although he maintained a high average as a transfer student at Penn State for the past three years, in a letter to one of his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers Cronstedt stated that he would lose nearly a year of schooling by returning to campus. This is due to the rigid scholastic schedule maintained by the Scandinavian countries.

Last year the fabulous Finn led his Nittany teammates to Penn State's second consecutive NCAA gym championship by winning top honors in four individual events, a feat never before accomplished.

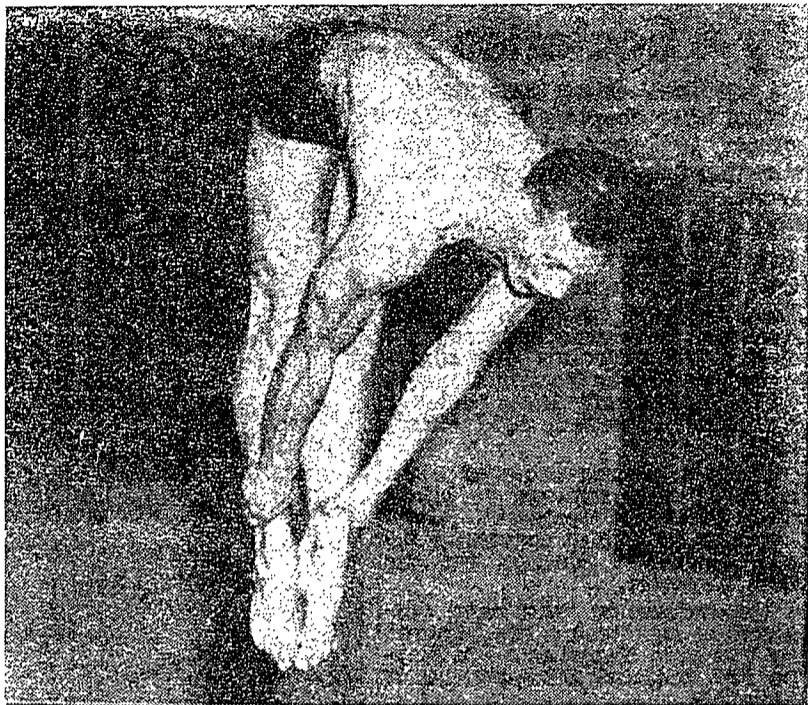
Added Honors

He added more proof to the fact that he was the greatest all-around gymnast in collegiate circles, by excelling in the Eastern meet at Temple University, and in the NAAU tourney in San Francisco.

During the past summer months Cronstedt and Wettstone traveled to Finland where both participated in gymnastic action. The Lion mentor taught gymnastics—American style—while his ace performer tried out for Finland's national team, which was later entered in the world's championships in Rome.

Indirectly showing a comparison between United States and European gymnastics at Rome, Cronstedt was unable to place higher than tenth in any one event, and finished No. 51st in this all-around, an event in which he holds the collegiate title in this country.

It is not as yet definite as to who will replace Cronstedt as captain of this year's team.



Swegan Selected Frosh Cage Coach

Don Swegan, former three-sport star at three colleges, has been appointed assistant basketball coach at the University.

Swegan, who will aid head coach John Egli this winter and will handle the freshman basketball team, played basketball, football, and baseball at Wooster College, Baldwin-Wallace, and Harvard during his college career.

Although he originally enrolled at Wooster, admission to the Naval ROTC program during World War II took him to Baldwin-Wallace and Harvard. He captained the basketball team at Baldwin-Wallace and the baseball team at Harvard.

Following the war he returned to Wooster where he again played three sports and captained the basketball team.

3 Former Coaches Reach Hall of Fame

Three former Penn State football coaches, Dick Harlow, Hugo Bezdek, and Bob Higgins were named to the Football Hall of Fame in 1954 elections. Higgins, who resides in State College, coached the Lions until 1950 when he retired.

Ironically Higgins played under both Harlow and Bezdek as an undergraduate and later joined Bezdek's staff as an assistant.

Gridders Will Fly To Illinois, TCU

Penn State's football team will take to the air for two of its road games this season.

The Lions have tentatively booked plane trips for the Illinois game, Sept. 25, at Champaign, and the Texas Christian encounter, Oct. 23, in Fort Worth.

Penn State will also be on the road for games with Syracuse, Penn, and Pitt this season.

Four hold-overs, all of them in the 200-pound class, give Penn State its best manpower in years at tackle.

Reds Blast Dodgers, 9-3

BROOKLYN, Sept. 16 (AP)—Joe Nuxhall, only southpaw to beat the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field, did it again today as the Cincinnati Redlegs walloped the Dodgers 9-3 and gave the second place club's pennant hopes a crippling blow.

Nuxhall fell behind by allowing a run in the first inning but the Cincinnati sluggers started pounding the ball in the second inning and the lefty never was behind again.

Only 522 persons paid to see the game, which was played in cloudy, chilly weather on a field soaked by rain for most of the past two days. The crowd was augmented, however, by 508 persons who came in on rain checks from yesterday's game, which was witnessed by only 1169.

Ted Kluszewski, baseball's top home run hitter, hit his 49th of the season leading off in the seventh inning for the visitors' final run.

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