

Swedish Gymnasts to Return

By RON GATEHOUSE

Echoes are still ricocheting throughout the nation's gymnastic circles from the country-wide tour made by the National Swedish Gymnastic team last winter.

As a direct result of the overwhelming success of that international sports attraction, plans are now under way to bring an even bigger and better aggregation across the ocean during January and February.

The team, for the second year in a row, will make a stop at Penn State. They are slated to appear in Rec Hall January 15.

And once again Nittany Lion gym mentor Gene Wettstone has emerged as the spark that sent the blaze spreading. Undoubtedly, Wettstone, who doubles as Secretary-Treasurer of the NCAA gymnastic setup, has continually been one of the top figures in boosting gymnastics across the nation.

Coached in Europe

Wettstone got the ball rolling during the summer months while in Europe assisting in the coaching of the Finnish gymnasts and boosting international relations.

"The main cause for this return trip," Wettstone said, "was the tremendous way in which the Swedes were received at their various stopping points throughout the country last year."

A spokesman for the U.S. Military Academy provided excellent backing for the Lion mentor's statement when he said, "It was the greatest gymnastic show ever witnessed at the Academy. After the synchronized calisthenics routine, the cadets stood up and cheered for 15 minutes."

Two Changes Made

Two major alterations have been made concerning the upcoming gym festival.

This year's attraction will differ from last year's in that it will not be on a competitive basis. Competing against the internationally-famed Swedes last January, Penn State's national collegiate champions went down to a 49½-46½ defeat.

Also, the spectators will be treated to some color, as the feminine touch will be added to this year's exhibition.

Carin Delden, one of the world's foremost gymnastic teachers, will bring the top ten Swedish women performers, and will join forces with Erik Linden, coach of last year's visiting male aggregation.

Twenty-five stops are being anticipated during the months of January and February. The team will arrive in New York during the first week in January and plans to exhibit three or four times weekly. The Swedes plan to go as far south as Florida and Texas, and as far north as Minnesota and Washington.

Among the 25 hosts included in the itinerary are West Point, University of Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, University of Minnesota, University of Iowa, University of Illinois, Georgia Tech, and North Carolina University.

The program will include lightning speed tumbling, synchronized calisthenics, jumping and vaulting, apparatus performances, and high table vaulting.

Tigers Nip Orioles, 4-1

BALTIMORE, Sept. 22 (AP)—Detroit scored four runs in the seventh inning today to defeat Baltimore, 4-1. Steve Gromek yielded four hits to the Orioles, one a bases-empty homer by Cal Abrams.

Backfield Problems Plague Hosterman

By ROY WILLIAMS

A problem similar to that which confronted soccer Coach Ken Hosterman before the start of 1953 season has popped up again this fall—the backfield. Last season—in his debut as soccer coach—Hosterman had to find replacements for three crack backfield men—Captain Kurt Kluss, Ellis Kocher, and Frank Follmer.

This season, Hosterman has again lost three valuable backfield

booters with the graduation of Captain Hap Irvin, Emil Borra, and Ralph Hoffman. Irvin and Borra both played brilliantly at the fullback slots last year, and Hoffman played regularly at a halfback slot.

Dierks, Stelnyk Set

At the other halfback slots, Paul Dierks and sophomore Ihor Stelnyk added the finishing touches to a spirited and effective halfback line.

This season, however, Hosterman will have to find two replacements for fullback chores, and round out his halfback lineup.

Candidates for freshman soccer will meet at 7 tonight in 14 Recreation Hall, Coach Ken Hosterman has announced. Freshmen wishing to play soccer this fall are asked to report any day this week to Hosterman before 3 p.m. in 202 Recreation Hall for physical cards. No player will be permitted on the practice field until a physical card and physical exam have been obtained.

During the past ten days of practice, Paul Dierks has been moved to the one fullback slot. Last season the Lion veteran played the center halfback slot with a finesse that comes only with experience.

In the season opener against Bucknell last year, Dierks "played brilliantly," Hosterman said. In addition to an outstanding defensive game, the versatile halfback—playing the position for the first time—scored one of the seven markers for Penn State.

Biggest Problem

The replacement at the other halfback position will be the major headache for Hosterman. His halfback line will probably be less troublesome.

For the three halfback slots, Hosterman has outstanding potential prospects in seniors Galen Robbins and Gerry Gillispie, and junior Stelnyk. All are lettermen.

Last year Gillispie handled the majority of the left halfback work, but Stelnyk and Robbins shared the right half position.

AL Win Record Tied by Tribe As Mossi Wins

CLEVELAND, Sept. 22 (AP)—In a 3-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox today the Cleveland Indians tied a 27-year-old American League record set by the New York Yankees—110 wins in a season. The Tribe has three home games left with Detroit.

The young southpaw relief pitcher, Don Mossi, and young leftfielder Al Smith, were Cleveland's stars of the day.

Mossi worked on his first major league shutout until the ninth, when the White Sox scored on a triple by Jim Rivera and a sacrifice fly by Ron Jackson.

The Indians scored their first run with two out in the second inning. Mossi punched a single to centerfield and then raced all the way around as Smith doubled to left center.

Walks to Larry Doby and Al Rosen, a sacrifice, an intentional pass to Wally Westlake and George Strickland's sacrifice fly made it 2-0 in the third.

Smith's triple to right-center and a single by Avila gave the Indians their last run in the fourth.

The Indians assured themselves of finishing the season in no worse than a tie with each of their rivals in the American League. As against Chicago, the Cleveland club's record is 11-11 with second place New York this year.

5 Penn State Products

Five of 1954's new head coaches in college football are Penn State products. The five are Earle Edwards, North Carolina State; Neil (Skip) Stahley, Idaho; Bob Hicks, Juniata; Red Moore, Allegheny; and John Economos, Brooklyn.

Dodger Rookie Sets Strikeout Mark

BROOKLYN, Sept. 22 (AP)—Karl Spooner, 23-year-old Brooklyn southpaw up from Fort Worth in the Texas League, set a record for a rookie pitcher making his first start in the major leagues today when he struck out 15 New York Giants and shut out the new National League champions 3-0.

Spooner, from Oriskany Falls, N.Y., broke the record of 13 strikeouts established by Cliff Melton of the Giants in making his big league debut April 25, 1937.

The 15 strikeouts also is high for the National League this season. Harvey Haddix of St. Louis had the previous high of 13 April 29.

Spooner, who had 262 strikeouts

in the Texas League this year, allowed only three hits, two of the scratch variety. Alvin Dark beat out an infield roller in the first inning, Willie Mays got a bloop, single in the third, and Johnny Antonelli singled over first base in the fifth.

The young lefty retired the side on six consecutive strikeouts in the seventh and eighth innings.

The modern major league strikeout record is 18, made by Bobby Feller of Cleveland in 1938. Jack Harshman of Chicago in the American League, fanned 16 for the major league high this season.

The Dodgers scored an unearned run in the first inning on Don Hoak's single and an error on Dark's throw past first base on a

ground ball hit by Gil Hodges.

The other pair came in the Dodger third when Spooner doubled to open the inning. Hoak walked and when Sandy Amoros singled, Spooner scored and Hoak went to second. Hodges then doubled to right and Hoak scored.

Tebbetts Picks Braves

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22 (AP)—Take it from Birdie Tebbetts, manager of the Cincinnati Redlegs, the Milwaukee Braves are a cinch to win the National League pennant next season.

"You've got the speed, the pitching and talent to do it," Tebbetts told a local meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, last night.



Mickey Bates
Illinois Fullback

Lions Leave Today For Grid Opener

By DICK McDOWELL

A 33-man Penn State football team ranked with the best in the East this season, leaves today for Champaign, Ill. for the lid-lifter of a rugged nine-game schedule with top-ranked Illinois—and coach Rip Engle isn't at all happy.

"We're encouraged about the way some things have shaped up," Engle said, "but in other places we're very much discouraged. Injuries, in particular have slowed us up a lot."

"This is a tough league we're playing in Saturday," said the Lion boss, "and the loss of Garrity and Balthaser hasn't made it any easier."

The Illini, ranked sixth in the nation in the Associated Press' weekly poll, although they haven't played a game yet, easily will be the Lions' toughest test this year.

Although the Big Ten co-champs have been given a 14-point edge, some pre-game soothsayers have rated Engle's veteran squad at least an even chance to upset them. Much, of course, will depend on the performance of Engle's choice at quarterback—a position still manned by three men—Don Bailey, Bob Hoffman, and Milt Plumb. Just which of these three will get the nod, will probably not be known until game time.

Illinois, with two proven runners in the backfield—J. C. Caroline, and Mickey Bates—and hot-shot sophomore Abe Woodson joining them—figure to be a rough offensive outfit.

Coach Ray Eliot, opening his 12th year at the helm, has 14 let-

termen back, including three year man Jan Smid, the captain. Smid will anchor a comparatively green line that should average close to 200 pounds. Tentatively Eliot will have 202 pound Don Tate at the right guard opposite Smid and Jack Campbell, 188 pounds, at center.

Floyd McAfee, 206 pounds, and Roger Wolf, 217 pounds, will be at the tackles. Six foot two inch Herb Badal, 184 pounds, will be at left end and Bob Desentants, 6-2, 186 pounds, will handle the right end duties.

Apparently Eliot is having the same trouble at quarterback as is Engle. With the graduation of Ray Falkerstein he was left without an experienced signal caller and he has been using three men at the position this fall. Em Lindbeck, Bob Gongola, and Hiles Stout all are in line for the job. Stout, a 6-4, 205-pound junior, appears to have the best chance for the starting berth.

The Illini, who averaged 25.7 points a game last season, run from the straight T formation, although flankers are often employed.

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