

# Schwenzfeier Leads Gymnasts

## Wins All-Around Title; Illini Win Team Honors

By RON GATEHOUSE

Ignoring gloomy pre-season forecasts, the Penn State gymnastics team soared through its 1955 season gaining enough momentum to climax it with a tremendous weekend finish at Los Angeles, Calif.—a second place finish in the National Collegiate championships.

And an integral part of Coach Gene Wettstone's stalwarts who gained 69 team points in their runner-up finish behind Illinois, was the record-smashing performance of Nittany captain Karl Schwenzfeier. He captured the 13th annual individual all-around title with 1620 points—overshadowing the 1957 record performance established by former teammate Jan Cronstedt a year ago.

The Illini, runner-up to the Lions last year and only dual-meet opponent to defeat Penn State this season, scored 82½ points in winning the team championship. It was their sixth national title, with Penn State second with three.

Other top finishers among the field of 28 team entries were host team and highly favored UCLA, 67½; Southern California, 56; Michigan State, 55; Iowa, 54½; and Florida State, 44½.

### Five Qualify

The never-say-die defending champion Lions, winners of the past two NCAA tourneys had a much greater challenge before them than either of their two Lion predecessors. The 1953 and 1954 entries qualified nine of ten men into the finals, where team scoring begins, while this year's performers moved up only five of the eight gymnasts who made the trip to Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, the Illini saw all ten of their entries move into final action.

But the five Lions, qualified in seven events, overcame their stout handicap to come with 13½ points of the victorious Uclans.

### Second on Parallels

In addition to capturing the coveted all-around title, Schwenzfeier tied for second on the parallel bars and side horse, was third on the flying rings, and tied for sixth in free calisthenics.

Skip Heim turned in one of his best showings to tie Illinois' Tom Gardner for a third on the side horse. Chuck Fegley, a sophomore making his first trip to the NCAA's, scored 240 for tenth place on the trampoline, 44 points behind Indiana's first-place winner, Dick Albertson.

Dion Weissend, another promising Nittany sophomore, took a slim one-point lead over Schwenzfeier for a second on the horizontal bars.

### Haag Fourth

Skeets Haag, bowing to UCLA's rope climbers, tied for fourth with a 3.8 clocking. He bettered that mark by four-tenths earlier in a dual-meet outing. The host team's Bob Hammond topped the list with a 3.1.

Schwenzfeier, competing against a host of all-around entries, some of whom own Olympic and Pan-American games experience, added a first place in long horse vaulting and a still rings fourth in his previous earnings.

Right on his heels was Carl Rintz, Michigan State's winner of six individual Big Ten titles and former Philadelphia high school league competitor. Last year Schweizfeier finished sixth in re-

## IM Wrestling

Three pins for Chi Phi and a pin and two decisions for Delta Upsilon highlighted quarter final action.

Armour Black pinned George Bickelhaupt, Kappa Sigma; Don Farnello pinned Hillel Rosen, Phi Sigma Delta and Ernie Young pinned Don Dowden, Sigma Phi Epsilon. Also, Jim Brubaker, DU, decisioned Bob McMillan, Delta Tau Delta; Paul Brown, DU, pinned Milt Netcher, Delta Sigma Phi; and Frank Della Penna decisioned Winnie Doederlein, Kappa Sigma, 3-0. Tom Bergesen, Sigma Nu, decisioned Joe Peden, Phi Sigma Kappa and Fuzzy Law also decisioned Dan Revie, Sigma Chi. Willard "Bull" Smith pinned Jim Harding; Dick Shillinger, TKE, pinned Paul Hood, Delta Sigma Phi; Keith Horn, Phi Delta Theta, pinned Ray Alberigi, KDR; and Norman Whitehouse, SPE, decisioned Dave Hubert, Phi Delta Theta; Jess Darlington, Phi Gamma Delta, pinned Jim Leslie, Phi Kappa Sigma; Ray Okamoto, Phi Kappa Sigma, pinned Ted Garret, Pi Kappa Phi.

Champ; Hart led 2-0 when the final period opened, although Fornicola rode him throughout the second stanza. Fornicola knotted the score with a reverse before scoring the pin.

Frank Rosenmayer, Colorado, was a good six inches taller than Krufka, but he failed to catch Krufka as he slowly ground out a 9-6 win after leading 3-2 at the bell of the second round.

Oberly and Konovsky, in their heavyweight semi-final bout, ended the first period standing, but in the second period Oberly jumped off to a 5-2 lead. In the final period Oberly scored a take-down and an escape while Konovsky could do no better than two escapes in losing, 8-4.

Everett Case, basketball coach at North Carolina State, was a successful high school coach in his native Indiana before coming to State.

verse order behind the Spartan performer.

The Lion led the entire field going into the final event—tumbling—where they had no entry. It was here that Illinois took over with two performers that had placed one-two on the mats in the Lion-Illini dual-outing.

Summing up his team's inspired performance following the meet, Wettstone said "The big thing for us was that a relatively new team performed very well—having only one veteran among eight team members—only to lose to the Illini's tumbling strength.

Wettstone added that he was highly pleased to defeat what he termed the favorite, UCLA, and the perennially powerful Florida State.

## Wrestling --

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team finished: Oklahoma A and M, 40; Penn State, 31; Pitt, 28; Oklahoma University, 28; Lehigh, 25; Iowa University, 24; Michigan U, 23; Navy, 21; Illinois, 19; Colorado U., 15; Iowa State Teachers, 14; West Virginia, 13; Cornell College of Iowa, 11; Colorado A and M, 10; Michigan State, 9; Rutgers, 8; Wisconsin, 7; Syracuse, 6; Indiana, 6; Temple, 5; Springfield, 5; Toledo, 3.

In the Saturday afternoon semi-final round Fornicola scored a pin in the final 30 seconds to whip Don Hart, Oklahoma's Big Seven

## Intramural Volleyball Results

Class B play: Alpha Zeta B 10-15, 15-0, 15-2; Delta Sigma Phi stopped Kappa Sigma, 15-7, 16-14; Phi Epsilon Pi beat Phi Kappa Sigma, 16-11, 3-15, 15-8; Theta Xi defeated Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-9, 15-10; Beta Sigma Rho won by forfeit over Sigma Chi.

Class A play: Kappa Delta Rho by forfeit over Chi Phi. Theta Xi over Acacia, 15-2, 15-1; Alpha Chi Sigma beat Phi Kappa Sigma, 15-13, 5-15, 15-7; Alpha Tau Omega edged Alpha Zeta, 15-13, 15-13; Phi Kappa Tau nipped Theta Kappa Phi, 15-9, 13-15, 15-2; Theta Delta Chi beat Delta Upsilon.

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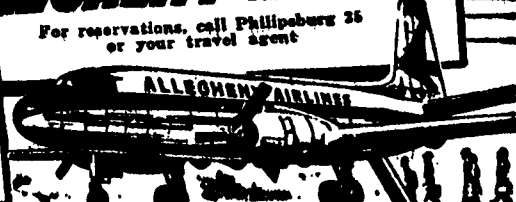
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