

# Lions Rout Owls; Vega Wins Two

By GREG HUNTINGDON  
Gene Wettstone, one of America's foremost gymnastic coaches, threw out his strongest hand last night at Recreation Hall and Penn State formally opened the 1957 Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League with an overwhelming 70½-25½ triumph over Temple, before an overflow upper tier crowd.

The Nittany Lions, seeking to replace Army as the titlist of the six team league, unveiled another one of Wettstone's powerhouses and dominated every one of the six events.

Armando Vega, Phil Mullen and Dion Weissend returned to action for the first time this year and all turned in sparkling performances.

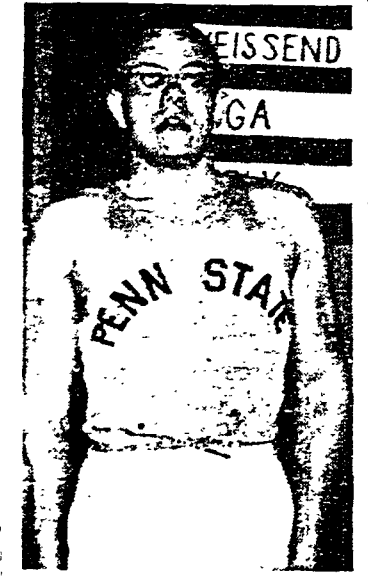
Wettstone came up with a surprise move in the final event, the flying rings, when he decided to risk his ace Vega, after the muscular Californian had taken a first in the parallel bars event and a second on the horizontal bar.

Vega drew the loudest cheer of the evening in the event as he built up to a crescendo and finally let go of the rings approximately 15 feet from the floor and came down flawlessly with a triple sommersault.

Dave Dulaney, Adie Stevens and Weissend pushed the Lion gymnasts into a 13-3 lead in the opening tumbling event finishing 1-2-3 in that order. The Owls' Harry Johnson was fourth.

The difficult side horse presented slightly more of a problem to the winners, but Jack Biesterfeldt took top honors with 244 points. Johnson barely nipped Penn State's promising sophomore Gil Leu for second, 243-242. Marty Nagowith grabbed fourth place honors for the losers.

The horizontal bar offered the



Phil Mullen Wins Rope Climb

Vega for the first time and they roared before he even started his routine. However, he had to be contented with second behind

the smooth maneuvers of Weissend. Leu made it another sweep for the Lions, while Chuck Neely was the best Owl for a fourth.

The Nittanies snowed the spirited losers in the rope climb as National Champion Phil Mullen, Dick Rehm and John Hinderling shot up the hemp in 1-2-3 fashion, with Mullen sporting a time of 3.7 seconds.

Vega waltzed away with the parallel bars event, his specialty, with 282 of a possible 300 points. Bob Foht turned in a smooth performance for Penn State for second place; Leu and Johnson deadlocked for the third.

Vega piled up 288 points on the rings and teammate Ed Sidwell copped the runner-up spot with 242. Joe Ray, of Temple, took the third place and Stan Chatis, also of the losing squad, grabbed off fourth.

The non-committal Wettstone was quick to praise his second and third men, but it was apparent that he was quite pleased with the showing of the entire squad.

The Lions travel to Annapolis this Saturday in search of their third straight victory. They had defeated West Virginia in the season's opener, 60-36.

The win threw the EIGL into a three-way tie between Penn State, Army and Navy.

**EIGL STANDINGS**

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Army	1	0	1.000
Navy	1	0	1.000
Syracuse	0	0	.000
Pitt	0	1	.000
Temple	0	2	.000

# Lion Matmen Visit Middies Saturday

Penn State's wrestling team will be minus the atmosphere of the Recreation Hall mats for the first time Saturday afternoon when they visit the United States Naval Academy as part of a three-way athletic program.

The Lion matmen, who show a 4-1 record thus far, will share the spotlight with the Penn State varsity and freshman gymnastic team. A freshman wrestling match between the two schools had also been planned but the match has been cancelled.

Only the 16-13 heartbreaking defeat to Lehigh mars the record of the Nittany grapplers. They beat Colgate, 23-8, in the season inaugural and followed up with a 14-12 victory over Illinois before the loss to the Engineers.

But Coach Charley Speidel's men are back in the winning groove after the semester holidays with conquests over Maryland, 17-11, and Ohio State, 36-0.

Sid Nodland and Johnny Johnston, and Dave Adams boast undefeated streaks and John Pepe—the fourth member of the so-called "Little Four"—has been beaten only once.

They will probably remain in the same positions against the Middies that brought them victories against the Buckeyes. That will find the quartet in their natural weight classes—Nodland at 123, Johnston at 130, Pepe at 137, and Adams at 147.

But beyond that, the starting positions are as much a mystery as an Ellery Queen novel. The

157-pound spot may go to sophomore Bill Labone.

Labone received his initial varsity test Saturday night against the Buckeyes, and although the match had to be stopped early in the first period because of an injury to his opponent, Labone was impressive.

However, George Gray, who has been wrestling at 167, could drop down a weight and get the nod. If this is the case then Bruce Gilmore—who has wrestled at 177 four times—will probably handle the 167-pound berth; Les Walters or Joe Norwood would occupy the 177-pound position; and Sam Markle or Bob Gardner would be at heavyweight.

Walters started against Lehigh and gave a good showing of himself before being pinned by Bill Gustafson at 0:24 of the third period.

Markle is the usual choice at unlimited while Norwood and Gardner have yet to see varsity competition.

Earl Poust is another prospect for the 157-pound post. Poust was wrestled against Illinois.

# Williams Signs \$100,000 Pact

BOSTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Ted Williams, displaying the enthusiasm and confidence of a youngster, predicted another great season with the Boston Red Sox today after signing a one-year contract continuing him as baseball's highest paid player.

The slugger signed for his 16th season with the Red Sox for about \$100,000—the same as he has been drawing for several years back—in an hour-long meeting with General Manager Joe Cronin.

"There was no cut—let's get that straightened out," Ted told writers emphatically to spike rumors which cropped up over his inability to play a full schedule.

Williams, who in the past has declined to disclose personal goals for a season, forecast "a damn good year" and said "I will do my very best to help the club."

"If I don't drive in a hundred runs, hit 25 or 30 homers and bat .330 or .340, I will be damn disappointed," he said. "If I can't I'll see the writing on the wall. But I'm sure I can do it."

Ted, who will be 39 in August, refused to look beyond this year when asked how many more seasons he felt he could play.

"If someone asked me three years ago if I thought I'd be

signing in '57 I would have bet them no," he said.

"I love the game," he said in turning off a big smile. "I also need the money. I know I've been criticized for saying that but I think many of the boys play for money."

As usual, the Sox refused to disclose the actual amount Williams will be paid for the season, but Cronin said "let's say he's doing very well."

Williams, one of the game's most temperamental stars during his great career, indicated that he has had a change of mind and

might like to stay in baseball after his playing days.

"After my playing days are over I will do everything possible to help the game," he said. "Other than that I want to fish any damn time in any place I want."

### Block and Bridle Club

Captain Donald Hutchinson, head of the guards at Rockview State Penitentiary, will address the Block and Bridle club on "Rifles and Pistols."

The meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight in 206 Armsby.

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