

Lions Edge Army; Leu Stars in Clutch

By MATT PODBESEK

Gymnast Gil Leu bowed out at Recreation Hall Saturday night in a great way, a champion in the clutch.

The graduating sophomore (he completed two years of collegiate level education in his native Switzerland) finally overcame his "big-crowd nervousness" in his last Rec Hall appearance when he led the Lions to a 49½-46½ win over defending Eastern champion Army.

The little musclemán did it the hard way. He defeated Army's defending Eastern Horizontal Bar Champ, Bill Thomson, by completing a near flawless routine for his highest score of the year, 275-265.

Triumph Important

Leu's high bar triumph was all the more important at the time since Penn State held a 20-12 lead going into the event with expectations of winning and increasing their lead.

But Armando Vega, who had probably his worst night in Rec Hall, missed the bar twice and scored a 45. Also Captain Dion Weissend, who had a 281 in his last meet, had a miss and a bad flyaway to drop his total to 202.

Cadets Pete Calyer (231), John Sewall (237), and Thomson (265) had Vega and Weissend topped before anchor-man Leu came through with his victorious clutch performance.

Wins Second Place

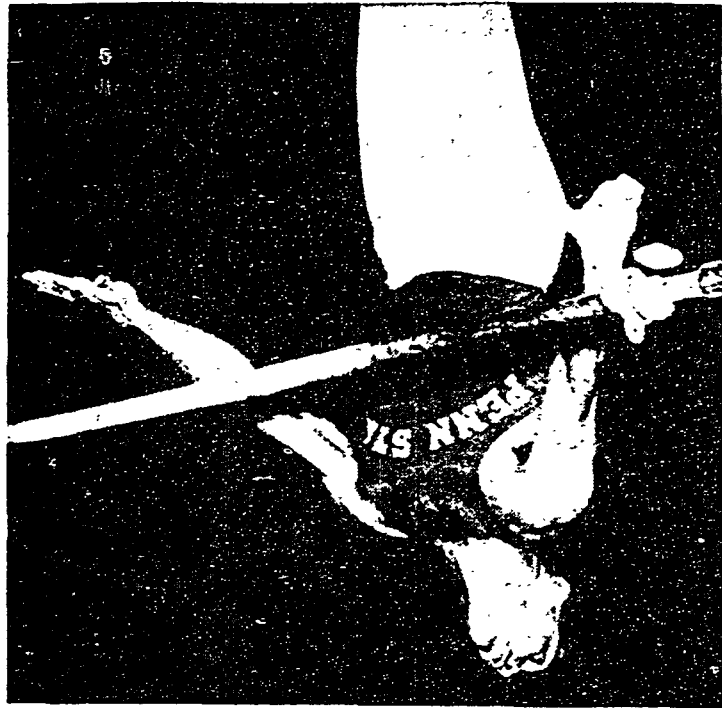
Leu's second clutch masterpiece came on the parallel bars. Vega won his specialty with a 271, but Leu's second place 257 gave the Lions a 43½-36½ lead.

Tension reached its peak in the final event of the evening—the flying rings. The Lions needed only five points for the win that would virtually give them the 1957 Eastern gym championship.

Ed Sidwell had a 200, dropping him from the team scoring, and Jack Donahue had a 236, good for apparently only fifth place. J. O. Hanford had a 251 and Bill Clark a 257 for Army with the two anchor-men left, Vega and Cadet Bill Gillourakis.

Vega, with a 263, 268, and a 288 in his last three outings behind him, scored only a 252, just edging out Cadet Hanford's 251 for second place.

Adie Stevens (259) won the tumbling followed by Dave Dulaney (249), Cadet Mel Morrel (244) and Dion Weissend (229).



Gil Leu takes clutch victory on high bar.

Jack Biesterfeldt scored his best mark of the waning season on the side horse, a 261. But he was edged out by Eastern runner-up Gar O'Quinn's 262. Walt Heller (232) took a third and Leu finished fifth to split the event, 8-8.

Paul Dean hit the disc in 3.4 to defeat defending Eastern champion Rope Climber, Phil Mullen (3.5). Cadet Bob Deegan was third (3.8), Lion Dick Rehm was fourth (3.9) and Cadet Larry Schull and Lion John Hidingier tied for fifth.

Frosh Lacrosse Aspirants

Freshmen interested in trying out for the frosh lacrosse team should report to the Nittany team room, across from the skating rink, at 5 tonight and tomorrow.

5 Win Indie Cage Tilts

Independent ball dominated the intramural basketball scene Friday night at Recreation Hall with a total of five games being played. Four other indie games were forfeited.

Nittany 31 knocked the Nittany Tigers out of first place in League F with a 27-23 victory. Walt Voight led the victors with 14 points. Dave Koscics scored eight counters to aid the winners.

The Nittany 38'ers still held first place in League E as a result of their 33-17 triumph over Nittany 43. Ross Farber was high man for Nittany 38 with 11 counters.

Sam Weiner led the Cyclops to a 34-25 victory over the New-manites in League I action. Weiner had 12 points for the victors.

Leading 15-12 at halftime, the Tribe scored 26 points in the second half and trounced the Hot-

shots 41-16. The victory put the Tribe into second place in League G.

Stan's Boys squeezed out a 20-18 victory over the Twenty-Five 5's. Bill Netzloff topped the winners with six counters.

In the forfeited games Nittany 30 defeated Pollock 6, the 29'ers beat the Shantytown nine, the Pugh Street Cats defeated the Old Ones and the Shuffleboards topped the II's.

Charlie Speidel, veteran Penn State wrestling coach, is a fugitive from the amateur boxing ring.

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Lifting their season's record to 22-0 with victories over North Carolina State and South Carolina last week, the Tar Heels collected 61 first place votes and 757 points from the nation's sportswriters and sportscasters. Only one among the 79 who voted picked North Carolina lower than third.

Kansas held second place with 637 points on the usual 10 points for first place, nine for second place, etc., basis. The Jayhawks, who were upset by Oklahoma A&M 56-54 last Thursday night, lost ground. They trailed North Carolina by only 50 points a week ago.

Kentucky beat Vanderbilt and Alabama in last week's games and remained in third place.



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