

Individual EI GL Crowns Up for Grabs At Syracuse

By MATT PODBESEK

Individual gymnastic competition begins this week with the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League Championships Friday and Saturday at Syracuse University.

Two Lion juniors—Armando Vega on the parallel bars and the all-round and Phil Mullen in the rope climb—will be defending their 1956 Championships.

But a possible Lion runaway with the mythical team title will require the talents of Captain Dion Weissend, Gil Leu and Jack Biesterfeldt and the remainder of Wettstone's depth.

Weissend, Leu and Biesterfeldt will be competing in their last EI GL Tourney, although this will also be the first Eastern try for Leu, who will graduate this year.

Probably the best all-round competition this year will be between Leu and Weissend for the runner-up spot.

Leu Hopeful

Leu said last night: "I think I can take second and maybe first if Armando does not hit, and if I do not miss on anything."

"I think I can do my best on the high bar; I should beat that Army guy (Bill Thomson), if I hit again because I have a more difficult routine."

In the Army dual meet, Leu hit his best score of the season, against the 1956 Eastern horizontal bar champion, a 275.

Leu's consistency on the high bar is proven by his scores of 260 (Navy), 270 (West Virginia), and a winning 272 against Pitt.

Leu's other two dual-meet specialties are the parallel bars and the side horse. With the coaching of Wettstone and Vega, Leu has



Gil Leu — Dion Weissend They'll be fighting for second

gained a top scoring consistency with highs of 252 and 257.

Weissend, who captured the high bar from Leu twice in six meets, enters the all-round picture as the defending runner-up to Vega in the Easterns last year. And as Dion states it, "I finished second in about everything last year behind Mando."

In the 1956 Eastern All-rounds, Weissend was second on the long horse, the still rings, the high bar and the free exercise.

Weissend confuses the high bar picture all the more with his 281 score against Syracuse. "And I expect to hit a 280 at Syracuse again this Saturday and win," related the smiling captain.

Weissend expects the toughest

"outside competition" to come from Charles Neely of Temple, Lowell Meier of Syracuse and John Hammond of Pitt.

Biesterfeldt Dark Horse

Jack Biesterfeldt could be the big surprise package on the Nittany list by winning the side horse. Biesterfeldt cannot figure out what happened last year in the Eastern side horse competition except that "I placed real low when I broke bad."

But this year may be different for the graduating New Yorker who finished one point, 262-261, behind the top contender for side horse honors—Cadet Gar O'Quinn. O'Quinn was the runner-up last year.

Tarheels Still 1st In AP Cage Poll

The North Carolina Tarheels will have three major objectives in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship basketball tournament which gets underway Thursday in Raleigh, N.C.

They are not necessarily in order of importance:

1. To gain an NCAA berth by winning the tourney.

2. To continue an unbeaten season in which they've won 24 games.

3. To remain on top in the Associated Press' weekly poll of sportswriters and sportscasters.

The Tarheels got a huge vote of confidence from the nation's experts in the season's next-to-last poll based on games through last Saturday.

Collecting 55 first place votes and 711 points, they held a comfortable margin over the runner-up Kansas Jayhawks, who got only eight firsts and 605 points on the usual basis of 10 points for first place, 9 for second etc. The Tarheels meet Clemson in a first round game of the ACC title competition Thursday night.

The next three positions remain unchanged with Kentucky in third place with 476 points, Southern Methodist fourth with 399 and Seattle fifth with 331. Seattle, 22-2 for the year, drew down five votes for first place from among the 76 who participated in the poll.

The most notable advances were made by Michigan State and Oklahoma City with the Spartans, unranked last week, moving into the No. 8 position, and OCU jumping eight notches to 10th place. These two replaced Bradley, which fell to 13th, and Indiana, loser last week to Michigan and Michigan State. The Hoosiers are unranked this week.

Louisville moved up two places to sixth on the strength of victories over Depaul and Toledo.

Penn State boasts four wins for every loss in 49 years of intercollegiate wrestling competition.

7 Handballers Win, Enter IM Quarter-finals

Seven fraternity handball players advanced into the quarter-final round of the IM tournament with wins in the Recreation Hall courts Monday night.

Milt Plum, Phi Delta Theta, wasted little time in disposing of Gary Zinman, Sigma Alpha Mu, 21-3 and 21-4. This was Plums opening victory and he will face Sigma Phi Epsilon's Jed Klingensmith on March 12.

In another low scoring contest which lasted two sets, Jim Keith, Sigma Chi, won his initial match by defeating Dave Bedford, Aca-cia, 21-6 and 21-8. Keith will meet Rick Lippe, Phi Epsilon Pi, in a quarter-final battle March 12.

John Wright, Alpha Zeta, scored two perfect games over Ron Kinch, Alpha Chi Rho, 21-0 and 21-0, to establish himself as a leading contender for the Flight four crown.

Alpha Epsilon Pi's Monty Halper advanced a round in the tournament with a 21-10 and 21-16 victory over John Reilly, Sigma Phi Alpha. Halper will battle with Alpha Zeta's Wright March 13 for the right to enter the semi-finals.

Registering forfeit wins were Jed Klingensmith, Sigma Phi Epsilon, over Ed Spondike, Phi Mu Delta; Jim Machlan, Epsilon Xi, over Dave Hambrick, Kappa Delta Rho; and Rick Lippe, Phi Epsilon Pi, over Francis Paolone, Theta Chi.

Pace Increases In Grapefruit Circuit

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 5 (AP)—Bob Friend, Pittsburgh Pirate pitching ace, hurled one inning of baseball yesterday and said it was enough to prove to himself that he's going to be all right this season.

Friend said he had been worried because his arm began to bother him toward the end of last season. Yesterday he picked a man off first and got two out on long fly balls. The intrasquad set-to was called after the first inning because of a storm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 5 (AP) — Manager Casey Stengel today nominated six rookie pitchers, including four from last year's strong Denver American Assn. club, to work in the New York Yankees' first intrasquad game tomorrow.

Tapped by Stengel were Ralph Terry, Jack Urban, Jim DePalo and Mark Freeman, all up from Denver, Al Cicotte from Richmond of the International League and Jim O'Reilly from Birmingham of the Southern Assn.

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 5 (AP) — Manager Walter Alston indicated today Charley Neal again would be given first crack at the Brooklyn Dodgers' second base job this spring.

"We're going to give him another shot at it," said Alston. "We know he can do the job if he can gain confidence. Maybe the first year jitters bothered him."

Neal was in the opening day lineup at second base in 1956 but was replaced by Junior Gilliam in May.

LAKELAND, Fla., March 5 (AP) — Holdout Gil Coan, 32, has decided not to report to the De-

troit Tigers and will ask Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick to place him on the voluntary retired list.

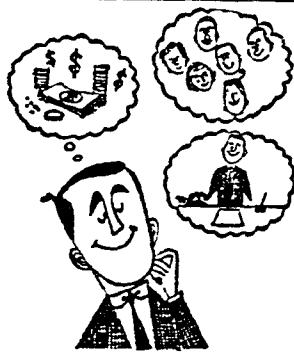
The Tigers say they will appeal because they believe Coan knew at the end of last season that he would not play baseball this year. Detroit drafted Coan from the Minneapolis club of the American Assn. this winter.

TAMPA, Fla., March 5 (AP) —

Righthander Ellis Kinder, 42, today ended his holdout with the Chicago White Sox.

Kinder, who had a 3-1 mark for the Sox last year, agreed to terms in a long distance telephone talk with Vice President Chuck Comiskey in Arizona.

Ernie Baer, successor to Nick Thiel as Penn State lacrosse coach, will field his first team this Spring.



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IM Entries Due

Entries for the 1957 intramural volleyball and wrestling tournaments are due at 4:30 p.m. today in the IM office in Recreation Hall.

Organizations may enter the volleyball tournament as one team in leagues made up of six or seven teams.