

Lion Gymnasts Shoot For 4th NCAA Title

Tomorrow is D-Day for the Lion gymnasts who will be shooting to win the fourth National Collegiate Gymnastic Championship for Coach Gene Wettstone.

The NCAA Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Navy. Preliminaries for the finals and competition for the all-around title is scheduled for afternoon and evening sessions tomorrow. The finals will be Saturday afternoon.

Delaney Set As Favorite At Cleveland

CLEVELAND, March 20 (AP) — Irish miler Ron Delany and four other Olympic champions compete at the Cleveland Area Friday night in the final meet of the indoor season, and it appears Delany will have no one to push him.

That means the chance for a record mile is slim, since the 22-year-old Villanova star admittedly dislikes pushing himself more than the field requires. He also dislikes running indoors.

However, in copping his 15th straight mile victory last Saturday in Chicago, Delany did treat the fans by spurring on the last lap. He won by 25 yards over Burr Grimm of College Park, Md., who had led for four laps.—his time was 4:04.8, just two-tenths of a second off the American indoor mark Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark set in New York two years ago.

Whether the unneeded burst of speed heralds a change in Delany's tactics or simply was due to an Irishman's St. Patrick's day exuberance remains to be seen.

Other Olympic champions whose participation promises to make the Knights of Columbus meet one of the best in its 17-year history are Bob Richards in the pole vault; Villanova's 400-meter tiplist, Charley Jenkins, in the 600-yard run; Milt Campbell, decathlon champion and Indiana athlete now in Navy service; and Lee Calhoun, North Carolina hurdler.

Badminton Singles, H-ball Doubles IM Entries Due

Entries for the Intramural handball doubles and badminton singles tournaments are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the IM office at Recreation Hall.

The entry fee for the handball tourney is 50 cents per team. There is a 25-cent entry fee per man in the badminton tourney.

Tennis Managers Wanted

All sophomores interested in applying for assistant managers' jobs on the tennis team should report at 5 p.m. today or tomorrow to the bulletin board in the Recreation Hall locker room.

Illinois will defend the team title. The Illini are coached by a former Wettstone protegee—Charlie Pond. Pond's 1956 edition defeated the Lions in the Nationals, 123½-67½.

Florida State, third last year and perennially one of the top three gym schools in the nation, is loaded with talent and rates a good chance for the team title. Leading darkhorses for the team title includes Michigan, Iowa, Southern California and Michigan State.

Illinois breezed through a tough "Big Ten" schedule to take the Western championship and boasts such performers as Olympian Abie Grossfeld, defending all-around champion Don Tonry, and a compliment of other good "point-men."

Leading Florida State's bid for the top spot will be Rafael Lecouna, a top contender for all-around honors, Ronnie Amster, another darkhorse in the all-around and defending horizontal bar champion, and Jamile Ashmore, defending free exercise tiplist.

Wettstone is counting on Vega, Leu and Weissend to finish in the top ten in the all-arounds in order to win. Rope climber Phil Mullen will also be counted on to take an important first place. But the 1956 National champion has already lost one of his climbing titles—the Eastern title—to Army's Paul Dean.

Besides pointing for a first in the all-around competition, Vega will be out to defend his National parallel bars crown.

But, as Coach Wettstone said last night, "The all-around is the most interesting event in a tournament—and the Nationals has five top performers."

The "top five" will be Amster, Lecouna, and three Olympians—Vega, Grossfeld and Ed Gagnier of Michigan. Vega and Gagnier are juniors while Grossfeld is only a sophomore.

Wettstone will also enter Dick Rehm in the rope climb, Jack Biesterfeldt on the side horse, Adie Stevens and Dave Dulaney in tumbling, Chuck Fegley on the trampoline and Bob Fohrt on the parallel bars.

Since the team is limited to 10 men by NCAA ruling, the Lions' chances of winning will depend on how many qualify for tomorrow in the 10 final positions. Tomorrow should tell the tale, Wettstone said.

8 Gain Semi's In Intramural Handball Tilts

Four fraternity players advanced to flight semifinals, and four entrants earned berths in the Indie semis in Tuesday's IM handball competition.

Fraternity players gaining the semifinals round were: Ken Sacks, Alpha Zeta; Paul Trimmer, Phi Delta Theta; Al Jacks, Beta Theta Pi; and Joe Myers, Triangle.

Don Vinkovich, John Krall, Bob Thomas and Andy Bacik were the Indie victors.

In flight 7 action, Sacks won from George Nagorny, Alpha Tau Omega, by forfeit; and Trimmer edged Fred Donahoe, Tau Kappa Epsilon, 21-10, 21-20.

Jacks, a Lion quarterback, trimmed Al Rose, Sigma Alpha Mu, 21-5, 21-9; and Myers eliminated Carl Heister, Alpha Gamma Rho, 21-15, 21-5, to move to the Flight 8 semis.

Independent action saw Bacik cop a forfeit decision when Joe Kunkle and Dave Saul failed to play their quarterfinals match.

In other Indie tilts, Vinkovich downed Carroll, 21-7, 21-8; Thomas topped Fred Scheinholtz, 21-6, 21-13; and Krall ousted Don Schmidt, 21-7, 21-5.

Leonides Win 33-22 In WRA Volleyball

Leonides handed Thompson II its first loss in the coed intramural volleyball league when it beat the freshman, 33-22. The winner's Mary Campbell and the loser's Marlene Smith each scored eight points.

Mac Hall defeated Atherton, 41-19, behind the 20-point scoring of Ardyth Phillips and Delta Zeta edged Theta Phi Alpha, 48-41.

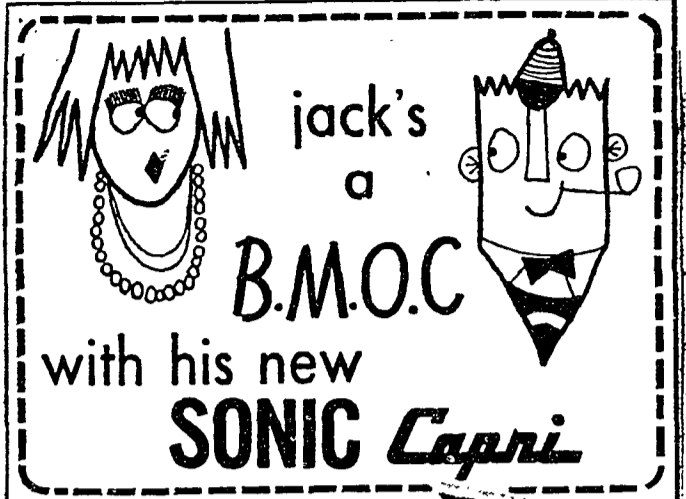
With Helen Scholes hitting for 20 points, Alpha Chi Omega sliced Alpha Xi Delta, 37-32. Tri Delt belted Thompson III, 35-14.

Kappa Kappa Gamma chalked up another bowling victory in the coed intramural bowling league when it beat Kappa Delta, 567-524. Carolyn Briggs again paced the KKG squad with 135 pins.

Alpha Gamma Delta defeated Zeta Tau Alpha, 498-457. ZTA's Evelyn Nikitscher rolled a 122 score.

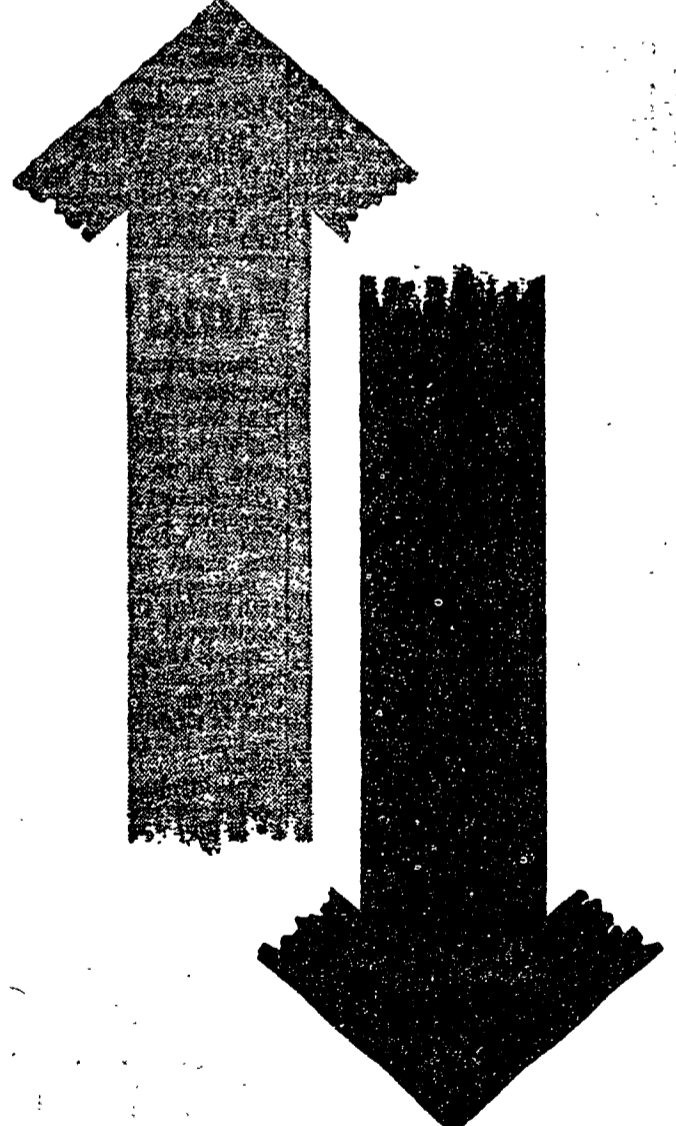
Rip Engle, Penn State football coach, was an all-around athlete as an undergraduate at Western Maryland College.

Baseball was the first sport formally adopted at Penn State, where intercollegiate competition began in 1875.



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