

Lions Take National Title; Vega Scores 54 1/2 Points

By MATT PODBESEK

"And in this corner, that 142-pound Olympic marvel and double-winner of the Eastern all-around, that two-time Eastern and National parallel bar champion and most recently, record-smashing NCAA all-around king, Mr. Collegiate Gymnast—Armando Vega of Penn State.

"Mr. Vega singlehandedly scored two-thirds (54 1/2) of the Lions 88 1/2 winning team points that gave Gene Wettstone his fourth National Collegiate team title. And rightfully gained the Lion ace recognition as the best collegiate gymnast in the nation."

That would probably be a sports announcers spiel on introducing Armando Vega after the Lion gymnast carried Penn State to its fourth National Collegiate gym title Saturday at Navy.

But Coach Wettstone issued a much simpler statement and probably the highest compliment in the eyes of the 1956 Olympic coach when he said yesterday:

"He performed like a Russian." And then he continued his praise of Vega:

"Never was he so superior. He was even more superior than in the Olympics. This time he did everything right. Never once did he show signs of insecurity."

"Two great days," Wettstone said in his happy flow of compliments, "One right after another."

And Vega really had two great days against the best in the nation. He amassed his 54 1/2 team points with a first in the all-around and parallel bars (22), second in free exercise (9), third place on the horizontal bar (8), third place tie on the side horse (7 1/2), fourth on the flying rings (7) and tenth in an event in which he does not compete in regular competition—tumbling (1).

Wettstone had issued a statement before leaving for the nationals Thursday in which he said: "We will win if we can do as the wrestlers did." And he did.

Wettstone was referring to the fact that the matmen won the Eastern title the previous week by having only two athletes eliminated in the preliminaries.

The Lion mentor said that his personal statisticians—headed by side horse competitor Jack Biesterfeldt—informed him that the trophy was "in the bag" before the last two events began.

"That was really a relief."



—Daily Collegian Photo by Sam Price

THE NATIONAL CHAMPS are represented in the above photo (left to right) by Captain Dion Weissend with the National trophy, Coach Gene Wettstone behind the huge Eastern team trophy and Armando Vega with his Eastern all-around cup and National all-around plaque.

Wettstone said. "The pressure had been building up since Friday. We had every possible way figured how we could lose the meet, and then we had it won, even if Illinois slammed the tumbling."

Illinois did more than slam the tumbling, they finished 1-2-2, but still picked up only 28 points and a second place with 80 1/2 points. Florida State, second to the Lions after Friday's preliminaries, slipped to third. Sam Baillie scored 34 of Iowa's 50 points, putting the Cornhuskers fourth. Army was fifth with 36 and Pitt sixth with 17.

The Lion's only medal-winners beside Vega were Captain Dion Weissend and rope climber Phil Mullen. Weissend finally came through on his specialty—the high bar—and earned 7 points for his fourth place finish.

Mullen, with a 3.7 clocking, lost his NCAA title to Garvin Smith of Los Angeles State College who had an amazing 3.1 second climb.

Making the victory complete was the scoring of Biesterfeldt on the side horse with an eighth,

Dick Rehm on the rope with a seventh Gil Leu with a tenth in the all-around and a seventh on the high bar, Bob Foht on the parallels with a ninth, and Adie Stevens in tumbling with a seventh.

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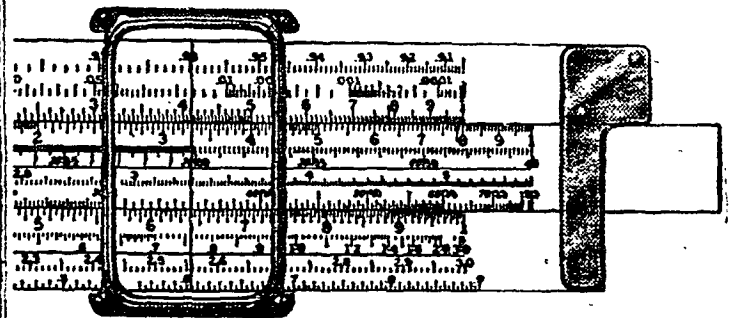
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