

# Gym Team Confident Of Saturday's Opener

Optimism abounds in the far end of Recreation Hall as the gymnasts prep for the opening meet Saturday with the Temple Owls at Philadelphia's South Hall.

After working out for over two months in preparation for the season opener, the 1958 edition is anxious for its first "outside" test.

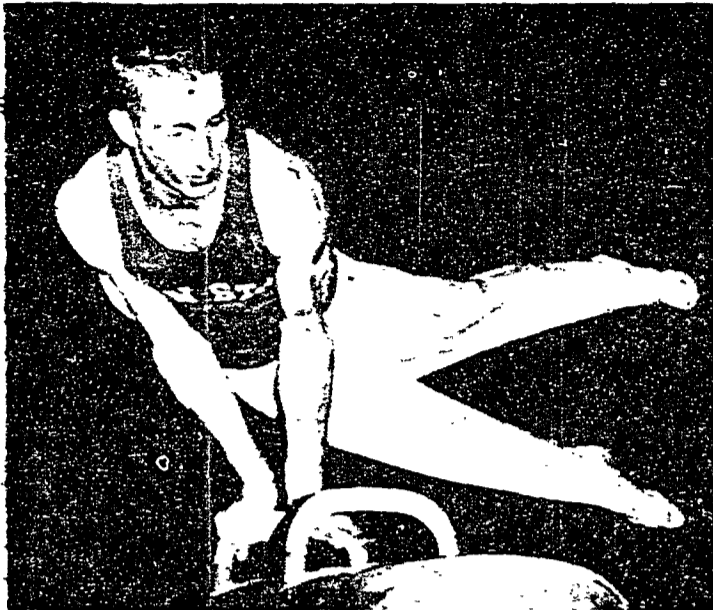
Up to now, it has been strictly competition for the starting berths, but come Saturday, Coach Gene Wettstone's crew will find out just how good their routines are.

"Fortunately, we meet Temple in the first meet," commented team captain Bob Foht with a confident smile. But Dion Weissend, captain of last year's Eastern and National champions, was a little less optimistic over the Lions chances.

"By getting too confident, you could be in for a big fall," said Weissend.

Physically, the team is in good shape, except for a few minor injuries. Both of the Gold-dust Twins have bad hands.

Jay Werner sprained his right thumb at the Florida Tryouts, while Lee Cunningham has an open cut on his right hand that particularly hampers his side horse routine. The sophomore is



GOING NOWHERE . . . on this horse. Sophomore star Lee Cunningham prepares for the opening gymnastics meet Saturday with Temple in Philadelphia.

expected to be one of the best in the East on the horse. Tumbler Adie Stevens sprained his leg last night, but doesn't expect to hamper one of Wettstone's best tumbling trios on Saturday.

# Milers May Regain Top Indoor Billing

After a two-year lay-off, the mile run may regain the spotlight of the indoor track season this winter.

Since the suspension of former Kansas star Wes Santee, there have been no strong indoor mile competitors for Villanova's Ron Delany—a 3:59 outdoor miler and 1956 Olympic gold medal winner for Ireland in the 1500-meter run.

Delany, a runner who does not seem concerned with beating the clock, had no opposition capable of pushing him under Gunnar Neilsen's world indoor mile mark of 4:03.6. This year several up-and-coming collegiate stars may push the Wildcat to a new world's indoor mark.

New York University graduates, Ike Matza and George King may also give the Villanovan strong competition, along with 26-year-old Hungarian refugee Laszlo Tabori, also a 3:59 outdoor miler.

Top collegiate mile contenders are U.C.L.A.'s Bobby Seaman, U.S.C.'s Don Bowden, Maryland's Burr Grim and Iowa's Charlie "Deacon" Jones. Grim has been running sub-4:10 miles on the indoor circuit for the past two years. Seaman and Jones had "off years" in 1957 after impressive performances as sophomores. Bowden is the only United States citizen to break four minutes in the mile.

Among the promising milers

in the eastern universities are Don Luisi of Fordham, Rod Zwirner of Princeton, Ben Johns of Syracuse and a quartet of Penn Staters—Ed Moran, Fred Kerr, Dick Engelbrink and Chick King.

Luisi—a former national scholastic indoor mile champion—and Johns were standout performers in cross-country last fall.

The leading Lion contender, Ed Moran, ran a 4:11.2 mile in a New York meet last summer. Fred Kerr—the first runner to be re-elected captain of a Nittany cross-country team in 30 years—ran a 4:16 outdoor mile last spring and has shown quite a bit of improvement since then.

King was just beginning to hit his stride last spring when he won one of two mile qualifying heats in 4:18 in the IC4-A championships last spring. Last winter Engelbrink defeated Luisi on the final leg of the IC4-A freshman medley relay with a 4:17.4 mile.

# Overtime Wins By DTD, PhiE Paces IM Action

Intramural basketball began the new year with two exciting overtime games Monday night at Recreation Hall.

Delta Tau Delta defeated Chi Phi, 28-25; and Phi Epsilon Pi beat Omega Psi Phi, 13-11 in the overtime encounters. Phi Epsilon Pi's victory was its fourth and put the team in a first place tie with Phi Gamma Delta in Fraternity League A.

Alpha Chi Sigma edged Beta Sigma Rho, 23-22 in another close tilt. Acacia won over Kappa Sigma, 30-25 and Theta Chi walloped Phi Sigma Delta, 39-20 to remain in the unbeaten column with 4-0 records.

In other games Sigma Pi defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 31-16; Beta Theta Pi beat Beaver House, 34-20; Delta Upsilon walloped Zeta Beta Tau, 51-20; and Phi Mu Delta won over Alpha Gamma Rho, 31-8.

In the individual scoring, Bill Mullin, Delta Upsilon, and Bud Hill, Theta Chi took top honors with 18 points each. Other leaders were John Waugaman, Kappa Sigma, (15); Jim Peckham, Chi Phi, (15); and Harry Beight, Delta Upsilon, (14).



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