

Mullen, Cunningham Shine in Defeat

Army Gymnasts Beat Lions, 50½-45½; Nittanies Win Four Events, Lack Depth

By MATT MATHEWS
The gymnasts rode into West Point with a song in their heart and the Eastern and national crowns on their head. They rode out, not with a song in their heart and not with the crowns on their head—they lost.

And it was sweet revenge for Army which lost the Eastern title to the Lions last year by only three points. They won Saturday by five, 50½-45½.

The defeat can be found in the performances of the Lion sophomores. When the pressure was on, they broke—even Lee Cunningham who turned in an otherwise terrific day.

With Army ahead by only three points in the next-to-last event on the program, the parallel bars, Cunningham and his sophomore teammate Jay Werner displayed their worst routines of the season. After the event, the Cadets had an unsurmountable 11-point advantage, 45½-34½.

But Cunningham had a great day in his other two events by picking up 10 points for the team. On the sidehorse, the lean blonde athlete defeated the Eastern champion, Gar O'Quinn. His flawless routine—with a particularly impressive set of high scissors—earned his 251 points and put anchorman O'Quinn on the spot. But O'Quinn failed to come through.

breaking twice in his usually smooth routine, and finishing fourth with a 222.

Cunningham almost succeeded in pulling another upset on the high bar, but had a minor break in the most difficult exercise in the event. Frank Comiskey, generally regarded as the best judge in the nation, gave Cunningham the highest score of the event, but his two companion judges awarded first place to Cadet Bob Degan for his much less difficult routine, 250-243.

Sophomore tumbler Graeme Cowan cut the Lions' expected wide margin when he finished third. One of the judges admitted that Cowan would have given the Lions a first and second (Dave Dulaney had the highest score) if he had not tried a double-twist somersault—which he missed and fell off the side of the mat. Cowan underestimated his graceful first two runs and though he needed the double twist to win.

Cunningham's performances on the side horse and high bar helped hold down the Cadets' advantage at intermission to only four points, 26-22.

Then senior Phil Mullen put

on the greatest single effort of the meet. Performing in his first meet this season, Mullen pulled a :03.8 on his first climb up the rope. But Cadet anchorman Bob Degan did it in :03:7 on the succeeding climb, and the West Pointers had three of the best four times. But Mullen, out to regain his Eastern title, did a winning :03.6 in his second and final try.

Then came the 12-4 defeat on the parallels that gave Army the win. Captain Bob Foht hit on his difficult routine in an attempt to make up for the losing scores of Cunningham and Werner, but the judges gave him only a 259 and third place.

Werner maintained his winning ways on the flying rings, but it was too late. Ed Sidwell and Jack Donahue supported Werner with excellent routines for a third and fourth. The ringmen had the best score of the day, 11-5.



Cunningham

Gym-Mat Summaries

GYMNASTICS

Tumbling—1. Dulaney, PS, 254; 2. Merrill, A, 247; 3. Cowan, PS, 231; 4. Phillips, A, 223; 5. Stevens, PS, 212. Event score (Penn State first) 10-6.

Side Horse—1. Cunningham, PS, 251; 2. Hill, A, 245; 3. Clements, A, 241; 4. O'Quinn, A, 222; 5. Werner, PS, 218. Event 7-9. Meet 17-15.

Horizontal Bar—1. Degan, A, 250; 2. Cunningham, PS, 243; 3. Sewall, A, 237; 4. Eckert, A, 225; 5. Savadove, PS, 219. Event 5-11. Meet 25-26.

Rope Climb—1. Mullen, PS, 3.6; 2. Degan, A, 3.7; 3. Shull, A, 3.9; 4. Neuhauser, PS, 4.1; 5. (tie) Littlewood, PS, and Loffert, A, 4.3. Event 5½-7½. Meet 30½-32½.

Parallel bars—1. Shurtz, A, 262; 2. O'Quinn, A, 267; 3. Foht, PS, 259; 4. Lancaster, A, 234; 5. Werner, PS, 191. Event 4-12. Meet 31½-33½.

Living Rings—1. Werner, PS, 267; 2. Reber, A, 252; 3. Sidwell, PS, 241; 4. Donahue, PS, 235; 5. Blitch, A, 207. Event 11-5. Meet 30½-33½.

VARSITY WRESTLING

123—Dave Able (C) pinned Gordon Banks, 4:35 with double arm bar

130—Johnny Johnston (PS) decisioned Carmen Mallon, 4-0.

137—Ray Giaccone (PS) decisioned George Willis, 2-0.

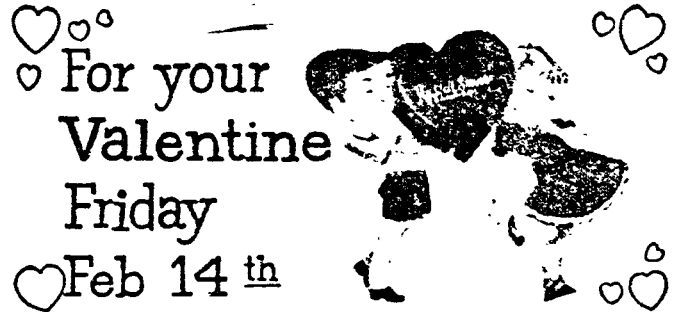
142—Earl Foust (PS) decisioned Ted Carter, 7-1.

157—Dick Vincent (C) decisioned Sam Miner, 3-2.

167—Steve Friedman (C) decisioned George Gray, 9-1.

177—John Gardner (C) decisioned Hank O'Quinn, 6-5.

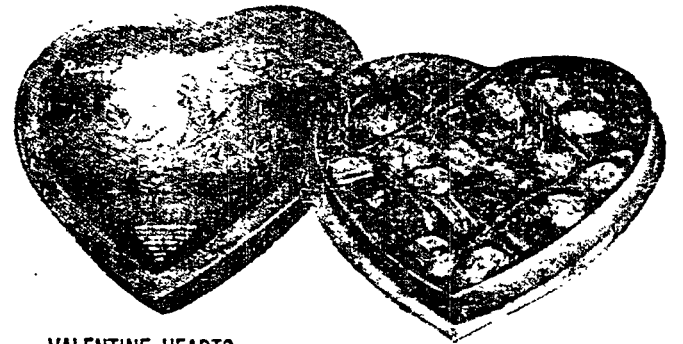
184—Dave Dunlop (C) decisioned Ray Pottios, 2-0.



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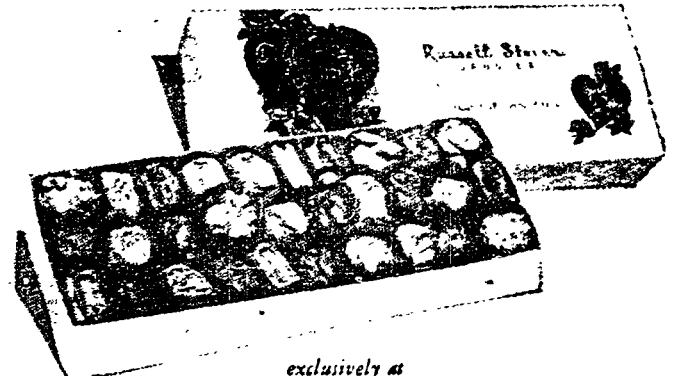
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