

Foht Says Team Nearing Peak

"The way our guys hit Saturday we could walk all over Army if we met them again," commented gymnastics Captain Bob Foht. "We don't have much of a chance to win the East-erns now, but I'm not counting out the nationals for one minute—not after our performance Saturday."

The main reason why the Lions looked so good in the 67½-28½ win over Syracuse was the performance of sophomore Jay Werner. The Philly flash finally hit for scores of which he is capable, although by no means hitting his peak. He had two firsts and a second.

But one of the judges had a particularly critical comment on the reason for his second place (on the parallel bars). "He's got tremendous brute strength, and that's what's wrong. He works against the p-bars instead of working on them," he said.

"You can see what I mean when you listen to how hard he hits the bars on a catch. He just doesn't have that smoothness that should come with experience. Right now it's just his style—but don't mistake me, he's got great winning routines, but wait until he polishes them off."

Another judge was of the opinion that Werner could gain more points with more height in his flyaways which tend to be too low. He even included Werner's graceful lay-out flyaway with a full-twister from the flying rings as lacking in height.

Dismounts seemed to be the downfall of more than one Lion Saturday. Even Werner's sophomore counterpart Lee Cunningham had a weak dismount from the high bar. It seemed as though Cunningham tried to flyaway too soon and lost the speed and distance that makes his Giant-straddle dismount particularly effective. Lou Savadore also hit for a good routine on the high bar—but lacked the finesse on his fly-away.

Tumbler Graeme Cowan also lowered his score on his concluding move. Although he completed a great routine his —best of the year (254) — the sophomore find didn't have complete control of his double-twisting full sommersault and fell off balance to the side of the mat. But he managed to stay on his feet and still out-score last year's Eastern tumbling champ, Lowell Maier.

On the other hand, Cowan's teammate Dave Dulaney did everything right—even the double-twisting sommy, one of the most difficult moves in tumbling. Combined with his terrific speed, Dulaney earned his best score of his career and one of the Lion bests in tumbling during the past two years, a 270.

The rope climbers have been



—By Harrison
Ed Sidwell
... breaks a record

the happiest surprise to hit the team. Since the return of ace Phil Mullen, the times of the trio have been getting lower and lower. Saturday they lowered their individual times to the best yet.

Mullen, of course, won in :03.6. But the speed must be contagious because Vince Neuhauer lowered his clocking to :03. for second and Don Littlewood did an :04.2 climb. Before Mulleh began competing, Neuhauer's best time was an :04.5 and Littlewood's best was an :04.9.

MEET QUIPS—Ringman Jack Donahue got the biggest crowd reaction Saturday—he missed the left ring on a cut-catch and was

Alpha Xi Delta Wins WRA Cup

Alpha Xi Delta sorority was awarded the WRA Participation Cup for last semester's outstanding participation in WRA activities.

The cup is given each semester to the sorority with the most hours spent and largest number of participants competing in the various WRA events.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was runner-up, with Kappa Alpha Theta placing third, the Delta Zetas fourth and Pi Beta Phi fifth.

Penn State's football record on Beaver Field since that field was adopted for home games in 1909 shows 176 wins, 36 defeats and 10 ties.

Panthers, Irish Get NCAA Bids

NE WYORK, Feb. 18 (AP) — Notre Dame and Pittsburgh were named today to the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Basketball Tournament and Niagara was picked for the National Invitation Tournament.

The NCAA Service Bureau announced the choice of Notre Dame and Pitt as "at large" teams on behalf of the Eastern selection committee.

Pitt, 14-5, has won nine of its last 11 and five in succession. It also has five to play, starting tomorrow with Carnegie Tech. It has not been determined whether Pitt will compete in the Mid-East regionals with Notre Dame and others or in the eastern triple-header at the Garden, March 11.

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Snow Keeps Speidel at Home As Matmen Prep for Maryland

Old man weather has put a crimp into wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel's training plans this week. Speidel has been snowed in at his Boalsburg residence and has been unable to be at practice sessions for the past two days.

Assistant mentor Dave Adams had been drilling the grapplers in Speidel's absence, but it is needless to say that Speidel is missed. After all, the Lions took one of the worst (physical) beatings ever given a Penn State wrestling team last Saturday night in losing to Syracuse, 21-8—and there may not be time to ready the grapplers for their next test at Maryland Saturday.

"It looked to me as if Syracuse deserved to win," Speidel said sarcastically in a telephone conversation yesterday. "After all, they did the wrestling. I thought the (Dan) Johnston-(Les) Austin match was the best match of the evening. That Austin is going places."

Speidel didn't say much about his future plans or lineup changes. The lineup switch is a necessity now with the veteran, 147-pound Earl Poust lost for the rest of the dual season because of a shoulder separation. Poust injured his shoulder in the second period of his 157-pound match with Syracuse's veteran Gordon Carberry.

"I may even go along with last week's lineup, with the exception of Poust," the wiry mentor said. "I'll probably put



George Gray
... back to 167

George Gray in at 167 and shift Sam Minor back to 157. That's the most logical solution. I'm not too deep to do anything else."

Until last week, Gray had been the Lion regular at either 167 or 177. However, he was forced out of the lineup last week by one of Speidel's frequent weight juggling acts. (This one backfired — the first to do so in a long time.)

Many of the 6000 partisans at Rec Hall last Saturday were sur-

prised with the performance of Syracuse. The Orange rode into town with a 2-3 record, suffering defeats to Lehigh, Pitt and Cornell—the "Big Three" of the East, and were not expected to be so powerful.

However, there was one gentleman who wasn't the least bit astonished with Syracuse's actions—the Orange's youthful coach, Joe Scandura. Scandura is only in his second year at Syracuse having graduated from the New York School in 1955, the same year he won the 147-pound national championship.

"I think we're started on our way," Scandura said after the meet. "I'm really proud of my boys. We suffered from injuries and lack of spirit early in the year, but we're all right now. The boys want to wrestle now."

"We're going to mix it up with the best of the mat at the Eastern tournament. I don't think any team could beat us now, even the teams we lost to early in the year. The Johnston-Austin match was the turning point of our meet. Johnston wrestled a great match but Austin did a little better. He was our inspiration."

Scandura also had a word to say about the rapidly approaching Eastern tournament. "It's impossible to say who will win," Scandura said. "There are so many teams that have a chance. Lehigh, Pitt, Cornell and my team has the best chance but Penn State, Army and Navy will also be in there. It's going to be a real tough tournament where the breaks will make the champions."

Klukosky Paces 'Fowl 4 Plus 1' In IM Bowling

The Fowl Four plus One keglers, led by Lou Klukosky, scored a 4-0 shutout over the RAR team to remain tied with the Hamilton Hornets for the lead in Independent bowling league A.

Klukosky was tops in the league in both the high single game (226) and the high series (605).

The Hornets' shutout over the Hucksters kept them in the race for the flag. In one other whitewash, McKee II knocked over the Ten Pins.

Three other matches ended in 3-1 scores with Nittany 3-1 downing McKee I, the Bruins beating the Vets, and the Capitalists winning over the Wacs.

Bill Solis' high single of 202 helped the Twenty plus Three team bowl the only shutout victory in League B by blanking the Brats.

The Zeros and Gutterballers maintained the deadlock with the Twenty plus Three for the top spot by beating the Aces and the Navy respectively.

The other contender for the packed four team race, the Darkhorses, will play a postponed game over the weekend. If the Darkhorses can score a shutout, they will be the sole possessors of first place.

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