

# Gold-Dusters Lead All-Around

## Pitt Surprises in Prelims By Taking 3 First Places

(Continued from page one) but didn't impress the judges as much.

Probably the biggest surprise in tumbling is Lion Jay Werner who holds a fourth place with 247. Werner never competed in tumbling during the regular season. But he finished one point ahead of last year's tumbling champ, Lowell Meier of Syracuse.

From then on, it was Cunningham who paced the field. His first feat was a stunning defeat of defending champion Gar O'Quinn after the champ had recorded a 269 score on the side horse. With incomparable high leg scissors, the blond sophomore whizzed through his best exercise of the year and the judges recognized it with a 275. All this after O'Quinn finished his 269 routine that included form-perfect leg circles.

The Navy slid into the top three with Middie Fern Sheppard hitting for a 265.

With the win on the side horse, Cunningham took a 59-point lead over his nearest competitor in the all-around teammate Werner. Werner, incidentally, failed to qualify in the top eight for today's side horse competition by a mere three points. It was the only event in which he failed to qualify for the finals. He had a 216 and the eighth qualifying score was a 219.

Pitt dominated the high bar with a first by Jim Mulvihill who hit for his best routine of the year, a 272. Three points behind at 269 is another Panther ace, Tom Darling. Just one point behind the Panther Darling and still holding an excellent chance for a win on the high bar is Cunningham with a 268. The Philly flash lost out

on a point or two when he touched the mat on his Giant straddle flyaway. It cost him.

Only eight points behind Cunningham and twelve points behind Mulvihill is the other Lion ace, Werner. But the eight points increased Cunningham's lead over Werner to 67. At the same time, Cunningham virtually knocked all the other performers out of the race as the third place man, Heins Briegel of Massachusetts, was exactly 90 points behind after only two of the six events.

Again Cunningham awed the fans, and this writer, with by far his best exercise of the year on the parallel bars. It gave him a third in the event with 252 points. Only O'Quinn with a flawless 272 and Middie Ken McNutt with a 264 topped him. The upset gave him his biggest lead of the night, of 83 points, 795-712. Then Werner started to cut into the lead, until he eventually got it down to the 13 points with firsts in the still rings and long horse vault.

In the vault, Werner tied Pitt's Tom Darling with the highest single score of the meet, a 97 from judge Louie Bordo.

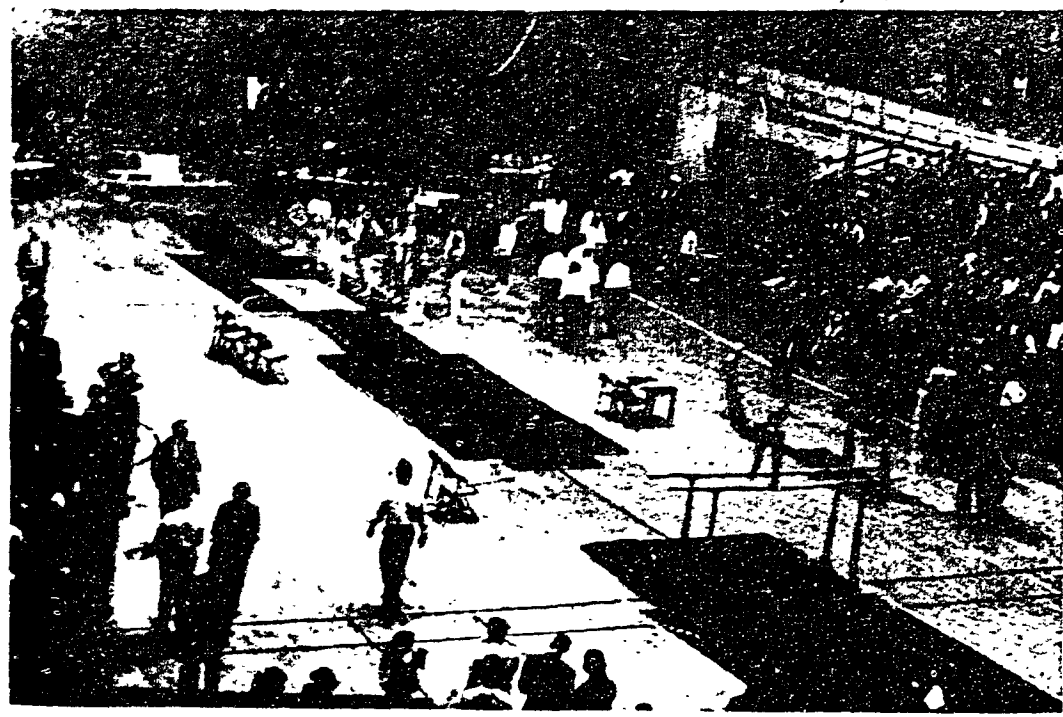
The Darling-Werner flying rings dual finally came off last night, and what an exhibition. The Eastern and National champion completed his great routine with his tightly tucked double somersault flyaway and got the highest score of the meet, a 285. Then Werner got into the flying act, and although he wasn't holding his shoulder and handstand with perfection, he concluded the flight with a soaring double sommy that he parachuted out of four feet above the mat.

Eddie Sidwell made it a sweep of the top three positions for the Panther-Lion combination with a 249.

The Lions qualified all three rope climbers for today's finals with Phil Mullen and Vince Neuhauser leading the pack as expected. Mullen has a :03.6 and sophomore Neuhauser is deadlocked in second with Cadet Bob Degen and Orangeman Mike Shipley at :03.8.



Cunningham



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UP IN THE AIR go the legs of Lee Cunningham on the parallel bars during the intermission warm-up in last night's Eastern Gymnastic's preliminaries at Recreation Hall. The Lion sophomore finished a surprising fourth on the p-bars and leads teammate Jay Werner in the all-arounds going into today's finals. This afternoon's session starts at 1:30.

## Sophomore Duo Almost Certain To Win 1st Two All-Around Spots

By LOU PRATO

"It looks like we'll have a one-two in the all-around," Penn State's expert gym Coach Gene Wettstone commented last night after the preliminaries of the EIGL tournament had been concluded at Recreation Hall.

Wettstone was talking about his versatile sophomore duo, Lee Cunningham and Jay Werner, who hold commanding leads in the all-around competition with only the free exercise event remaining.

Cunningham leads the seven-man field with 1263 points and his teammate is only 13 points behind. Heintz Briegel of Massachusetts, is a far-distant third with 1136 markers.

"It's almost certain that we'll take the first two places (in the All-Around)," Wettstone continued, "because the free exercise is the best event for both Cunningham and Werner."

"Cunningham was outstanding on the sidehorse and Werner was only a few points behind (Tom) Darling (of Pitt) on the rings. They both looked pretty sharp."

"I have really been surprised with Jim Welsh of West Virginia," the veteran gym mentor went on. "I just can't believe what he's done. He's in fourth place in the all-around (with 1075 points) and we didn't even feel he had a chance."

"(Walt) Dodge (of Syracuse) has been the biggest disappointment. We figured he'd be way up there in the all-arounds but he broke on the high bar and that killed him."

Only 4000 fans turned out for the three-hour affair . . . but a larger crowd is expected for this afternoon's finals which begin at 1:30 o'clock . . . Temple's Stan Chatis' score in the side horse looked like something you'd see on a Las Vegas slot machine . . . all three judges gave him a 73 . . . that totaled 219 and was just enough to give Chatis the eighth qualifying spot in the event . . .

The biggest point difference among the judges came in Briegel's still ring exhibition . . . two judges gave the Massachusetts star a 69 but their third contemporary, Meyers, scored a 38 for Briegel.

First place positions were dominated by Penn State and surprising Pitt . . . The Lions had five firsts including Cunningham's achievement in the all-arounds . . . the others were in the rope climb, side horse, still rings, longer height . . . Darling won the horse . . . the rival Panthers claimed three top spots—horizontal bar, tumbling and flying rings . . . the other first place was garnered by Army's Captain Gar O'Quinn on the parallel bars . . .

Werner was a surprise competitor in the tumbling event . . . the dynamic soph placed fourth behind two teammates and a Pitt foe with 247 points . . . Don Neeld of Pitt goes into the finals with a one-point



Dave Dulaney . . . it isn't over yet!

262-261, edge over the Lions' Graeme Cowan . . .

Darling, Werner and Bill Giallourakis of Army thrilled the fans on the flying rings with double fly-away dismount . . . Werner's was by far the smoothest and most daring for it came at a great height . . . Darling won the event with a 285 followed by Werner's 278 with the Cadet man placing fourth . . . Darling's 285 score was greeted with mixed emotions by the fans who felt it was too high . . .

Temple's Martin Nayowith had the lowest score of the night with a 45 on the horizontal bar . . . he fell off the bar just after his routine had started . . . the slip forced him to withdraw from the all-around competition.

## Qualifying Results

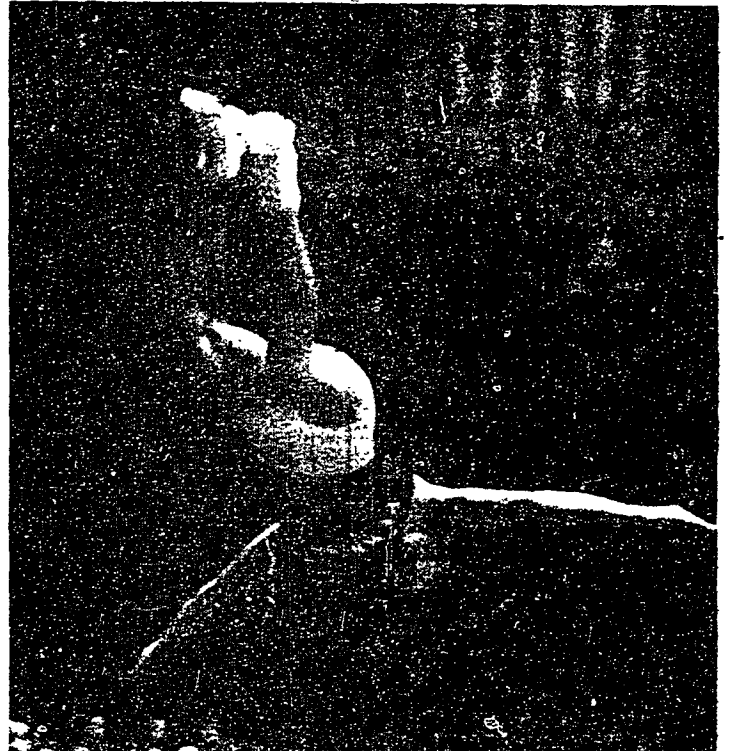
- ALL-AROUND—1. Cunningham (PS) 1263; 2. Werner (PS) 1250; 3. Briegel (Mass.) 1136; 4. Welsh (WV) 1075; 5. Ray (Temple) 1014; 6. Savadoye (PS) 940; 7. Dodge (SYC) 910.
- TUMBLING—1. Neeld (Pitt) 262; 2. Cowan (PS) 261; 3. Dulaney (PS) 258; 4. Werner (PS) 247; 5. Meier (SYC) 246; 6. Morrill (Army) 226; 7. Phillips (Army) 226; 8. Satter (SYC) 216.
- SIDE HORSE—1. Cunningham (PS) 275; 2. O'Quinn (Army) 269; 3. Sheppard (Navy) 265; 4. Peterson (Spfld) 259; 5. Hill (Army) 255; 6. McFarlane (Navy) 251; 7. Clements (Army) 233; 8. Chatis (Temple) 219.
- HORIZONTAL BAR—1. Mulvihill (Pitt) 272; 2. Darling (Pitt) 269; 3. Cunningham (PS) 268; 4. Werner (PS) 260; 5. Degan (Army) 253; 6. Sewall (Army) 250; 7. Briegel (Mass.) 248; 8. Eckert (Army) 237.
- PARALLEL BARS—1. O'Quinn (Army) 271; 2. McNutt (Navy) 266; 3. Cunningham (PS) 252; 4. Briegel (Mass.) 244; 5. Shima (Pitt) 244; 6. Welsh (WV) 240; 7. Parson (Army) 236; 8. Werner (PS) 236; 9. Lancaster (Army) 236.
- ROPE CLIMB—1. Mullen (PS) 3.6; 2. Degan (Army) 3.6; 3. Neuhauser (PS) 3.6; 4. Shipley (SYC) 3.6; 5. Shull (Army) 4.0; 6. Hall (SYC) 4.0; 7. Littlewood (PS) 4.2; 8. Cohen (Army) 4.3; 9. Wheatley (Navy) 4.3.
- FLYING RINGS—1. Darling (Pitt) 285; 2. Werner (PS) 278; 3. Sidwell (PS) 249; 4. Giallourakis (Army) 247; 5. Ray (Temple) 247; 6. Donahue (PS) 241; 7. Recher (Army) 239; 8. Blitch (Army) 236.
- LONG HORSE VAULT—1. Werner (PS) 283; 2. Briegel (Mass.) 263; 3. Dodge (SYC) 254; 4. Savadoye (PS) 253; 5. Welsh (WV) 234; 6. Cunningham (PS) 233; 7. Ray (Temple) 218.
- STILL RINGS—1. Werner (PS) 255; 2. Ray (Temple) 237; 3. Cunningham (PS) 235; 4. Welsh (WV) 185; 5. Briegel (Mass.) 176; 6. Dodge (SYC) 152; 7. Savadoye (PS) 133.

## Fornicola, Oberly In YMCA Tourney

Two of Penn State's greatest wrestlers, both of whom were Lion captains and NCAA champions—Larry Fornicola and Bill Oberly—are entered in the State YMCA wrestling tournament today at Bellefonte.

Fornicola, Lion captain and 137-pound eastern and national champ in 1955, will represent the Bellefonte "Y" club in the 167-pound class. Oberly, co-captain along with Joe Krufka in 1956 and NCAA unlimited winner in 1955, will go at heavyweight for the Easton "Y".

The tournament will be held at the Bellefonte Junior High School gymnasium. Preliminaries are scheduled for 1 o'clock this afternoon and the finals for 8 o'clock tonight.



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ONLY ONE POINT BEHIND in the fight for the Eastern tumbling championship is Lion sophomore Graeme Cowan in flight. With a 261, Cowan is runner-up to Pitt's Don Neeld, with teammate Dave Dulaney within striking distance with 258.

## Sport Shorts

**Itching to Start Season**  
Penn State coach Joe Bedenk is itching to get started on the 1958 baseball campaign. His pitchers and catchers were outdoors while snow still covered the ground. Now, he has issued his first call for infield and outfield candidates.

**Talked-About Fresh**  
Most-talked-about basketball player on the Penn State campus is Mark DuMars, a standout last year on Sharon High School's State championship team, who's currently filling the same role on the Lion freshman five. Fresh coach Don Swegan thinks he'll make the varsity grade as a sophomore.