

# Lion Gymnasts Blast Midshipmen, 67-29

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What figured to be the toughest Eastern meet of the year for the gymnasts, turned out to be the biggest romp of the season Saturday as the undefeated Lions blasted Navy, 67-29.

The Middies were seriously expected to be the Lions' biggest hurdle in the run for their ninth EIGL title. But the battle failed to materialize.

The two most important factors were: 1—The Lion big guns all "boomed," and, 2—The Navy barrage just "popped."

Captain Armando Vega again scored 16 points with two firsts and a second.

Vega's scores indicate the quality of his work Saturday—a 284

on the high bar and a 285 on the parallel bars (both of which were his highest this year). He finished five points behind junior teammate Jay Werner's 268 on the flying rings.

Werner hit the target for 13 points with a second on the p-bars, a third in tumbling and the first on the rings.

Lee Cunningham contributed 10 team points with seconds on the high bar and side horse and a fourth on the p-bars.

Coach Gene Wettstone analyzed the Navy "pop." Wettstone contends Navy is not as bad as they looked Saturday. They were not "mentally set" and tried to throw their toughest routines at the Lions and broke, commented the Lion mentor.

The Lions took the opening lead by sweeping the tumbling.

Defending Eastern champ Dave Dulaney won with a 259 followed by the continually-improving Lou Savadove (237) and Werner (226) who tumbled for the first time in a dual meet.

Then Cunningham lost his private battle with defending side horse champion Fern Sheppard, 261-246. Although the Lions lost the event, 9-7, they had their best team effort.

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From then on, the Navy was able to get only three thirds—two of them by John Morgan and a "gift" on the flying rings as Wettstone entered only Werner and Vega.

Vince Neuhauser and Don Littlewood tied for the top spot on the rope climb. Both had 3.7 clockings. It was Neuhauser's second straight tie for the top in as

many attempts. Three-tenths of a second behind, climbed Jack Hiding to complete the sweep.

### GYM SUMMARY

Penn State 67—Navy 29.  
TUMBLING: 1—Dulaney (PS) 259, 2—Savadove (PS) 237, 3—Werner (PS) 226, 4—(Tie) Sparks (N) and Marshall (N) 218, Event 13-3.  
SIDE HORSE: 1—Sheppard (N) 261, 2—Cunningham (PS) 246, 3—Brown (N) 237, 4—Palmer (PS) 223, 5—Lofgren (PS) 212, Event 7-9, Meet 20-12.  
HIGH BAR: 1—Vega (PS) 284, 2—Cunningham (PS) 270, 3—Morgan (N) 241, 4—Savadove (PS) 239, 5—Cromer (N) 232, Event 12-4, Meet 32-16.  
ROPE CLIMB: 1—Littlewood (PS) and Neuhauser (PS) 3.7 (Tie), 3—Hiding (PS) 4.0, 4—Weatherston (N) 4.4, Event 13-3, Meet 45-19.  
PARALLEL BAR: 1—Vega (PS) 285, 2—Werner (PS) 256, 3—Morgan (N) 252, 4—Cunningham (PS) 248, 5—Krueger (N) 233, Event 12-4, Meet 57-23.  
FLYING RINGS: 1—Werner (PS) 267, 2—Vega (PS) 262, 3—Chamberlin (N) 245, 4—Rucker (N) 233, 5—Fairchild (N) 208, Event 10-8, Meet 67-23.



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### The summary:

RUTGERS			PENN STATE		
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP
Barton	3	0-0	Hancock	2	8-4
Homer	2	1-2	DiMara	9	4-6
Kaufman	3	2-2	Sweetland	3	4-7
Strelecki	3	7-12	Colender	7	6-7
Webster	5	1-3	Wilson	1	1-2
Hersman	0	1-2	Musser	1	0-0
Eastman	0	0-0	Edwards	2	2-2
Button	0	0-1	Deibert	1	0-0
Armour	0	0-0	Rosney	1	0-0
DelVento	0	0-1	Naylor	0	0-0
Sheriff	0	2-2	Freedman	1	0-0
Totals	21	14-25	Totals	27	20-28
Halftime:	Penn State 31, Rutgers 19.		Officials: Senapole, Melman.		



## Weiss' 3 First Places Shine in Loss to Plebes

Although the freshman gymnasts lost to the Plebes Saturday, a future star on the Penn State scene shown brightly.

His name: Greg Weiss. His claim to fame: First places in the only three events he was allowed to enter (under Eastern Intercollegiate rules).

To add to the brightness of the glow (on Coach Gene Wettstone's face) Weiss received only one score under a 90 and that was an 84 on the side horse, the most difficult apparatus in EIGL competition.

On Weiss' performance Wettstone tongue-in-cheeked: "Mr. Greg Weiss' scores indicate that his exercises must have been really outstanding."

That they were. Weiss won the

side horse by 89 points over his nearest competitor with a 266 score (84-90-92). He won the high bar by "only" 79 with a 275 total (90-92-93). And he climaxed the day by finishing 104 points ahead of the field on the parallel bars (90-92-95; 277).

Jerry Shaefer also took a first—with a 233 on the flying rings. But the Lion yearlings lacked depth and lost their first of two meets, 51½-43½. (They finish at Pitt on Feb. 28.)

Ken Murrow with a second on the p-bars, Dick Criley with a third in tumbling (as the only Lion entree) and Keith Hagenback with a third on the horse were other high scorers for the frosh.

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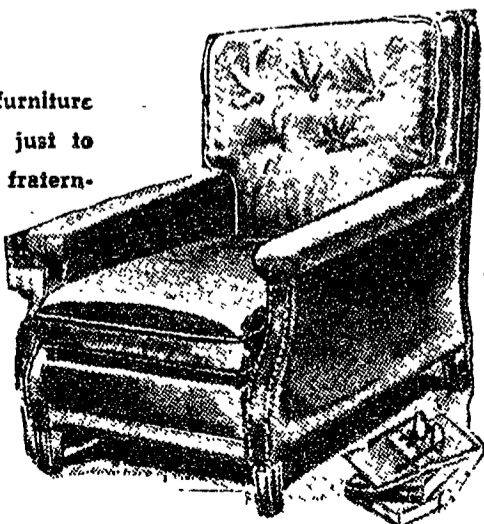
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