

Lions Win Eastern Gym Title

G-Men Win All Except Ring Event

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Penn State's 1959 gymnastic team had no trouble completing an undefeated season at Pitt Saturday, 55-38, and clinch its ninth Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League Championship. The crown was the sixth Coach Gene Wettstone's Lions have annexed in the past ten campaigns.

The EIGL team title is decided on the best dual meet record and the Lions' unmarred 6-0 mark was tops. Defending champion Army was second with a 5-1 slate. Navy was third with 4-2; Pitt fourth with 3-3; Temple was fifth at 1-5 and Syracuse was last at 0-6.

The Pitt meet was another case of no-contest as the Lions racked up a commanding lead by winning the first five events before losing the flying rings.

In fact, John Cacolice set a new Pitt record in the rope climb and finished only fourth.

It was just another easy day for the Lion rope trio as each bettered Cacolice's 39 mark in sweeping their fifth meet of the year. Jack Hiding lowered his previous best by one-tenth of a second and finished third at 38.

Don Littlewood won the rope for the fifth time and beat teammate Vince Neuhauser for the first time this year. His time was 35. "Little John" now has one win, one tie, and one loss against Neuhauser who "only" had a 3.7 on Pitt's "slow" rope.

Captain Armando Vega only competed in two events—high bar and parallels. He won both. His high bar SCORE wasn't up to par—"only" a 274—and neither was his p-bar SCORE—a 279. But it wasn't because he missed, he didn't. For the second straight week, two judges scored 95 for his p-bar routine and the third judge was only in the high 80's. But they criticized his movements as too rough—for a champion like Vega.

In winning the other two events, the Lions gave their fans a good preview of what to expect in the Eastern championships this weekend at Pitt.

Defending tumbling champion Dave Dulaney maintained his consistent scoring with another winning 262 routine against his toughest competition this year—Don Neeld and Dave Hirst. Hirst failed to materialize as a serious threat and wound up in a three-



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CAPTAIN ARMANDO VEGA winning on the parallel bars at Pitt.

way tie with Lee Cunningham and Graeme Cowen for third place.

Incidentally, the return of both Cunningham and Cowen brightened the future book (meaning the Nationals). Cowen, in his first outing this year, took no chances of re-injuring his bad knee—especially when he isn't needed to win.

And Cunningham, injured hard and all, never looked better this year. Lee had a break during his side work, but pulled a championship-contending score of 265.

Then there was the flying rings. Werner lost on his specialty for the second straight week. How? Well, not to take anything away from Pitt's winning Dave Hirst, who must now be considered the man to beat on the rings, but Pitt's former ring champion Tom Darling summed it up:

"He (Werner) could have beat me last year if he would have put a routine together. He never knew what he was going to do until he saw me. He

could beat me with one of his simple routines." But he lost—last year and maybe again.

GYM SUMMARY

Penn State 55, Pitt 38
TUMBLING: 1—Dulaney (PS) 262, 2—Neeld (P) 252, 3—(Tie) Cunningham (PS), Cowen (PS) and Hirst (P) 221. Event 10-6.
SIDE HORSE: 1—Cunningham (PS) 265, 2—Kasner (P) 221, 3—Palmer (PS) 212, 4—Marcinko (P) 209, 5—Lofgren (PS) 187. Event 10-6. Meet 20-12.
HORIZONTAL BAR: 1—Vega (PS) 274, 2—Savadove (PS) 244, 3—Marcinko (P) 237, 4—Hirst (P) 195, 5—Rainaldi (P) 193. Event 10-6. Meet 20-18.
ROPE CLIMB: 1—Littlewood (PS) 3.5, 2—Neuhauser (PS) 3.7, 3—Hiding (PS) 3.8, 4—Cacolice (P) 3.9, 5—Felman (P) 4.7. Event 13-3. Meet 43-21.
PARALLEL BARS: 1—Vega (PS) 279, 2—Kasner (P) 252, 3—Marcinko (P) 230, 4—Savadove (PS) 218, 5—Cunningham (PS) 164. Event -7. Meet 52-28.
FLYING RINGS: 1—Hirst (P) 275, 2—Treese (P) 249, 3—Werner (PS) 241. Event 3-10. Meet 55-38.

Hennon Thrills Huge Crowd---

Panthers Tame Nittany Cagers

By SANDY PADWE

Two words can best sum up Pitt's 84-65 win over Penn State Saturday night—Don Hennon.

Playing his last game in a Pitt uniform, the 5'-8" All-American bowed out with a spectacular all-around performance that thrilled the 5447 Hennon-night fans who jammed the Pitt Field House.

Hennon only scored 18 points, nine below his average, but his playmaking and passing set up 24 other points and led indirectly to many more.

After a comparatively slow first half which saw Pitt go ahead of the Lions and then fight to hold the lead, Hennon went to work and proceeded to break the game wide open in the second half.

Pitt built up a 54-37 lead midway in the second half—mainly on Hennon's shooting and playmaking. Then the Nittany Lions put a full court press on the Panthers and narrowed the gap to six points, 55-49, at the 10-minute mark.

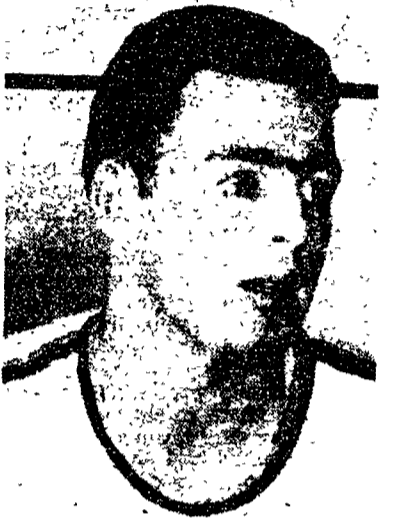
At this point Hennon really started to move. Working out-of-bound plays designed to get by the full-court-press, the "Wampus Wonder" dribbled the length of the court and dumped in a running push shot.

The next time he got his hands on the ball he did almost the same thing. But this time when he got in close he passed off to John Mills for another Panther bucket.

The Lions couldn't stop him. Just about every time he got the ball he dribbled his way through the Lion defenses and passed off to Mills or Dave Sawyer when it seemed the Lions' defense would smother him.

With four minutes left, Pitt had the game wrapped up with a 73-57 lead. But the Lions kept fighting. They had visions of the earlier comeback they had made but they were too far behind.

Thanks to Hennon, Mills was Pitt's high scorer. The 6-5 junior dumped in 29 points with most of them coming on passes from Hennon which led to layups right under the hoop. Sawyer and Hen-



Don Hennon
... sensational performance

non were second in scoring, each getting 18.

Once again Mark DuMars was the leading scorer for Penn State with 20 points. Wally Colender had only eight, hitting on just two shots out of 21 attempts.

The Lions were plagued by poor shooting as they shot only 30 per cent. Pitt, on the other hand, shot 51 per cent.

The Lions now have an 11-8 (Continued on page eight)

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