

Lions Lead in Seven Events

Finals To Be Held Tonight at Pittsburgh

(Continued from page one) brilliant 270 on the high bar and a 249 on the P-bar to close the gap between third and fourth.

Then he continued the "great comeback" as Wettstone tabbed it, and finished second on the still rings with a 262 and the long horse vault with a 280. That put him in second, ahead of teammate Lee Cunningham, 1269-1243.

Heinz Breigel of Massachusetts was an early threat in the all-around, as expected, but faltered, also as expected and trails the three Lions with a 1228.



Lee Cunningham ... third in all-round

Jeff Cardinali of Springfield has a 1201.5. He would be a threat except for a 60 score on the side horse.

Besides Vega's first on the high bar and parallels, the Lions have two other first place qualifiers. Defending tumbling champ—Dave Dulaney holds a five-point, 259-254, lead over Dave Hirst of Pitt, but the next score is a 241 by Don Neeld and the champion needs only a break in the draw for position to retain his title.

The other leader, also as expected, is Don Littlewood on the ropes with a 3.6. Vince Neuhauser is tied for second at 3.7 with Army's Bill Cohen. Jack Hiding is tied for fourth with a 4.0. All three feel they can top that today. Incidentally, the Lions are also

running true to form on the high bars—one, two and three.

Werner opened up with his best routine for 270. Cunningham followed and had just a little more polish, 275. Then the master went to work with an 88 and two 98's for 278 and first place.

Cunningham was slightly disappointing in finishing fourth on the side horse, but defending champion Fern Sheppard was just too much with a 272. Vega is right behind Cunningham on the horse.

The flying rings found the only upset of the night as cadet sophomore Johnny Aaronson leads a guy named Vega by 280-269.

Vega could have thrown a triple somersault flyaway with the height he attained, and might in the finals.

The flying rings are the last event in the finals and Vega might do anything to win, even though Aaronson has an 11-point lead.

SUMMARIES:
ALL-AROUND: 1. Vega (PS) 1281; 2. Werner (PS) 1269; 3. Cunningham (PS) 1243; 4. Breigel (Mass) 1228; 5. Cardinali (Spzfld) 1201.

FLYING RINGS: 1. Aaronson (Army) 280; 2. Vega (PS) 269; 3. Hirst (Pitt) 268; 4. Reiker (Army) 261; 5. Hoffman (Tem) 247; 6. Blityk (Army) 246; 7. Werner (PS) and Lee (Spzfld) 238.

PARALLEL BARS: 1. Vega (PS) 280; 2. Breigel (Mass) and Cardinali (Spzfld) 266; 4. Werner (PS); 5. Kasser (Pitt) 244; 6. Morgan (Navy) 239; 7. Cunningham (PS) and Kruger (Navy) 235.

TUMBLING: 1. Dulaney (PS) 259; 2. Hirst (Pitt) 254; 3. Marshall (Navy) 241; 4. Neeld (Pitt) 236; 5. Seaward (Army) 242; 6. Sparks (Navy) 224; 7. St. Cyr (Spwfld) and Savadove (PS) 206.

SIDE HORSE: 1. Sheppard (Navy) 272; 2. McFarlane (Navy) 263; 3. Hill (Army) 261; 4. Cunningham (PS) 258; 5. Vega (PS) 252; 6. Steele (PS) 246; 7. Cardinali (Spzfld) 235; 8. Brown (Navy) 231.

LONG HORSE VAULT: 1. Vega (PS) 283.5; 2. Werner (PS) 262; 3. Cardinali (Spzfld) 256.5; 4. Cunningham (PS) and Breigel (Mass) 236; 6. Funk (W.Va.) 193.

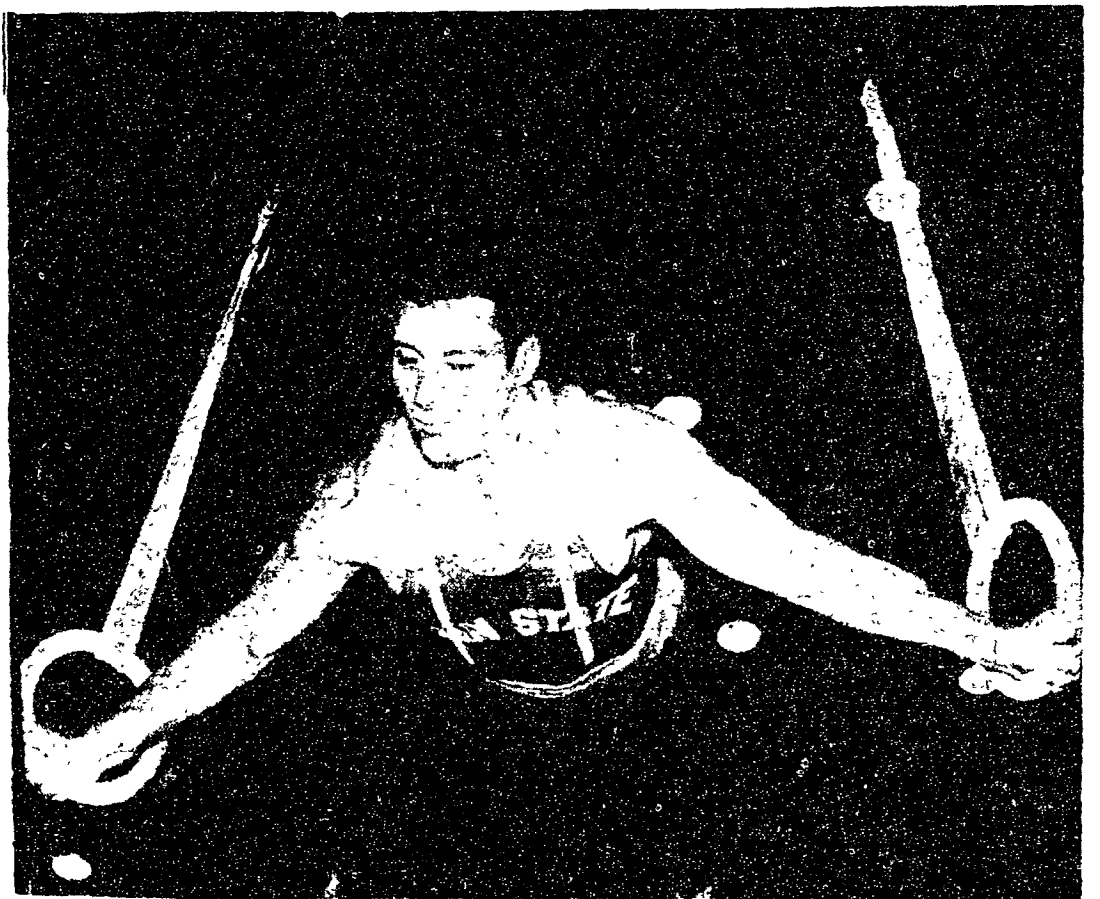
STILL RINGS: 1. Vega (PS) 288; 2. Werner (PS) 280; 3. Breigel (Mass) 243; 4. Cunningham (PS) 240; 5. Cardinali (Spzfld) 228.

HORIZONTAL BARS: 1. Vega (PS) 278; 2. Cunningham (PS) 275; 3. Werner (PS) 270; 4. Breigel (Mass) 266; 5. Eckert (Army) 246; 6. Laundry (Spzfld) 226; 7. Carwin (Navy) 224; 8. Jones (W.Va.) 221.

ROPE CLIMB: 1. Littlewood (PS) 3.6; 2. Neuhauser (PS); Cohen (Army) 3.7; 4. Goodwin (Spzfld) 3.8; 5. Hiding (PS) and Hastings (Army) 4.0; 7. Farbler (Spzfld), Caolice (Pitt) 4.1.

Gym Champs on Defense

Penn State gymnasts Jay Werner and Dave Dulaney are Eastern intercollegiate champions. Werner won the 1958 all-around title and Dulaney captured the tumbling crown.



ARMANDO VEGA—The Lion Gym captain amazed the 1500 fans at the Pitt Field House as he zoomed into the all-around lead in the Eastern Championships last night.

Cowen Seriously Injures Knee, May Never Tumble Again

PITTSBURGH, March 6—Graeme Cowen may never tumble again. That's the verdict of the Penn State masterminds here at the Pitt Field House.

Cowen, who was expected to give teammate Dave Dulaney a run for top tumbling honors all year, injured his right knee before his first meet this year. The junior music major was out most of the season and had his first taste of competition here at the same Pitt Field House last week in the dual meet.

He finished third and looked like a good bet to place in the championships here but re-injured that same knee on his second run tonight.

They had to carry him off the floor and Jack Biesterfeldt, assistant to Coach Gene Wettstone, prophesied that Cowen will

never tumble again. "He may be used in free exercise next year," commented the former Lion side horse ace, "and possibly in another event."

Cowen, who is only a junior, can work parallel bars, but tumbling was without a doubt his best event.

He finished ninth in the nationals last year and was counted on for points in the Lions' bid for a national title this year.

Judge Louie Bordo was put on the carpet for his 88 on Vega's superlative high bar routine. As Bordo walked off the floor, he admitted that he made a mistake and all the other judges concurred. The other two high bar judges gave Vega 95s.

It's a shame Cunningham, Werner, and Vega didn't shoot for tumbling honors. The qualifying

score was only 212 and the trio could easily top that. I guess they're only human after all and need to conserve their energy for the other events. Incidentally, if they do finish one, two, three in the All-Around tomorrow, it will be the first sweep in the event in EIGL history.

Cowen wasn't the only one to get hurt tonight. Temple's lanky Bob Smith injured his elbow seriously in warm-ups before the meet.

Prediction: Sophomore Jeff Cardinali of Springfield will make it tough for Werner and Cunningham in the All-Around next year. He had a 60 on the high bar tonight and still only trailed Werner and Cunningham by less than 70 points.

—By MATT MATHEWS and JAN SMITH

Relay Team Breaks Own Mark

Delta Chi Tankmen Set New Record

By DICK GOLDBERG
Delta Chi's relay team of Mike Stollmeyer, Bob Schuffner, Jim Hepler and Ron Nutter broke their own IM swimming relay record set two weeks ago as they downed Tau Kappa Epsilon, 27-13, last night.

Their new record time was 57.8 seconds.

The freestyle was won by Stollmeyer of Delta Chi with a time of 32.8, just 1.4 seconds off the IM mark. Second was Gene Seely of TKE.

In the backstroke, Schiffner of Delta Chi placed first in 40.0 seconds. Behind him was Doug Sarchach of TKE.

Delta Chi took a sweep of the breaststroke as Hepler and Nutter took first and second. The winning time was 40.4.

Diving was won by Charles Gaston of TKE with a 17.2. Gerry Jackson of TKE was second with a score of 16.7.

Phi Kappa Psi, despite the efforts of Bob Pulver, beat Delta Tau Delta, 22-19.

Pulver was a double winner as he took the freestyle with a time of 33.5 and the breaststroke in 41.8. Second in the freestyle was Bob MacDonnell

of Phi Psi. Third was Delle Kreiser of the Deltas. Behind Pulver in the breaststroke was Bob Passmore of Phi Psi and John Behne of the Deltas.

In the backstroke, George Campbell of DTD won with a 43.5.

In the diving event, Tim Booher of Phi Psi took first with a score of 11.7. Dick Gross of Phi

Psi and Bill Abbey of DTD were tied for second.

The relay proved to be the decisive event of the meet. The Deltas were leading 19 to 17 when Phi Psi's team swept the event giving them the victory. Phi Psi's team—MacDonnell, Allan Zimmerman, Passmore and Tom Pauley—swam the event in 1:04.0 seconds.

Deckman, Amato to Defend IM Wrestling Championships

Two champions of the 1958 intramural wrestling tournament are returning to compete in this year's competition.

They are Don Deckman of Delta Theta Sigma, who was 135-pound champion last year, and Benny Amato, of Delta Upsilon, Independent champ at 145.

Deckman's chief competition could come from Jim MacLaughlin of Sigma Nu who was runner-up in the fraternity 145-pound division.

Amato might also receive a great deal of competition from Fred Keck, of Delta Tau Delta, a returning Marine who used to

be a frosh wrestler here.

The 128-pound division should also shape up to be quite interesting. Returning are Ken Thompson of DU, who was a semi-finalist last year and Marty Bellinger who won the 119-pound championship in 1957.

In the unlimited class, Gove Elder of DU is returning. Elder was the runner-up last year.

The chief threat to his aspirations will be Andy Moconyi of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Moconyi reached the quarter-finals last year when he lost by a fall to Sam Calderone who won the title.

Collin's 68 Leads New Orleans Open

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Bill Collins of Baltimore, Md., who almost quit golf's winter tour because of poor play, found the right touch yesterday to fire a four-under-par 68 and take the first-round lead of the \$20,000 New Orleans Open.

The 30-year-old ex-Marine fired identical 34-stroke rounds over the still damp and wind-buffed 6700-yard City Park course.

Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla., the 1958 PGA champion; Ernie Vossler, Midland, Tex.; Jim Turnesa, Elmford, N.Y., and Dick Knight, San Diego, Calif., each scored 69 to share the runner-up spot.

Former National Open champion Julius Boros of Mid Pines, N.C., and tournament favorite Gene Littler of Singing Hills, Calif., headed a 10-man group tied at 70.

Collins said he planned to quit the tour after New Orleans because of his faulty playing, particularly his putting.

But yesterday he needed only 30 putts on the somewhat slow greens.

NBA Announces Dates For Final Playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Opening playoffs in the National Basketball Assn. will start at New York March 13 and St. Paul March 14, President Maurice Podoloff said yesterday.

The second-place New York Knickerbockers meet the third-place Syracuse Nationals March 13, and the two teams will clash in a televised game at Syracuse March 15.

Minneapolis and Detroit still are contending for the runner-up spot in the Western Division but the competition in the playoff will start March 14 in St. Paul. The second game will be played in Detroit March 15.