

Lions Win 6 Eastern Titles

Vega Paces Sweep Of All-Around

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The organist at the Pitt Field House must know "Hail to the Lions" by heart after Saturday night's finals in the Eastern Gymnastic championships. He should, he had to play it six times as Lion gymnasts paraded to the winners circle Saturday night.

Don Littlewood made the trip once for his gold medal in the rope climb, tumbler Dave Dulaney made the trip for the second year in a row, Lee Cunningham stood atop the high bar winners and Captain Armando Vega stepped to the music the other three times—first to accept the 1959 EIGL team trophy from President Ernie McCoy and then for the all-around and parallel bar championships.

There were no medals awarded for the still rings, long horse vault and free exercise, and the organist was probably glad since Vega and teammate Jay Werner were first and second in all three Olympic events.

Vega, Werner and Cunningham swept the top three All-Around places to set a new EIGL record.

In fact, the only time the music changed tune was when Fern Sheppard of Navy successfully defended his side horse title and Johnny Aaronsohn of Navy won the flying rings crown.

An unofficial team count showed the Lions with 188½ points. Their closest competitor, Army, had 62 points.

Vega personally accounted for 69 of the Lions team points in what was probably the greatest display of gymnastics in any Eastern tournament.

Army coach Tom Maloney, who coached Vega this past summer in an exhibition in Moscow, thought the Lion Olympian's performances would have been worth a medal had he been competing against the world champion Russians.

Vega's two highest scores were in free calisthenics—96, 95, 95 for 286—and still rings—97, 95, 96 for 288. Both events will be included in Vega's final Rec Hall performance this Saturday night against an undefeated Michigan squad.

The other Lion champions won just as decisively as Vega—including Lee Cunningham who took the high bar title from his captain on a brilliant comeback routine in the finals.

Dave Dulaney successfully defended his tumbling title with the greatest performance of his (Continued on page seven)



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BEAMING WINNERS . . . Dean Ernest B. McCoy presents the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics championship team trophy to Nittany Lion Gym captain Armando Vega and Coach Gene Wettstone during the Eastern Gym finals Saturday at Pittsburgh.

Bisons Trip Lions 74-69 in Cage Final

By SANDY PADWE

Penn State trainer Chuck Medlar is a very reserved man who seldom voices opinions in public. But Saturday night he made one of his rare utterances following Bucknell's 74-69 win over Penn State.

"You have nothing to be ashamed of," he said to the weary Lion cagers as they filed through the dressing room door. "You gave it all you had."

The Lions had just dropped the finale of the 1958-59 season to Bucknell in one of the most thrilling games this season. At least, the capacity crowd at Davis Gymnasium—3000 plus—responded that way.

The game was a see-saw affair which saw the Lions dominate the first half play and the Bisons the second half.

Sporting a brand new offensive pattern—a double post—the Lions jumped into a 9-8 lead after seven minutes and then proceeded to build up a 39-29 half-time lead.

But apparently the pace the Lions set in the first half was too much. They cooled down in the second half and Bucknell caught fire.

At the start of the second half, Jack Flanagan, who was high man for Bucknell with 29

points, began hitting on jump shots from the corner, big Hal Danzig tapped in a few shots and the Bisons had narrowed the lead to three points.

The Lions called time out to discuss things, but it was to no avail as Flanagan kept hitting to finally put the Bisons out in front, 47-46, with 13 minutes left.

Then the game really got tight. Both squads traded baskets for the next few minutes as the crowd roared its approval.

Tom Hancock paced the Lions during this spree while Flanagan and Ellis Harley were the big guns for the Bisons.

With 6:11 to go, Flanagan gave the Bisons a 60-58 lead, but Bob Edwards came right back to tie it with a hook shot.

Then Wally Colender got his fourth foul and the Lions had to slow things down. Flanagan and (Continued on page eight)

Wins "Grudge Match"

Lion 2-Mile Relay Team Breaks Garden Record

By JOHN BLACK

Not only did Penn State's indoor track two-mile relay team beat Manhattan in the Knights of Columbus Games Saturday night, but they set a Madison Square Garden record while doing it.

The highly publicized "grudge match" which took on added connotations after the results of last week's IC4-A championships turned out to be just the thrill expected by the estimated 13,000 avid spike fans.

Every person in the crowded Garden was brought to his feet for the spectacular finish as Lion anchor man Ed Moran overcame a 15-yard deficit and flashed past the Manhattan and Georgetown runners to cinch the win for the Nittanians in the record time of 7:35.6.



Dick Engelbrink . . . runs best half-mile

NEW YORK (AP)—Penn State's protest of a hurdles result reversal which cost them the IC4-A track and field team title will be acted on Wednesday afternoon.

Asa Bushnell, secretary of the IC4-A, said yesterday the executive committee of the organization will meet in closed session.

Penn State protested the reversal of a decision in the 60-yard hurdles of the meet at Madison Square Garden Feb. 28. Manhattan's John White was moved from fourth to third and New York University's Mike Herman was dropped from third to fourth.

The advancement of White gave Manhattan an extra point which proved to be the difference. Manhattan won with 21 points. Penn State was second with 20 17/36.

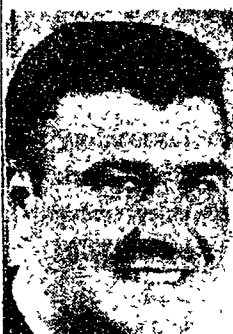
Coach Chick Werner observed, "I don't think I ever heard such a tumult of applause as at the finish of that mile." (Ron Delany set a new world's record. "But the applause for the 2-mile relay was comparable to that. No one was sitting down. Everyone knew this was a grudge match and they were cheering when the race was just being announced.")

The pace was so fast that the Lion team was well back in the pack, 30 yards behind front running Georgetown when Engel-

brink received the baton at the end of the first mile. The "Eagle" took charge and pounded out the best half-mile of his life, passing men with his smooth easy stride and cutting the lead to 15 yards.

The Lions were still trailing Georgetown and Manhattan when Moran left the starting lane on the anchor leg. The Nittany ace, who was "just running to win" made a fiasco of the Jasper-Lion duel and proceeded to outrun the Georgetown man by eight yards at the wire.

Sophomore sprinter Bob Brown, the only individual entry, finished fourth in the 60-yard dash behind Paul Winder of Morgan State, Mel Barnwell of Pitt and Ed Collymore of Villanova.



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Pifer Wins Award In Mat Tournney

Penn State's freshman wrestling star, Ron Pifer, who hasn't lost a match since his sophomore year in high school, continued his winning ways this weekend as he won the Outstanding Wrestler Award in the annual freshman mat tournament at Army.

Pifer earned the award on the basis of his performance in the 157-pound class. He won four straight matches en route to the crown.

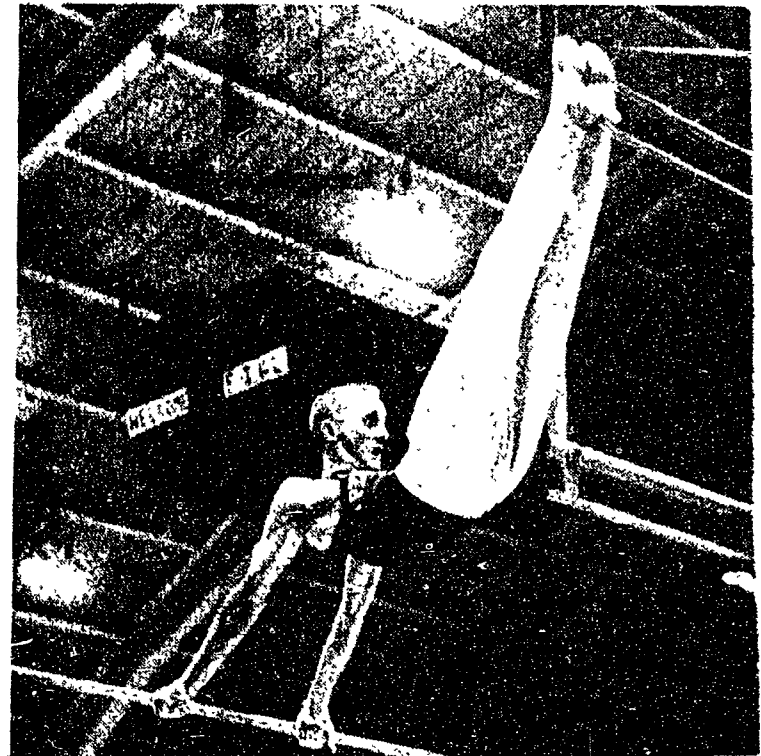
Pifer pinned Jack Webb of Army in his first match, decisioned Ken Mattern of Rutgers in his second and then beat Pitt's Bob Nunn to gain the finals.

In the final he pinned Phil Edmunds of Lehigh.

Two Nittany clubs finished in runner-up slots. They were 137-pounder Art Ravitz and 147-pounder John Barone.

Earlier this year, Ravitz finished second in the Wilkes Open tournament.

One-hundred seventy-seven-pounder Phil Myer and 123-pounder Jerry Seiple made it to the quarter-final round but couldn't advance any further.



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CHAMPION HIGHBAR-MAN Lee Cunningham goes through his horizontal bar routine which garnered him 280 points. The Lion gymnast won third place honors in the Olympic all-around competition, as well as first place honors in horizontal bar competition.



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CHAMPION ROPE-MAN Don Littlewood reaches for the pan during his winning climb of 3.5 seconds.

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