

Four Teams to Fight For NCAA Gym Title

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Four teams are given good chances of winning the NCAA Gymnastic Championship tomorrow and Saturday in Berkeley, Calif. Those contenders are California, Penn State, Michigan State and Illinois—the latter two being the defending team title holder.

Of the quartet, MSU and Cal are only darkhorses. Michigan State, the host for last year's tourney, has been soundly defeated twice in Big Ten dual meets this year by arch-rival Michigan, and Illinois.

But as was the case last year, the East Lansing school is blessed with a quarter system which continually comes to its aid just before the Nationals. It seems one semester terminates at the end of the dual meet season and a guy named Ted Muzyczko (Mu-zee-ko) becomes eligible for competition—just in time to aid the Spartans in the Nationals. How convenient.

In the 1958 tournament, the Spartan ace took firsts on the parallels and long horse and a second in the all-around. Along with his other events, he totaled 49 of his team's winning 79 points.

Only Abie Grossfeld, who took three firsts and two seconds, topped his team score with a 51. (In the NCAA tourney, the top ten performers in each of 11 events are awarded team points on an 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. The 11 events are free 'x', rope, high bar, parallel bars, side horse, still rings, long horse vault, trampoline, flying rings, tumbling and all-around.)

Michigan State has returned from its 1958 squad two other high scorers besides Muzyczko.

They are Cal Girard and Stan Tarshis.

Girard scored 25 team points, including a third in the trying all-around. Tarshis came through with a second on the high bar as he edged Lion Lee Cunningham for the runner-up spot.

Although little is known about California one performer stands out as a definite threat, Art Sherlock Lion Captain Armando Vega has competed with the West Coast ace and rates him a definite threat in the all-around and the potential side horse champion. Sherlock did not compete in the '58 Nationals.

Illinois is therefore the top threat to the Lions, but not just on the strength of Grossfeld's 51 points. They have another top all-around man, Don Tonry, who won the National title in 1956. Tonry was hospitalized with pneumonia during the '57 championships and was ineligible last year.

He and Grossfeld give the Illini two of the top three performers (i.e., point-scorers) in the all-around.

Which brings us to the Lions. Last year, an inexperienced Lion squad finished third with 70 points.

The major scorers, sophomores Cunningham and Jay Werner, are expected to again give the Lions a high scoring punch.

Werner had 21½ points with his highest score a second on the flying rings. Cunningham had 20, mainly on a third on the high bar and fourth in the all-around. Cunningham, who has shown considerable improvement on the high bar, could edge Tarshis for second and maybe even Grossfeld for first.

Tumbler Dave Dulaney, who tied for third last year, and a

faster rope climbing trio of Don Littlewood, Vince Neuhauser and Jack Hidinger may again be good for another 20 points. Also, the Lions have a guy named Vega, who scored 58 points in his last national outing.

All of which shapes up as a great team battle, with the Lions and Illini rated tossups.

Entries Open In Badminton, H-Ball Doubles

Three new intramural tournaments are scheduled to begin within the next three weeks.

Fraternity and independent volleyball opens first, with both the fraternities starting Tuesday and the indies on Wednesday.

Entries are already closed, and the schedule provides for each team to play five or six matches.

The handball doubles tourney begins Monday with 4:30 p.m., Thursday as the deadline for entries. The entry fee is fifty cents per team.

Each fraternity may enter only two teams, while independents may enter as unattached individuals.

The badminton singles tourney will begin April 1, the day after Easter vacation. All entries must be turned in at the intramural office, Recreation Hall, by 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The entry fee is 25 cents per man. Each organization may enter only two players, while independents have no limitations. Matches will be played between 7 and 10 p.m.

Oregon Slated for '63

Penn State's football team is slated to play Oregon in 1963 and 1964. The Nittany Lions will open the '63 campaign at Oregon, and will entertain the Webfoots the following year.

Gymnast Underwater Fan

One of Penn State's top gymnasts—1958's Eastern all-around champion Jay Werner—raises tropical fish as a hobby.

Lion Rope Climbers Called 'Best Ever'

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8--He's up!

Boxing? Guess again. This time we're talking about rope climbing, and an eight-stroke climb usually puts the performer in the championship class. Penn State has two men who climb in eight strokes and that's one reason it has the best trio in the East and possibly in the nation.

Although there was some doubt in the Master's mind (Coach Gene Wettstone's) that this was the hottest trio he ever assembled, it has been eliminated, as each broke four seconds and finished 1-2-2 in the Easterns.

In fact, senior Don Littlewood, who won the Eastern title with a 3.5, tied the Penn State and EIGL mark last Saturday with a 3.4 clocking. One of the judges, Louis Bordo, even had him stopped in 3.3 seconds!

Junior Vince Neuhauser, who did a 3.5 on his home rope, and senior Jack Hidinger were the two runnersup in the Easterns with a 3.7.

Since rope climbers are not manufactured, eagle-eye Wettstone scouted his phys ed classes and came up with two of the above three.

Only Littlewood had previous experience. The Biz Ad Senior (with a 3.13 All-U) practiced on the rope while at Lower Merion High School.

But the other two—Neuhauser and Hidinger—are products of phys ed classes. Neuhauser, also known as the "Marlboro Kid," hit a 4.6 in class and Wettstone went to work with him. Last year he finished second in the Easterns at 3.8 behind former Lion champion Phil Mullen.

The Marlboro man attributes his lower times this year to four factors: 1—he likes his home rope, 2—he's dropped his weight to 130-135, 3—he's studied films of Jack Manning setting the world record at 2.8, 4—the competition on the team made him work harder to lower his time.

"And sometimes I get excited," commented Neuhauser, "and I feel like I could just pull the rope down—like against Army (when he hit 3.5 for the first time)."

Littlewood also attributed his better time to less weight. "Little John" weighed 160 last year but has been below 150 this year. In fact, he lost five pounds before the Pitt meet and knocked two-



Don Littlewood
Vince Neuhauser
Jack Hidinger
Bill Fosnocht

... fastest hands in the East

seconds of a second off his best time.

Little John also claims the (Continued on page seven)

Prexy Praises Alum Aid

(Continued from page one) that the reputation would overshadow the educational aims of the institution.

Walker complimented the University's alumni on the financial assistance they give to the athletes and said the alums would be helping even more in the future.

"I think we have the best group of alumni of any that I have ever known," Walker said, "and I mean that sincerely. I have never had a letter from an alumnus say-

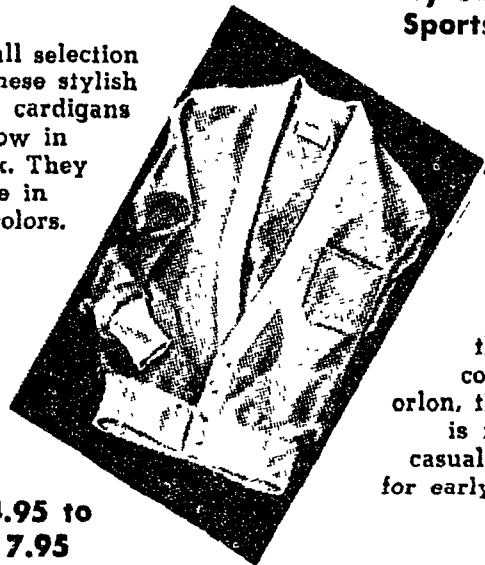
ing to fire a coach or I have never had one (alumnus) come to me and complain about our coaches and our athletic program."

In answer to a query on future gifts from alumni, Walker said: "They could help by giving more money to the Levi Lamb fund. But remember, Penn State alumni are pretty young; half of them have graduated since World War II. Most of them don't have a great deal of money right now, but in 25 years the situation will be different."

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