

# Gymnasts Wreck Mounties, 73-23

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One of the most one-sided slaughters since Samson massacred the Philistines took place in West Virginia last Saturday when the Penn State gymnasts wrecked the Mountaineers, 73-23, missing a complete sweep by just five points.

Lee Cunningham, showing a marked improvement over last week's Temple performance, starred for the Nittanians by carding firsts in the side horse and horizontal bar and taking second in the parallel bars.

Cunningham's showing on the high bar was highlighted by a special maneuver — L-giant swings. In this maneuver, the gymnast performs a giant swing but when he comes over the bar, his legs are perpendicular to his body.

The L-giant swing is one of the most difficult gymnastic maneuvers to perform correctly, but Cunningham came through in style.

Cunningham's first on the side horse was earned due to his elegance of form on the difficult piece of apparatus, said Jack Biesterfeldt, the assistant coach who took the team to West Virginia in place of the ailing Gene Wettstone.

"His routine possessed difficulty but his form really clinched it," Biesterfeldt said.

Jay Werner also came through, taking firsts on the flying rings and in tumbling. He also took a third on the high bar. Biesterfeldt said Werner's routine on the rings was one of the safest he could perform, but his form was near perfect and as a result he racked up a 268 from the judges.

On the mats, Werner scored a 246 to cop the first position by 25 points.

Soph star Greg Weiss took a first on the parallel bars and seconds on the horizontal bar and side horse. Weiss used the same routine on the p-bars that he used against Temple last week.

But the judges evidently didn't think as much of it, because they awarded him a 257, 19 points under his Temple mark.

His exercises on the high bar and side horse were just five and eight points, respectively, under



LEE CUNNINGHAM is performing a difficult maneuver on the horizontal bar on which he placed first against West Virginia. Cunningham also took a first on the side horse and a second on the parallel bars.

Cunningham's marks.

The Nittanians' other win came in the rope climb where Vince Neuhauser led a clean sweep as he scaled the rope in four seconds flat. Right behind were Bill Fosnotch, 4.2, and Bill Mumau, 4.4.

Biesterfeldt was very pleased with the performances of some of the Lion sophomores. The best routine turned in by a yearling, was Jerry Schaefer's 240 on the flying rings.

Wettstone, at the beginning of the season, said Schaefer showed a great deal of potential and should be a good rings performer. In the Mountie meet, he justified Wettstone's optimism by completing his routine with just one minor break.

**The Summaries:**  
Tumbling: 1. Werner (PS) 246; 2. Crigger (PS), 221; 3. Long (WVa), 267; 4. Buhl (PS), 202; 5. Gianettino (WVa), 180.  
Side Horse: 1. Cunningham (PS), 253; 2. Werner (PS), 245; 3. Schweiker (WVa), 132; 4. Palmer (PS), 55; Crigger (WVa), 20.  
Horizontal Bar: 1. Cunningham (PS),

273; 2. Weiss (PS), 268; 3. Werner (PS), 232; 4. Jones (WVa), 222; 5. Crigger (WVa), 203.

Rope Climb: 1. Neuhauser (PS), :04.0; 2. W. Fosnotch (PS), :04.2; 3. Mumau (PS), :04.4; 4. Trozz (WVa), :04.5; 5. Snyder (WVa), :05.0.

Flying Rings: 1. Werner (PS), 268; 2. Schaefer (PS), 240; 3. Jones (WVa), 232; 4. Crigger (WVa), 217; 5. Yohn (PS), 213.  
Parallel Bars: 1. Weiss (PS), 257; 2. Cunningham (PS), 223; 3. Crigger (WVa), 219; 4. Morrow (PS), 184; 5. Jones (WVa), 176.

## O'Connell Resigns

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Tommy O'Connell yesterday announced his resignation, effective Feb. 1, after one year as head football coach at Drake. He said he plans to return to pro football.

# Cagers' Homestand Opens with Panthers

Penn State opens a four-game homestand Saturday when the Nittany Lions meet Pitt in the nightcap of a basketball-wrestling twinbill in Rec Hall at 8:30.

Games with Carnegie Tech, (Jan. 30), Bucknell, (Feb. 2) and Gettysburg, (Feb. 6) round out the homestand.

Pittsburgh, with two of its top players still trying to shake off the effects of an attempted bribe, brings a 6-7 record into Saturday's game.

The Panthers had a respectable 4-2 mark when news of the bribe broke. Since then they've been on the skids, but have won their last two against William and Mary and Westminster.

Last Friday, an Allegheny County Grand Jury indicted a former Pittsburgh University dental instructor on charges of attempting to bribe Dick Falenski and John Fridley, both starters for coach Bob Timmon's crew.

Fridley at 6-5 is averaging 11 points a game and leads the team in rebounds with 105, while Falenski, an outside man, has a 13 point average.

Two other Panthers, John Mills and Bill Mauro, are scoring at a 13 point per game clip. Mills has been improving steadily and had a 27-point outburst against William and Mary.

Bob Sankey a nine-point per game man is the fifth starter.

Penn State coach John Egli who has seen his Lions win three of their last four, will go with his usual starting lineup of Mark DuMars and Wally Colender out front, Gene Harris at center, Paul Sweetland at one forward and either Jake Trueblood or John Phillips at the other forward.

"I don't know whether I'll start Phillips or Trueblood," said Egli. "Phillips sure did a good job at Bucknell." The Lions beat the Bisons 71-56 in their last outing.

After the Pitt game, the Lions take a week's break until Car-



Mills

## Basketball Scores

NBA  
no games scheduled

COLLEGE  
Wake Forest 84, Tennessee 57  
Toledo 82, Findlay 47  
Maryland 63, North Carolina State 58  
Georgia 97, Stetson 72  
Florida Southern 83, Mercer 77  
Oklahoma State 62, Kansas 49  
Ohio University 82, St. Francis (Pa) 79  
Xavier (Ohio) 80, Miami (Ohio) 71  
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