

G-Men Beat Navy, Cunningham Stars

By LARRY ROTH

A verbal slip, by an announcer who referred to the Navy gymnastic team as Army Saturday night, probably made Coach Gene Wettstone wish it weren't a misnomer at all.

Led by big guns Lee Cunningham, Jay Werner and Greg Weiss, who garnered 41 points, the unbeaten Penn State gym team torpedooed previously undefeated Navy, 63-33, Saturday night at Rec Hall.

But the big one comes Saturday when the Lions travel to Army for a meet which will probably decide the Eastern championship.

Navy Coach Chet Phillips, undoubtedly impressed by the Lions' best team performance of the year, predicted the Nittanians would beat the Cadets handily.

Cunningham started blazing the road to victory when he out-tumbled Navy's Jim Sparks, 240-237, to win what Wettstone calls "our weakest event."

The side horse produced a pleasant surprise as senior Dave Palmer turned in his best varsity performance with a 246 to cop second place.

Cunningham, last year's Eastern side horse champ, made it two for two by winning with a 258 in a routine highlighted by a very high scissors.

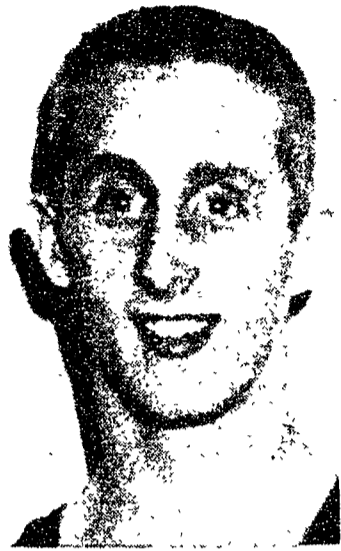
A duel in this event failed to materialize when sophomore Weiss, winner of the event in the Pan American games last summer, suffered a major break in his first varsity performance in Rec Hall. It was his first break in 57 exercises covering a span of three years.

The big three—Cunningham, Weiss and Werner—swept the horizontal bar in that order.

Weiss came back to score a 268 but Cunningham completed his triple win with a brilliant 279.

Werner, who suffered a minor break, still scored a creditable 254 for third place.

While this was Penn State's strongest event, it was also the



LEE CUNNINGHAM scores triple

Middies' weakest. All three Midshipmen, including Captain Paul Carwin, fell off the bar.

Phillips said it was the first time in his 24 years of coaching that he ever saw all three men from the same team fall off a single piece of apparatus.

"Ordinarily," he said, "our boys appear before 500 people, and that crowd out there (4200), although perfectly behaved, made them tense. Why it was like putting a five-year old in the middle of a Broadway play."

The rope climb produced the closest scoring of the night and Navy's only first place.

The culprit was Eastern record holder Nelson Hulme, who climbed the hemp in 3.7 seconds—well above his record 3.3 effort.

Vince Neuhauser took second place for the Lions with a 3.8 while visitor Bill Phingstag and the Lions' Bill Fosnocht and Bob Mumau tied for the third spot with 3.9.

Then Werner took over where Cunningham left off. He won

the last two events with a 273 on the parallel bars and an exceptional 281 on the flying rings featured by a double somersault dismount.

Weiss' 270 p-bar routine was only good for second place while sophomore Ken Morrow's 221 gave the national champs a 1-2-3 finish.

Another talented sophomore, Jerry Schaeffer, continued his improvement with a 254 on the rings for a third place—two points less than Navy's second place finisher, Jim Sloat.

Summaries:

Tumbling: 1. Cunningham (PS) 240; 2. Sparks (N) 237; 3. Carwin (N) 195; 1. Tie between Culey (PS) and Buhl (PS), 196; Penn State—9; Navy—7.

Side Horse: 1. Cunningham (PS) 258; 2. Palmer (PS) 246; 3. Miller (N) 217; 4. Krueger (N) 161; 5. Phemister (N), 143; Penn State—10; Navy—13.

Horizontal Bar: 1. Cunningham (PS) 279; 2. Weiss (PS) 268; 3. Werner (PS) 254; 4. Carwin (N) 138; 5. Maheu (N), 90; Penn State—32; Navy—16.

Rope Climb: 1. Hulme (N) 3.7; 2. Neuhauser (PS) 3.8; 3. Tie between Fosnocht (PS), Mumau (PS) and Phingstag (N), 3.9; Penn State—10; Navy—21.

Parallel Bars: 1. Werner (PS) 273; 2. Weiss (PS) 270; 3. Morrow (PS) 221; 4. Krueger (N) 214; 5. Koch (N), 205; Penn State—53; Navy—27.

Flying Rings: 1. Werner (PS) 281; 2. Sloat (N) 256; 3. Schaeffer (PS) 254; 4. Temple (N) 222; 5. Yohn (PS), 205; Penn State—63; Navy—13.

Brown Equals Boston Mark

Bobby Brown, star Penn State sprinter, equaled a Boston Garden record for the 50-yard dash Saturday night when he ran the distance in 53 seconds to win the event in the Boston Athletic Association meet.

It was the best performance of the indoor season for the Lion junior, who has been competing against outstanding college and amateur runners for two years and is regarded as one of the top sprinters in the East.

In earlier board carnivals this year, Brown recorded two firsts, one second and one third place finish.

He captured blue ribbons in the 80 and 100-yard dashes at the Washington Star meet with clockings of .08 and .098. He finished second to Dave Sime in the 70-yard sprint.

Last week he dropped to third place.

Boston Picks Saban

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Russian Claims Record; Swede Sights 7' Jump

LENINGRAD (AP) — A Russian engineering student yesterday was credited with an amazing clocking of 10.4 seconds for 100 meters indoors—the world's fastest time for the sprint on an indoor track.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, said Anatoly Mikhailov, 23, raced the 100, 109 yards, 1 foot at a national meet of the Trud Sports Society at Leningrad's Winter Stadium. The International Amateur Athletic Federation does not recognize indoor records.

The American record for 100 meters indoors—a distance rarely run because of short straightaways in U.S. arenas—is 10.7 seconds, set by Robert Rodenkirchen at Brooklyn, Jan. 8, 1938.

NEW YORK (AP) — Stig Petersson, Sweden's No. 1 higher jumper sees problems ahead, but thinks he can join the 7-foot club.

"I need a lot of practice," the 6-4 Stockholm Lithographer said Monday. "Then, if I can learn to control my run up to the bar, I could get to 7 feet."

His best mark so far is 6-11½. Petersson, who addressed the Track Writers Assn., said his

main trouble is the speed of the indoor boards. He got to 6-8 in the Boston Athletic Assn. meet last Saturday, but was on the sidelines watching when John Thomas equalled his own world record of 7-1½.

Thomas made a good impression on Petersson, who thinks the Boston U. sophomore will get close to 7-3.

"His form is absolutely perfect," the Swede said. "He gets a lot of height by throwing his arms and legs toward the ceiling when he is going over the bar."

Non-Pennsylvanians

Penn State's 1959 freshman football squad included seven non-Pennsylvanians — largest contingent of out-of-state frosh in several years. Five of the seven hailed from New Jersey.

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