

Gymnasts Look for Revenge In Up-coming NCAA Tourney

By LARRY ROTH

Penn State's gymnasts lost the Eastern Gymnastic League championship to Army last Saturday.

But on March 18 and 19, the game that deals everyone in—the NCAA tournament—rolls around, and the Lions have their sights set on raking in all the chips.

And the defending champs will have certain advantages over the other participants.

The Lions will be performing on their home grounds with their own apparatus and will have a partial crowd expected to exceed 500 to cheer them on.

The champs have three aces in Jay Werner, Lee Cunningham, and Greg Weiss. Any team aspiring to beat the Lions is going to need a full house of competent gymnasts.

As for the depth-laden Cadets, Lion Coach Gene Wettstone predicted, "We'll take Army in the Nationals like Grant took Richmond."

The Lion mentor has good reasons for making this statement.

One reason seems to be the differences in the apparatus at Army and the ones to be used here in the Nationals.

All apparatus varies in either size, spring or texture. An example is the flying rings.

The Penn State ringmen are accustomed to practicing on standard rings with a diameter of



GENE WETTSTONE
... pointing for nationals

eight inches. At Army they had their choice of 7½ or 10-inch diameter rings. Both felt foreign to the visitors as did the shorter length, which made the arc of the swing different.

Rope-climbers tend to have better times on the rope to which they are accustomed than on a foreign rope.

Since this holds true in every event, the Lions should be at an advantage, not only against Army, but the rest of the field as well. But most important of all,

Army's depth won't do them as much good in the Nationals as it does in dual meets, since only 10 men per team are allowed to enter the Nationals.

The Nittanians three all-round men, by competing in five or six events apiece, enable seven other Lions to compete in an attempt to gain points.

But the Cadets have used their resourcefulness in assigning a gymnast to only one event and therefore won't have the all-around strength the Lions possess.

Last year, when Penn State won the title in Berkely, Calif., with a record breaking total of 152 points, Werner and Cunningham amassed 58 points.

If the two had represented Penn State alone, the Lions would have placed third in the final team standings.

With their expected improvement and the addition of Weiss, Penn State could have a hand that would take the pot.

Moore Gets Title Offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Archie Moore, stripped of his light heavyweight title by the National Boxing Assn., but still recognized in New York, yesterday was offered a June 10 title defense against Von Clay of Philadelphia June 10 at Madison Square Garden.

Harry Markson, managing director of the Garden's boxing department, said Clay already has accepted and Moore and his manager, Jack Kearns, have shown definite interest.

Soph Moorhead Indicates Additional Track Strength

By JIM KARL

When Penn State sophomore flash Steve Moorhead won the 1000-yard run against Navy and Pitt at Annapolis Saturday it was only the second time in his life that he had run the event.

The only other time, including practice, that Moorhead ran the 1000 was against the Army frosh last year, when he breezed to a win in 2:17.6.

Such performances from a runner with no previous experience in an event are indicative of even better things to come.

The boy from Harborcreek, Pa., whom Coach Chick Werner calls "one of the best sophomores in the East," came to the Nittany Valley with superlative schoolboy credentials.

While a senior at Harborcreek High School, he won the State Championship in the mile and finished second in the half-mile to Mike Miller, who is now his teammate on the Lion track squad.

Last year Moorhead wrote his name into the Penn State record books by running a 4:17.3 mile against Cornell. This was the fastest time ever recorded by a Nittany freshman.

In the same meet he tied for first in the half-mile with Mil-

ler and against Army he won both the mile and the 1000.

In freshmen cross-country he was just as successful, finishing first in all three meets against Cornell, Navy, and Gettysburg, and capturing fifth in the freshman intercollegiate championship at Van Cortland Park, New York.

If Penn State expects to retain its IC4A outdoor championship this spring, it will be up to sophomores to take up the slack left by the graduation of thinclad stars Ed Moran, Chick King, and Fred Kerr.

Judging from the performance of Moorhead, along with other promising sophs like Miller, Fred Larson, and Tony Wayne, the Lions have a better than fighting chance.

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NCAA Will Probe Dirty Play Charges

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. will investigate charges of dirty play in the 1960 Cotton Bowl, the Austin American reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted H. J. Dorricott, president of the NCAA, as saying a poll of the group's Executive Committee showed a majority of its 18 members favor an investigation.

Texas asked for a hearing by the collegiate sports governing body after some Syracuse players and some national news media charged Texas played dirty and leveled racial slurs at Syracuse Negro players.

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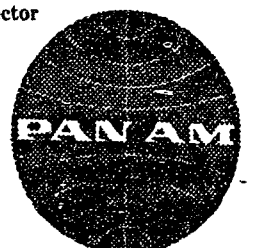
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