Pitt Matmen Should Give Vega Strives ATO, PhiK Theta Nittanies Toughest Test To Become Post 2nd IM Wins By JOHNNY BLACK Nation's Best Post 2nd IM Wins By BOB KILBORN

The Nittany Lion matmen should meet their toughest competition of the year when they tangle with the Pitt nastic great Armando Vega, third round of the intramural swimming tournament last Panthers on the Rec Hall mats Saturday night.

record, having lost only to Michigan.

Pitt has met the same opponents as Penn State with but two excep-tions. The Panthers wrestled Michigan State and NYU while the Lions met Colgate and Cor-

Pitt holds victories over Maryland, 24-7, Syracuse, 25-5, Navy, 21-6, Army, 19-11, NYU, 36-0, Michigan State, 15-11, and Lehigh, 19-11. Their 17-11 loss to Michigan came about a month Michigan came about a month after the Big 10 club dropped its season opener to Penn State, 19-12.

The Panthers' strong showing this year may appear surprising on the surface, in light of the fact that they lost five top stars, including two former national champions from last year's club.

But it is not surprising to those ! sagacious old fans that know Coach Rex Peery, a three-time national champ himself and developer of seven others.

Undisturbed by the loss of Paul Powell, Tom Alberts, Bob Bubb, Sherm Moyer and Alex Skirpan, Peery took a couple returnees, five sophomores, and turned out a team that rates in the top ten nationally and second in the East.

State star, accepted a gargantuan challenge at Pitt in 1950, taking over a team that had lost 28 straight meets. But in just three years he elevated them to the top of the collegiate wrestling ranks.

Peery's 10 year coaching record of 81-26-1 includes one perfect vington. 137 and John Zellegia.

of 81-26-1 includes one perfect season and five one-loss cam-paigns. Under his tutelage Pan-ther mat squads have twice finished second and twice finished third in the NCAA's.

His teams monopolized the Eastern championship for the first three years they were in the EIWA

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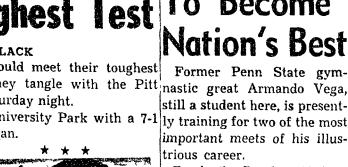
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as the United State's finest all- a row. around gymnast,

in Los Angeles.

Although he has not competed since last summer, last short of a tie in the meet.
year's Lion captain said he is James Weber and Walt

primary authors of the Pitt success story this winter.

Junior Larry Lauchle is the top
grappler on the squad. The 130
T should improve over last wint for in the forward free-style and
tines," he said. "But I hope the 60-yard backstroke, respectively.

long layoff from competition Weber was the top winner of the
won't hurt me."



By BOB KILBORN

Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Theta advanced to the still a student here, is present- night, but both did it in different ways. ATO swept past The Panthers will roar into University Park with a 7-1 ly training for two of the most Alpha Sigma Phi, which drew a first round bye, but Phi Kapimportant meets of his illus- pa Theta triumphed by only a one-point margin.

Alpha Tau Omega posted its For in the Pasadena National second decisive win in a row, top- in the breaststroke, to individually Invitational Tournament April 9 ping Alpha Sigma Phi, 34-7. Carl account for 10 of his team's 21 and the Olympic tryouts at West Tongberg bettered his 60-yard points. and the Olympic tryouts at West Tongberg bettered his ou-yard Point a few weeks later, Vega breaststroke performance as he will strive to establish himself easily pick up his seconds to for his second straight victory to the United State's finest all

around gymnast.

A member of the 1956 Olympic team and three-time NCAA and EIGL all-around champion, Vega will be up against his old nemisis, two-time Olympian Jack Beckner.

Dick McCoy was another top Was another top Winner for ATO, which swept first places in every event, topping all downing Allegheny House, 22-16. Allegheny entered no men in the again won the diving event with a downing or relay events thus handing Blair two wins by default.

James Weber and Walt Benecki 'coming along perfectly."

picked up their second straight
"I should improve over last wins for Phi Kappa, coming in

pian Jack Beckner.

The 31-year-old Beckner has been regarded America's best for several years. In the 1956 Olympics he edged Vega for first place among U.S. competitors, and has beaten him many other times.

But just last summer, Vega defeated the former Southern California great in a number of meets in Los Angeles.

24.4 points.

Phi Kappa Theta won a squeaktors and a squeaktors and a squeaktors and squeaktors and several years. In the 1956 Olympics he edged Vega for first place to cop its second victory of the season, although the meet was not an ing Blair two wins by default.

However, Allegheny's John Zinn posted two impressive victories. Zinn led all entrants of the season, although the meet was not as close as the score indicates.

With only the 120-yard relay remaining, Phi Kappa Theta heid with a creditable time of 42 8.

Mike Winters won the backtor in 52 4 seconds, but that

the relay. Lambda Chi Alpha took stroke in 524 seconds, but that the relay. Lambda Chi Alpha took was the end of Allegheny's victories.



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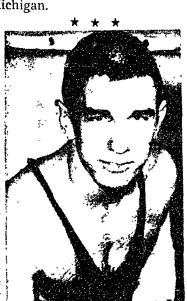
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