

Defending National Champs

Lions Enter 9 Men In NCAA Gym Tourney

By LARRY ROTH

Penn State will enter nine men, including national flying rings champion Jay Werner, in the NCAA gymnastic tournament which starts at Rec Hall tomorrow afternoon.

In tomorrow's preliminaries, the top ten men in each event will qualify for Saturday night's finals. However, the preliminary scores have no bearing on the final standings.

The Lions' Werner, Greg Weiss and Lee Cunningham, will compete in the all-around, consisting of the still rings, free exercise, side horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars and long horse vault.

Werner also will represent the Nittanies in tumbling and will be joined by Jerry Schaefer and Cunningham on the flying rings.

Competing with the big three on the side horse and parallel bars will be Dave Palmer and Ken Morrow.

Lion Coach Gene Wettstone will use Vince Neuhauser, Bill Fosnacht and Bob Mumau in the rope climb to complete the lineup.

Neuhauser, who hit 35 seconds last year as a junior, has been battling a weight problem this season and his best time was a 37. If he can regain his old form, Wettstone feels he could be a prime contender for national honors.

Wettstone also expects Fosnacht and Mumau to add a number of points in this event. Each has turned in a 38 this winter.

In the all-around, Wettstone feels he has three of the best in the country. Werner finished seventh in last year's nationals and third in this year's Easterns, while Cunningham took fourth in the Easterns.

But Weiss may be Penn State's best bet in this grueling event. The sophomore sensation won the Easterns and placed fourth in the Pan-American games last summer in Chicago.

Weiss, the Lions' leading scorer during the dual meet season, placed fourth on the side horse in the Pan-Ams and captured his specialty, the parallel bars, in the Easterns.

Werner should be a strong



Vince Neuhauser

contender on the still rings, parallel bars and free exercise in addition to defending his flying rings championship.

Cunningham, on the other hand, should be in the running for high bar and side horse honors, two events he captured in the Easterns.

Of the three remaining Lion specialists, Schaefer has the best chance to qualify for the finals, but Palmer and Morrow can't be counted out says Wettstone.

Schaefer, a sophomore, has scored as high as 276 this season

on the flying rings while Palmer came on strong during the latter part of the season and took a surprising third on the side horse in the Easterns.

TOURNAMENT NOTES—Of the eleven officials assigned to NCAA judging assignments, six are former olympians, and the other five are either national or Eastern Champions. . . . All are actively engaged in gymnastics, particularly as judges. . . . Frank Cumiskey, who judged the Penn State-Navy dual meet, has been appointed head judge. . . . Judges in the preliminaries will judge the same events in the finals. . . . Penn State's Concert Blue Band will play Saturday night. . . . The band is directed by James W. Dunlop. . . .

Cage Tournaments Enter Final Stages

NEW YORK (AP) — St. Bonaventure plays top-seeded Bradley and Providence plays second-seeded Utah State in the semi-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament tonight and if the upstarts happen to win you better duck for cover.

Some 5000 Providence fans have invaded the big town to root for their slick-playing Friars while St. Bonaventure's year's game at Louisville, where gathering from upstate Olean, the Bears won 64-58 and went on N.Y. is smaller in numbers but to beat West Virginia for the colts takes second place to no one in legiate title.

Staid old Madison Square Garden, a bit drafty and quiet since the fix scandals of a decade ago, hasn't seen this kind of enthusiasm since CCNY, NYU, St. John's, Long Island U, Manhattan and the others were raising the roof in the Golden Garden Era.

"And that's just for first round and quarter-final games," said one of the gentry yesterday.

"What's it gonna be like if they play for the championship?"

That the Friars and the Bonnies may do just that is definitely a possibility although the seeding committee took a pre-tournament look at the overall records and decided it would be Biadley against Utah State.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California's outlook on tomorrow night's battle with Cincinnati in the semi-final round of the NCAA basketball tournament here seems best summed up by the Bear's Earl Shultz.

"Last year we had to beat them. This year they have to beat us."

The semifinal game at the Cow Palace comes as a rematch of last

year's game at Louisville, where the Bears won 64-58 and went on to beat West Virginia for the colts takes second place to no one in legiate title.

That time Cincinnati was tabbed the favorite and California the tournament underdog. Each club boasts a 27-1 record. The Associated Press poll rates Cincinnati as the nation's No. 1 team and California No. 2. Local oddsmakers have installed the Beas as three-point favorites.

Ohio State, which meets New York University in the other semi-final, suffered a blow yesterday when John Havlicek, an outstanding sophomore cut two fingers on his right hand. Nine stitches were required.

Cincinnati Coach George Smith brought his club to San Francisco a day ahead of Ohio State and NYU to get in some extra work. The Buckeyes and Violets will arrive later today.

A's Blast Orioles

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) —The Kansas City Athletics hammered across seven runs in the seventh and eighth innings yesterday for an 8-1 exhibition baseball victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

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IM Results

IM HANDBALL Independent Championship Scheinholtz beat Blanning, 21-14, 20-21, 21-12

IM HANDBALL Fraternities Quarterfinals Flick, TKE beat Hockenbrock, Theta Delta Chi, 21-1, 21-2

Krall, Phi Mu Delta beat Carp, Beta Sigma Rho, 21-8, 21-9

Robinson, AZ beat Hammond, DU, 21-6, 21-16

Barber, Beta Theta Pi beat Bush, Triangle, 21-13, 21-8

IM BASKETBALL Scranton Miners 35, Chain Gang 31 Nittany 32-23, Jordan II 22

Phi Delta Theta 30, Delta Chi 22 SPE 35, DU 34

IM BOWLING League A Alpha Phi Delta 4, Delta Phi 0 Lambda Chi Alpha 3, Delta Theta Sig 1

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5 Tourney Events May Be Unfamiliar

Four of the ten events which count in the team scoring in NCAA competition and another, the long horse vault, which only counts for the all-around total, may be somewhat unfamiliar to local gym fans.

The long horse vault is taken with a running start with emphasis placed on difficulty, height, form and dismount.

Perhaps the most unfamiliar event is the rebound tumbling (trampoline). The competition is composed of two sequences with a compulsory 20-second rest stop.

Each sequence will consist of a reasonable number of preparatory bounces. Counting the first stunt as the beginning of a series, the performer is allowed a maximum of eight contacts with the trampoline bed thereafter. Deductions for extra jumps are made by the judges.

The performances are judged on difficulty, imagination and control. If a competitor leaves the trampoline his performance

terminates at that point.

The still rings require a combination of swings, strength and balance. A good routine will have at least one "strength hold," which must be held three seconds and two handstands.

The free exercise (calisthenics) includes rhythmic movements combined with balance, strength and tumbling routines on a 39 by 39 mat.

The performer must stay on the mat and the exercise cannot be more than 1 1/2 or less than 1 minute in duration. Penalties will be inflicted if these rules are broken.

The remaining six events have been held here in dual meets this season. They are rope climb, flying rings, tumbling, horizontal bar, parallel bars and side horse. The horizontal bar, parallel bars, and side horse will comprise the all-around along with the still rings, free-exercise and long horse vault.

The all-around title is based merely on the total individual score in these six events.

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Yanks Beat Senators

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—An error by Harmon Killebrew let in the only run as the New York Yankees beat the Washington Senators 1-0 in a rain-shortened exhibition baseball game yesterday.

Play was halted in the bottom of the eighth.

Johnny James, Bill Stafford and Frank Capin held the Senators to three singles.

Varsity 'S' Club

Penn State's Varsity 'S' Club will hold a meeting at 10 p.m. Sunday at Phi Kappa Psi. Refreshments will be served.

Basketball Scores

NBA PLAYOFFS Boston 111, Philadelphia 105 Boston leads best-of-seven Eastern finals. 1-0

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