

Wettstone's Gym Show Drew 14,000 in 2 Days

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The NCAA gym tournament in Rec Hall this weekend was another colossal spectacular (in Hollywood language) for super showman and promoter Gene Wettstone.

Over 14,000 fans crowded their way into the three sessions of the first national tourney held here in the hotbed of collegiate gymnastics and were treated to some of the finest competition in NCAA history as well as ear-pleasing and eye-filling extras such as the Blue Band and Miss Pennsylvania.

"This year produced the stiffest competition and the most spirit of any tourney," said Wettstone. Kurt Beckler, former Swiss gymnastic great, who was here for part of the tourney said, "It is the most organized meet I've ever seen."

Indicative of the popularity of the sport at Penn State as compared with the rest of the country, every visiting gymnast interviewed said that Saturday night's crowd was the largest he had ever performed before.

Last year's national tournament at California drew only a couple hundred fans for the finals and the attendance was even thinner at the prelims.

Wettstone, when asked the size of last year's prelim crowd, said, "About three."

"Three hundred?"

"No. Just three people and



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TROPHY TIME—Jerry Schaefer, Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham (l-r) hold the NCAA gymnastics winners' trophy which the Lions captured the second year in a row. In the foreground Dr. Eric A. Walker is presenting the second place trophy to Southern Cal (out of the picture on left).

they were sorority girls who were there to chaperone us." The 1959 production went into the red about \$200. This year's figures should show a much different story.

Art Shurlock, California's outstanding all-around performer, was very disheartened when the crowd applauded his miscue on his first long horse vault, thus allowing the Lions' Jay Werner to win the all-around title.

But Saturday Shurlock said he understood how the fans felt applauding anything that aided their team's cause, for when Cal had a chance for second place he found himself almost hoping that the Southern Cal competitors would make a mistake in their routine.

USC's little Sam Garcia, every-

body's favorite, who won the still rings title, is happily married and already raising two young gymnasts.

The youngest, Dale Alan, was born March 1 and has done little besides some free exercise in his crib, but the older, Russel Anthony, 15 months, is already learning to do handstands on his father's palm.

"I'm in love with the sport," said Garcia. "As for my boys, I'll just teach them to be intelligent."

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NCAA Gym Summaries

TEAM SCORING: 1. Penn State 112.5; 2. Tie between Goldring (UCLA) and Southern California 65.5; 3. Illinois 59; 4. California 56.5; 5. Michigan State 37.5; 6. Iowa 29.5; 7. Southern Illinois 24.5; 8. San Jose State 20; 9. Navy 19.5; 10. Springfield College 18; 11. UCLA 16.5; 12. Minnesota 14; 13. Michigan 12; 14. Pitt 11; 15. Army 10; 16. Florida State 10.5; 17. Tie between Temple and Colorado State 7.5; 18. Indiana 6.5; 20. Nebraska 6.5; 21. Ohio State 5; Air Force, Ball State, Colorado, Georgia Tech, Los Angeles State and Texas Tech failed to score.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Werner (PS) 547.25; 2. Shurlock (Cal) 540.5; 3. Weiss (PS) 538; 4. Hadley (Ill) 529.5; 5. Cardinali (Springfield) 520.75; 6. Lynn (USC) 514.5; 7. Garcia (USC) 504.75; 8. Cunningham (PS) 504; 9. Montpetit (Mich) 493.75; 10. Hoeherl (Minn) 493.5.

REBOUND TUMBLING: 1. Snyder (Iowa) 95.5; 2. Osterland (Mich) 93.5; 3. Bogios (San Jose St) 89; 4. Haywood (San Jose St) 87.5; 5. Thompson (MSU) 86.5; 6. Gompf (Ohio St) 84; 7. Goodrich (Ill) 80; 8. McCurdy (Iowa) 77; 9. Carmoli (Fla. St) 74; 10. Johnson (MSU) 30.

FREE EXERCISE: 1. Hadley (Ill) 93; 2. Tie between Daniels (MSU) and Lynn (USC) 82; 4. Weiss (PS) 91.5; 5. Takachner (USC) 90; 6. McConnell (Pitt) 89; 7. Tie between Brown (MSU) and Buck (Iowa) 87.5; 9. Cardinali (Springfield) 86.5; 10. Tie between Werner (PS) and Shurlock (Cal) 84.

SIDE HORSE: 1. Fairchild (Cal) 86; 2. Buck (Iowa) 84.5; 3. Shurlock (Cal) 84; 4. Lawler (Ill) 81.5; 5. Tie between Hadley (Ill) and Byers (Neb) 80.5; 7. Hoeherl (Minn) 87.5; 8. Werner (PS) 83; 9. Weiss (PS) 80; 10. Palmer (PS) 63.

ROPE CLIMB: 1. Hulme (Navy) 3.4; 2. Tie between Goldring (UCLA) and Barasch (UCLA) 3.5; 4. Tie between Mumau (PS) and DeLara (Cal) 3.6; 6. Tie between Pfingstag (Navy) and Neuhauser (PS) 3.7; 8. Tie between Fosnocht (PS), Furblur (Springfield) and Brown (USC) 3.9.

STILL RINGS: 1. Garcia (USC) 94; 2. Werner (PS) 92; 3. Tie between Lynn (USC), Bird (Ill) and Shurlock (USC) 91; 6. Wilner (UCLA) 89.5; 7. Festa (MSU) 88.5; 8. Schwarzkopf (Minn) 88; 9. Foster (So. Ill) 86; 10. Tie between Durkee (MSU) and Tijerina (So. Ill) 84.5.

HORIZONTAL BAR: 1. Tarshis (MSU) 96.5; 2. Werner (PS) 96; 3. Shurlock (Cal) 94; 4. Tie between Weiss (PS) and Cunningham (PS) 92.5; 6. Worthington (USC) 90.5; Hoeherl (Minn) 89.5; 8. Hoeherl (Minn) 88; 9. Christians (Fla. St) 86.5; 10. Taylor (So. Ill) 77.

PARALLEL BARS: 1. Lynn (USC) 94.5; 2. Weiss (PS) 94; 3. Cardinali (Ill) and Shurlock (Cal) 92.5; 6. Werner (PS) 91.5; 7. Garcia (USC) 90; 8. Buck (Iowa) 89.5; 9. Rolek (Minn) 86.5; 10. Montpetit (Mich) 74.

SWINGING RINGS: 1. Tie between Werner (PS) and Arons (Army) 93.5; 3. Tie between Hoffman (Temple) and Morgenzegg (Colo St) 89.5; 5. Schaefer (PS) 87; 6. Hirst (Pitt) 85; 7. Foster (So. Ill) 79.5; 8. Cunningham (PS) 79; 9. Ort (UCLA) 72.5; 10. Deuel (Army) 68.

TUMBLING: 1. Barasch (Ill) 96; 2. Kalakian (So. Ill) 88; 3. Wiley (So. Ill) 87; 4. Tie between Ryder (Fla. St) and Nawrocki (Ind) 84.5; 6. Gouger (San Jose St) 83; 7. Marshall (Navy) 82; 8. Daniels (MSU) 80; 9. Cuthbert (USC) 78.5; 10. McConnell (Pitt) 76.

Covington Signs Contract

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Outfielder Wes Covington signed his 1960 contract with the Milwaukee Braves yesterday, leaving second baseman Bobby Avila as the club's lone holdout.

Ex-Yankees Help KC

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most disappointing event for defending champs.

All four suffered major breaks and Werner, Weiss and Palmer had to settle for eighth, ninth and tenth places, respectively. Cunningham failed to place because there were 11 finalists due to a tenth place tie in the preliminaries.

Penn State's three rope climbers chipped in 13 points towards the Nittanians' overwhelming victory. Junior Bob Mumau had a 3.6 for the second straight night and tied for fourth place. Vince Neuhauser failed to touch on his first try and played it safe on his second for a 3.7 and a sixth place tie, while Bill Fosnocht tied for eighth in 3.9.

Illinois' Al Barasch out-scored his nearest rival by eight points to cop the tumbling. Barasch, a junior, scored a 96 while Southern Illinois' Len Kalakian and 1959 runner-up Jack Wiley took second and third, respectively.

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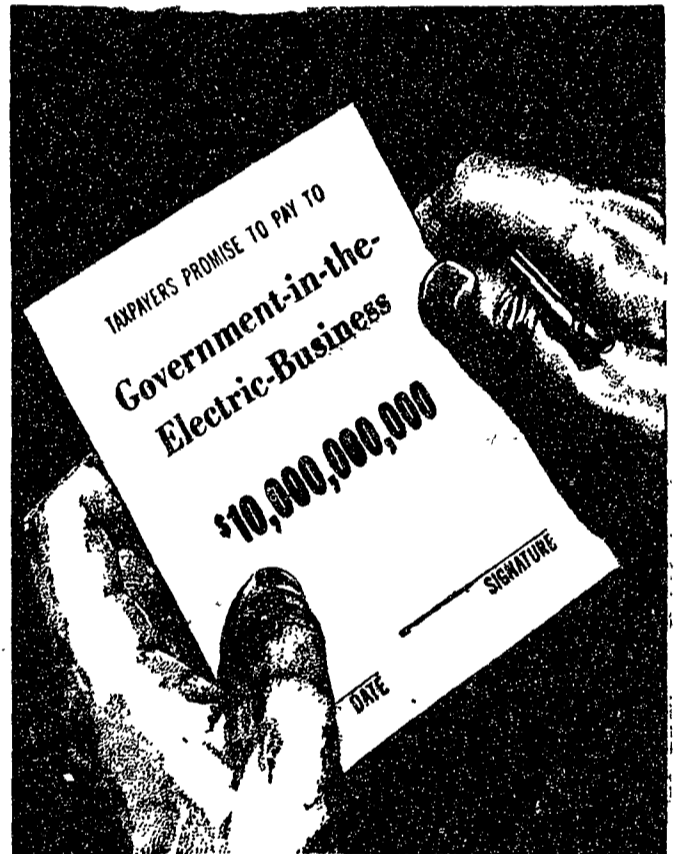
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