

Gymnasts' Depth Tops Maroons As Four Lions Capture Firsts

Penn State's Greg Weiss, lost his personal duel with Springfield's all-around star, Jeff Cardinali Saturday night, but the national champion Nittany Lions relied on depth and balance to topple the Maroons, 57-39 at Springfield, Mass.

Four Lion gymnasts captured first places, with Weiss and Tommy Seward scoring most heavily. Cardinali garnered both firsts for Springfield.

After the first two events, State led by only 17-15, but then the Lions piled up points on the high bar and rope climb to clinch team honors.

As Penn State widened its lead, all eyes turned to the dual between Weiss and Cardinali, two of the finest gymnasts in the country.

Cardinali, shaking off the effects of a shoulder injury stepped out in front with a near-flawless side-horse routine. His winning score of 282 was high for the evening.

Weiss, who banged the leather once for a minor break, scored 237 for the second spot.

Weiss evened the score with a first on the horizontal bar. He dazzled the fans with a different routine and flawless continuity, and he added a double back somersault dismount to score 278.

Smiling Tommy Seward, the State's other all-around threat,



JERRY SCHAEFER

... Tops on flying rings finished second, with Cardinali a close third.

Cardinali won the duel by edging Weiss 277-273 on the parallel bar. His perfect form and slower movements outweighed a spectacular one-hand stand by Weiss.

Even though Weiss and Cardinali dominated the spotlight, Jerry Schaefer, Penn State's darling young man on the flying rings, scored heavily with the fans and judges alike on the flying rings.

Lion coach Gene Wettstone, praising the flashy junior, said that from the standpoint of classic form and artistic imagination,

Schaefer's performance was one of the best.

In tumbling, Seward bounded down the mats with a fine display of front and back flips and twists to cop first place with a 270.

Lion captain Bob Mumau hustled up the 20-foot rope in 3.9 seconds to win that event. Team-mate George Williams shared second place honors with the Maroon's Jim Havlick. Both were a half second off Mumau's pace.

Gym Summaries
TUMBLING: 1. Seward, Penn State (270); 2. Black, Springfield (262); 3. Criley, Penn State (251); 4. Peterson, Springfield (197); 5. Page, Penn State (152).

SIDE HORSE: 1. Cardinali, Springfield (282); 2. Weiss, Penn State (237); 3. Harlocher, Penn State (215); 4. MacLaren, Springfield (209); 5. Wisniewski, Springfield (205).

HORIZONTAL BAR: 1. Weiss, Penn State (278); 2. Seward, Penn State (260); 3. Cardinali, Springfield (255); 4. L'Viness, Springfield (193); 5. Hagenbuch, Penn State (192).

ROPE CLIMB: 1. Mumau, Penn State (3:09); 2. Tie between Havlick, Springfield, and Williams, Penn State (4:4); 4. Hess, Springfield (4:5); 5. Tie between Fosnocht, Penn State, and Devio, Springfield (4:6).

PARALLEL BARS: 1. Cardinali, Springfield (277); 2. Weiss, Penn State (273); 3. Seward, Penn State (258); 4. Walsh, Springfield (214); 5. Morrow, Penn State (215).

FLYING RINGS: 1. Schaefer, Penn State (264); 2. Wisniewski, Springfield (249); 3. Yohn, Penn State (192); 4. Wheeler, Springfield (173); 5. Morrow, Penn State (152).

Moran Off to Good Start, Takes First at Baltimore

Penn State grad student Ed Moran recorded the second fastest mile ever run on a flat track Saturday night at the All Eastern Games in Baltimore.

Moran, a former Lion track great, led Bob Vinton of the Baltimore Olympic Club by 35 yards as he breezed across the tape in 4:08.8.

Moran ran 4:08.3 at the Washington Star Games last year to set the record for a flat track. The AAU does not accept flat floor marks in its record books.

Pat Clohessy of Houston finished third behind Vinton. A pair of Olympians — Pete Close and Deacon Jones — finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Moran, who started off last year with his resounding performance at the Star Games, later experienced some bitter defeats.

He missed qualifying for an Olympic berth in the 1500 meters when he was edged by Close, a runner he beat consistently in many outings last year.

"This is a new year," Moran said yesterday, "and I intend to look ahead and not back."



Ed Moran

Kerr's Interceptions Aid East Victory

Special to the Collegian
 HONOLULU, Jan. 10 — After coaching Jim Kerr in the Hula Bowl here yesterday, Joe Kuharich probably wouldn't mind going back to the Washington Redskins.

Kerr, a Penn State halfback who signed a 1961 contract with the 'Skins, was a defensive standout for Kuharich's East team which beat the West, 14-7.

Kuharich, who left the Redskins to take the head coaching job at Notre Dame two years ago, was quite impressed with Kerr who came up with a pair of key pass interceptions.

Kerr's interception of a Bill Kilmer pass set up the winning East touchdown in the third quarter.

In the closing minutes Kerr again was the hero when he stopped a West touchdown drive by intercepting another aerial from Washington's Bob Schloredt.

Lion Fans Pull for Vega To Gain Berth Thursday

Former Penn State gymnastics great Armando Vega is back on campus preparing for Saturday's dual-meet with Russia, and already Lion fans are reviving memories of his sensational Rec Hall performances.

Vega isn't assured of a spot on the six-man U.S. squad which will oppose the Russian Olympic team Saturday night, but everyone in the vicinity of Mt. Nittany will be pulling for him to win a berth.

The former Lion star is one of the ten gymnasts who will compete in a tryout for the squad beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday in Rec Hall.

Vega, who is coaching at New Mexico State, is no stranger to the Russians or international competition.

He performed against some of the Soviet athletes in the 1956 Olympic games at Melbourne and then participated against them in various European meets.

Vega has plenty of respect for the Russians. "I think, if they perform up to their capabilities, they will take the flying rings, the side horse and the high bar," he said yesterday.

But the soft-spoken star wasn't counting himself or the rest of the U.S. squad out by any means. "If I make the team," he said, "I think I have as good a chance as anybody in four of the events—the rings, parallel bars, long horse and free exercise."

Vega said the choice of unbiased officials should help the United States' chances. He admitted that officials in European meets, especially from Satellite countries, were prejudiced toward

the Russian squad. Two Russians and two Americans are scheduled to officiate Saturday.

As for making the team, Vega thinks any of the ten competitors could win a berth.

"I've worked out against and beat all of them at one time or another," he said. "But if someone gets hot, you never can tell."

Although he is a consistent performer, Vega is quite capable of coming up with a hot streak of his own.

In fact, in his final appearance for Penn State in the 1959 NCAA finals, Vega put on one of the greatest scoring sprees in the history of American gymnastics.

He scored a total of 1654½ points for the six events in the all-around competition, an average of 288 per event.

To say Vega was a campus hero would be a slight understatement. In his heyday at State he was to Lion fans what matinee idols are to love-sick women.

Endowed with that evasive and undefined quality called showmanship, Vega made a habit of rising to the occasion.

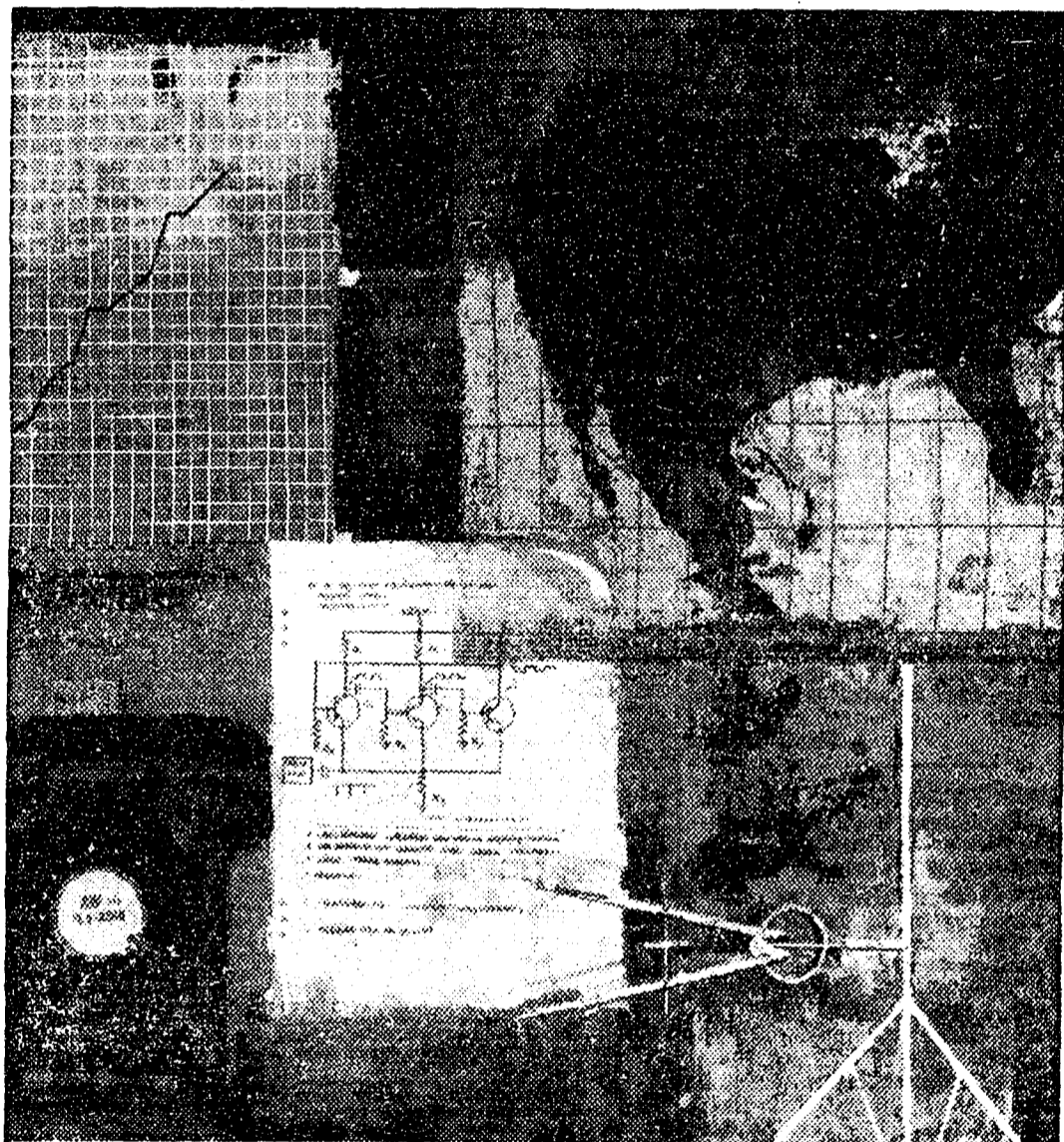
At one time or another in his illustrious career he was national champ on the flying rings, parallel bars, free exercise and long horse.

He finished fourth on the parallel bars in the 1956 Olympics.

Counted on as one of the mainstays of the 1960 Olympic squad, Vega never quite made it to Rome due to injuries.

For the past year he has been doing graduate work at New Mexico State and coaching the gym team on the side.

—Jim Karl



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