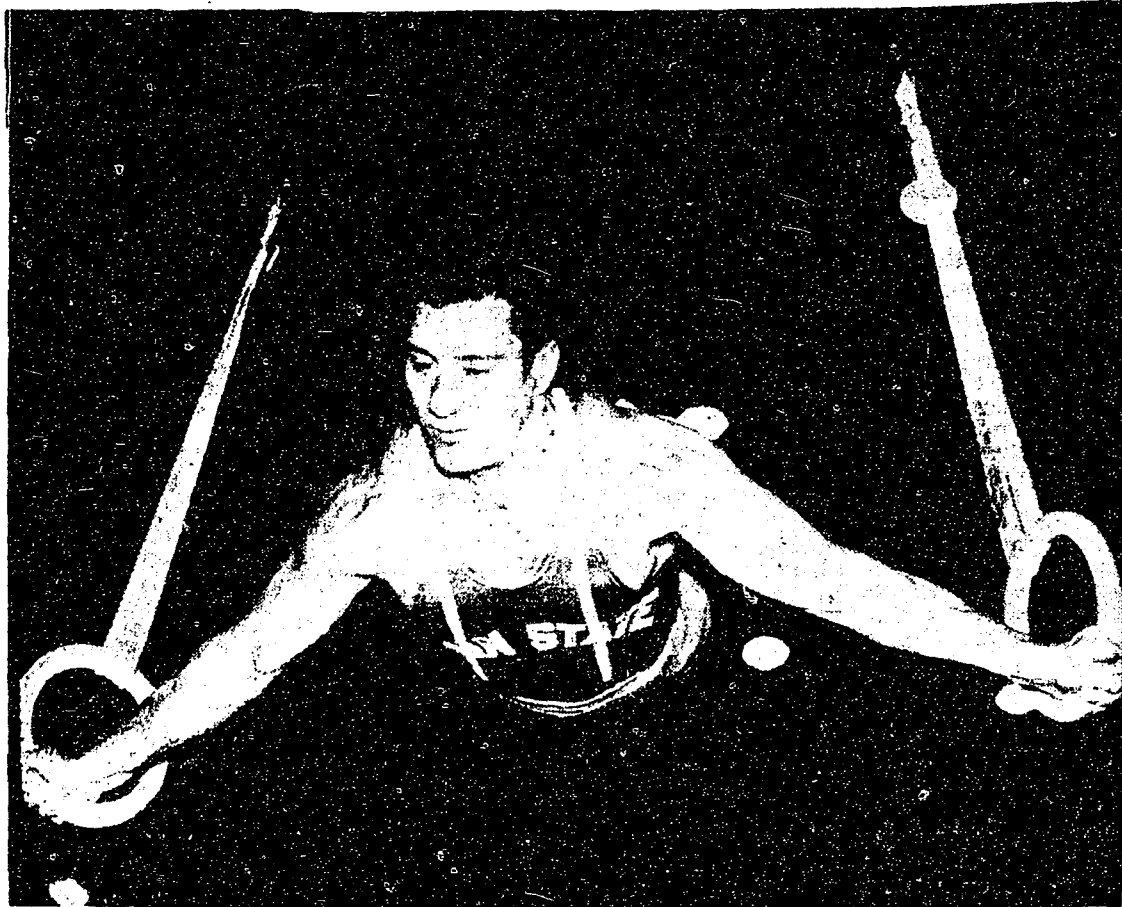


Gym Trials Set for Tonight



Armando Vega

Vega, Weiss, Werner Compete For Positions on Final Team

Olympic gym coach Tom Maloney arrives on campus today with just 48 hours to choose a team to face the visiting Russian Olympic squad in Rec Hall Saturday.

Maloney has scheduled a tryout in Rec Hall tonight for eight of Uncle Sam's finest, including three Penn Staters. The informal tryout will start at 6 and admission is free.

Penn State stars Armando Vega, Jay Werner and Greg Weiss will compete with five other Americans for the five starting berths against the Soviets.

Olympian Jack Beckner is teaching in California and won't arrive on campus until tomorrow, but he has been awarded a place on the United States team based on past performances.

Beckner has been one of Uncle Sam's best all-around gymnasts for ten years and is reported to be in good shape.

Vega, Werner, Weiss and California's Bob Lynn will compete against Olympians Gar O'Quinn, Don Torry, Abe Grossfeld and Fred Orlofsky for the remaining spots.

Three other outstanding gymnasts declined Maloney's invitation to try out. Larry Banner will not be able to attend because of grad work at UCLA. Banner was the outstanding star for the U.S. in the 1960 Olympics.

Jeff Cardinali, Springfield star, and Illinois' John Culbertson are both injured and won't be able to compete. Cardinali injured his shoulder earlier this year and aggravated the injury against Penn State Saturday.

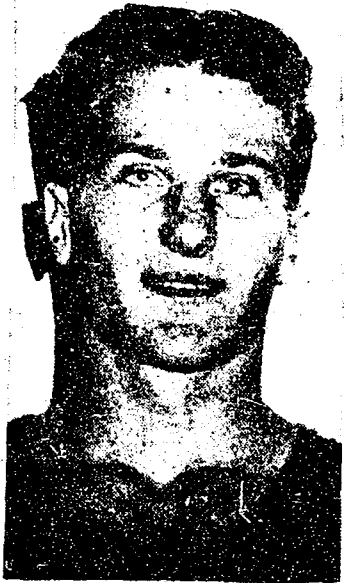
Penn State coach Gene Wett-

Curtice Succeeds Enale

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jack Curtice of Stanford has been elected president of the American Football Coaches Association. He succeeds Rip Engle of Penn State.

Engle was appointed a member of the NCAA rules committee for football, representing District 2.

Ernest McCoy of Penn State was appointed chairman of the sports injury and safety committee.



Jay Werner

would be kept completely secret and Maloney would take many things into consideration before making his final selections.

"The main thing he will look for will be team balance. A performer who is outstanding in only a couple of the events probably won't make the team," the veteran coach added.

In international scoring each team enters six men in each of the six events. Only the top five scores for each team are counted in figuring team totals. However, the individual's all-around scoring is based on his performances in all six events.

The six events for tonight and Saturday are free exercise, still rings, side horse, long horse vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar.

The Russian team is scheduled to arrive tomorrow afternoon and may hold a brief closed workout in Rec Hall to familiarize themselves with the apparatus and lighting.

Chicago Signs Ditka

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears Wednesday signed All-America end Mike Ditka of the University of Pittsburgh.

Bear owner-coach George Halas announced Ditka's signing at a special news conference.

Wettstone gives his three stars "a real good chance to make the team," and thinks that the "real competition may be between Lynn and our three Penn State boys."

Maloney will be the only judge at tonight's tryout and he may not announce his starting team until tomorrow, according to Wettstone.

Wettstone said that the scoring

Matmen Will Meet Ivy League Champs

By JIM KARL

The Penn State grapplers meet Cornell at Ithaca, N.Y., Saturday, and the Big Red will be mighty welcome opposition for the Lions after consecutive losses to national powerhouses in their last two outings.

Cornell, the perennial Ivy League champion, is no push-over by any means, but after shellackings by the nation's third and sixth ranked teams, almost anybody except Oklahoma would look good to Charlie Speidel and his crew.

The outlook was rosy for State after early season wins over Army and West Virginia, but then the grapplers ran into a brick wall at Michigan, losing 17-8.

Lehigh made it two losses in a row Saturday night with an easy 24-8 triumph.

Bob Gunst triggered the Lion loss with a 6-1 decision over co-captain Jerry Seckler. This put Lehigh out in front, 8-5.

Kirk Pendleton followed with a pin over Ron Pifer and then Thad Turner scored a fall over John Barone to give the Engineers a commanding 18-5 lead.

Leeman, who called his team "as good as any I've ever coached" after the win, is already talking of a possible Eastern title.

He said if his boys performed up to their capabilities the Engineers had a fighting chance to capture a crown in every weight class from 130 through 191.

But Leeman cautioned on leaving Penn State out of the picture. "With boys like Dan Johnston, Jerry Seckler, Ron Pifer and Johnston Oberly you'll be right up there," he said.

Lehigh's victory was a tough one for State coach Charlie Speidel, but it wasn't entirely unexpected.

"Everyone knew of their strength even before they met us," Speidel said yesterday. "Now Pitt is the only team that has a chance to squeeze past them."

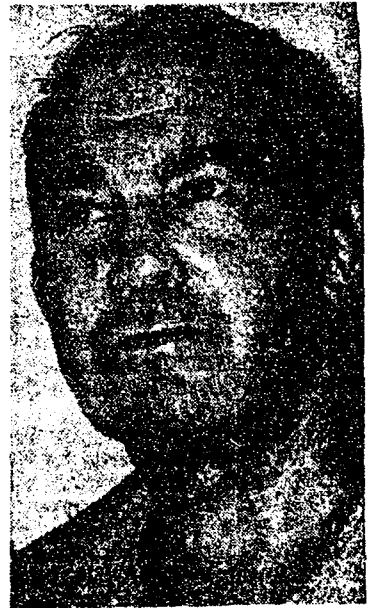
"But Pitt only has four solid men—possibly five, and I'm not even sure that they can do it," he said.

"Maybe if we met Lehigh to-

Financial Losses Fail to Stop AFL

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — American Football League club owners today begin their winter meeting, with no indication that heavy inaugural season financial losses have dampened enthusiasm for 1961.

There had been predictions from some areas a year ago the AFL would not get through its first season. But the eight club owners will begin two days of discussions with expansion as one of the items on the agenda.



CHARLIE SPEIDEL

morrow we could edge them, but you can't conjecture or post mortem after it's over."

Now that the Michigan and Lehigh disasters are past, State is over the roughest part of its schedule.

The Lions still have to meet two other Eastern toughies in Pitt and Rutgers, but if pre-season form sheets hold true State should be favored over its other four opponents.

Cornell, Maryland, Navy and Syracuse round out the Lions' schedule.

State will try for its third win of the season against the Big Red Saturday. Cornell has victories over Yale and Penn, two Ivy League foes, and losses to Lehigh and Pitt.

The Engineers shut out Cornell, 27-0, while Pitt downed them 20-8.

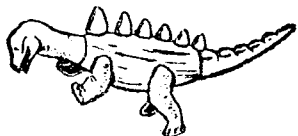
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