

Flying Rings Discontinued Same Old Ending, In Eastern Dual Meets

By JIM KARL

Right now Jerry Schaefer probably feels like a cowboy without a horse.

The Lion gymnast was one of the best flying ringmen in Penn State history. That's right, was.

For Schaefer, a junior who still has one more year of eligibility, the circus is over. No more will he be the man on the flying trapeze who thrills the packed houses at Rec Hall—the flying rings have gone out of style.

Gene Wettstone, head of the National Rules Committee and Schaefer's coach, said Monday that the flying rings, along with tumbling and rope climbing, will be discontinued in Eastern dual meets starting next year. The flying rings also will be dropped in the nationals as will rope climbing after one more year. No national ruling was made on tumbling.

Replacing these three events will be free exercise, still rings and the long horse vault, which along with parallel bars, horizontal bars and side horse comprise the six Olympic All-Around events.

The changes governing eastern competition actually were made at a coaches' meeting during the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships at Navy, March 3-4.

But Schaefer didn't find out about the change until Sunday, the day after he finished fourth



JERRY SCHAEFER

in the NCAA finals at Champaign, Ill.

"It had been in the air for a long time but I wasn't sure," Schaefer said yesterday. "Everybody at the nationals kept asking me what I was going to do next year, but the question of dropping the flying rings comes up every year and I didn't know there was anything definite."

Schaefer, everybody's favorite to win the title before the journey started, suffered a break

in the finals Saturday and dropped to fourth place.

In four previous encounters with Navy's Frank Snay, the eventual winner, he had never been beaten.

With his airborne days in the past, Schaefer plans to concentrate on the still rings, but there is one complicating factor—he has bad shoulders.

The still rings require much more strength than their swinging cousins, and Schaefer doesn't know if his shoulders will hold up under the strain.

"There are times when I can't even stand it to hang on the flying rings," he said. "I'm going to give it a try but I can't say how things will turn out because of my shoulders."

If his shoulders hold up, Wettstone thinks Schaefer can make the transition. "A boy like Schaefer may set a new pattern on the still rings not seen in the past decade," the veteran coach said.

"Schaefer's freedom of movement, his grace and marvelous balance, will enable him to do things on the still rings that nobody else has done," Wettstone said.

Celtics Win NBA Crown

BOSTON—The Boston Celtics are making a habit of winning the pro basketball championship. The Celtics won their third straight title last night and their fourth in five years with a 121-112 victory over the St. Louis Hawks.

Center Bill Russell paced the Celtics with 30 points and 28 rebounds.

Boston held a slim 62-61 half-time edge, but reeled off eight straight points at the start of the third quarter.

Tom Heinsohn tallied 19 for the Celtics while veteran Bob Cousy had 18, and Sam Jones and Frank Ramsey 16 apiece. Cliff Hagan was high for the Hawks with 26 and Bob Pettit netted 24.



Bill Russell

Bucs Win in Ninth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bill Virdon slammed a three-run homer with two out in the ninth inning yesterday, boosting the 1960 world baseball champion Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

An opening day throng of 41,423 watched the Pirates rally after their first two batters went down in the final frame.

Then pinch hitters Dick Schofield doubled and Dick Stuart walked. Lefty Mike McCormick relieved Stu Miller for the Giants and Virdon smashed McCormick's first pitch over the right field fence at Candlestick Park.

The victory went to Elroy Face, the Pirates' veteran reliever who was their third pitcher.

Until the ninth, the Giants were in command. Orlando Cepeda knocked in three runs, Willie McCovey two and they hit successive solo homers in the fifth.

NEW YORK (AP) — Home runs by Bob Allison and Reno Bertoia plus Pedro Ramos' shutout pitching and hitting got the Minnesota Twins away to a flying start in their American League debut yesterday with a 6-0 victory over the New York Yankees.

Ramos and Whitey Ford were locked in a scoreless battle until the Twins, the old Washington Senators, broke loose with three runs in the seventh inning.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — St. Louis shortstop Daryl Spencer cracked Warren Spahn's first pitch in the 10th inning for a homer boosting the Cardinals to a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Braves yesterday in a National League opener. Spencer's blast dealt Spahn a heartbreaking loss before a chilled crowd of 33,327.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ted Kluszewski socked homers in his first two times at bat yesterday to account for a total of five runs in powering the Los Angeles Angels to a victorious 7-2 American League debut over the Baltimore Orioles.

Bob Cerv smacked a home run right behind Kluszewski in the first inning and Albie Pearson singled in the other run in the second to complete the Los Angeles scoring.

Veteran Coaches

Joe Bedenk will celebrate his 31st season as Penn State baseball coach this spring, track coach Chic Werner his 28th.

MAJOR LEAGUES

By The Associated Press

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000
x-Los Angeles	0	0	.000
x-Philadelphia	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000
Milwaukee	0	1	.000
San Francisco	0	1	.000

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
New York	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Washington	0	1	.000
Baltimore	0	1	.000

Probable Pitchers
(1960 won-lost records in parentheses)

American League
Los Angeles, Garver (4-9) at Baltimore, Barber (10-7), night
Chicago, Pierce (14-7) at Washington, Daniels (1-3), night
Only games

National League
Pittsburgh, Law (20-9) at San Francisco, Loe (3-2)
Philadelphia, Sullivan (6-16) at Los Angeles, Podres (14-12), night
Only games

A's Trip Boston, 5-2

BOSTON (AP) — Kansas City was staked to four unearned runs by a chilled and uncertain Boston infield yesterday and went on to beat the Red Sox 5-2 in each team's American League opener.

Pitcher Ray Herbert, who operated effectively for six innings, drove in a pair of runs — both unearned — in the second. The A's pushed the lead to 4-1 in the sixth and were home safe.



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Nittanies Hope for Comeback Against Undefeated Lehigh

By JOHN MORRIS

The only good thing about making eight errors in one game is that it probably won't happen again.

At least Penn State baseball coach Joe Bedenk hopes it won't happen to the Lions.

State played errorless ball in its 3-2 opening win over Gettysburg last week.

But Saturday the Lions couldn't do anything right. The Nittany nine booted the ball around to hand Villanova a 9-6 win as Bedenk watched in horror.

"I don't know what happened," Bedenk said, "but I know we can't afford another one like that."

"We'll just stick with our boys and see what happens," Bedenk said. "But Lehigh is pretty rough."

The Engineers bring an unblemished record into tomorrow afternoon's contest. The game is scheduled for 3:30 on Beaver Field.

Lehigh boasts wins over Swarthmore (12-3), Wagner (3-2), and Bucknell (4-3).

Coach Tony Packer was faced with the problem of replacing his ace righthander Craig Anderson when the season opened. Anderson is now in the St. Louis Cardinal chain.

However, Bob Meyer and Dick Ross have come along for the

Engineers and either could get the call tomorrow.

The outfield is pretty well set with team captain Pete Jeffers in right, veteran Dave Seitz in left and sophomore Bob Gifford in center.

Lehigh has one of the top third sackers in the East in John Highfield. A good gloveman, Highfield also led the Engineers in batting last year with a .289 average.

Packer can go with either Dave Usilton or Bob Rutledge at first. Usilton is a sophomore and Rutledge played part time last year.

Two sophomores, Walt King at second and Pete Bennett at short, make up the Engineers' keystone combination. Veteran Don Kane will be behind the plate.

Non-Pennsylvanian

Second baseman Bart Brodtkin is the only member of Penn State's baseball squad who doesn't live in Pennsylvania. He's from Iselin, N.J.

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