

# Nittany Gymnasts Host Orange in Key EIGL Meet

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Syracuse and Penn State put their high gymnastics hopes on the line today at 8 p.m. in what stacks up as one of the closest meets in recent Rec Hall history.

The Lions (3-1) must win to keep their hopes for Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League honors alive, and Paul Romeo's Orange (5-0-1) need a victory to stay in a tie with Army.

Army is in a commanding position in the EIGL with a 3-0-1 record and only meets with Navy and Temple blocking an undefeated season. The Cadets tied Syracuse, 48-48, three weeks ago and then dropped the Lions, 54-42, last week.

But Nittany coach Gene Wett-

stone thinks his gymnasts still have a chance to win the Eastern championship.

"We need a win against Syracuse," Wettstone said. "If Navy beats Army we can still win the championship."

A loss this afternoon will practically, if not mathematically, eliminate the victim from the race.

"These two teams are very evenly matched," Wettstone said yesterday. "Both squads have strong performers in every event."

IF THE LIONS have an ad-

vantage, it is on the parallel bars, a bout with the flu, and Bill Schlegel will be State's other competitor in the event.

Another stiff battle looms on the side horse between Weiss and Ray, undefeated Ray Grimaldi, Har-

lacher and Ray Cherry back up Weiss with Rolf Leininger and on the first four events. If Penn State can hang on, they can win it on the parallel bars and horizontal bar.

The free exercise may be one of the most hotly-contested events of the meet.

CORKY VOAS WILL give Seward his first major test of the season in the free "X" and the Orange junior is also a threat in the long horse vault and on the high bar.

Gene Harlacher, recovered from

backed up by Tom Steeves and Voas.

Then the Lions will probably take over on the p-bars. Weiss, Seward and Harlacher will compete against Orlick, Poplar and Leininger.

The high bar team Seward, Weiss and John Brunning give the Lions an edge over John Bird, Poplar and Voas in that event.



Gene Harlacher



Larry Yohn

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## Practice Conditions May Hurt Thinclads

When the going gets tough, yards make a difference in football, inches make a difference in baseball and field houses make a difference in track.

Penn State does not have a field house, so if the competition is close at Ann Arbor, Mich., today, don't look for the Lions to come out on top.

State will be competing against two Big Ten powers, Purdue and Michigan, and the meet will take place in Michigan's field house.

"Michigan has a field house where all their trackmen can work out under proper conditions," Lion coach Chick Werner said. "We have a balcony to use and even if the two teams were on equal par the team with the field house would win the meet."

Assistant coach Norm Gordon was in accord with Werner. "Our broad jumpers hadn't even seen a pit until they jumped at Navy last week," Gordon said. "Grant-ham (Bob) was jumping about 24 feet at Navy, but he was taking off a foot and a half behind the board because he had no previous practice."

GRANTHAM WILL BE called on for strenuous duty tonight. He is scheduled to compete in five events; the broad jump, 60-yard dash, 65-yard high and low hurdles, and the 300.

Steve Moorhead and Gerry Norman in the mile and Howie Deardorff in the 1000 will face the stiffest test of the evening when they come up against Michigan's Ergas Leps. Leps, the outstanding middle distance man in the Big Ten, led the Wolverines to the conference title last year.

MOORHEAD WILL RUN in the 880 and on the mile relay team in addition to the mile.

Norman, fast becoming one of the best distance men in the East, will be the favorite in the two mile.

Lion pole vaulter Ciro Risoldi will have to come close to the school record of 14 feet if he



HOWIE DEARDORFF

... must fight Leps

hopes to cop that event because Purdue has a 14-foot vaulter in Larry Ruch.

TOM URBANIK, who placed third at Navy, will be the only Lion entry in the shot put.

High jumper Jerry Wettstone also has been hampered by poor practice conditions. Wettstone cleared 6-5 last year but his best effort so far this season was 6 feet.

Both Mike Miller and Tom Met-trick will be entered in the 440 and 600. Mettrick has shown flashes of good running in practice, but both runners will have to better their best times for any winning hopes against Purdue's Dave Mills, the American record holder for the 440.

Along with Grant-ham, Tony Wayne and Steve Popp will compete in the 60. They will be up against Purdue sophomore Nate Adams, who is the co-holder of the American record for the 70-yard dash (7.0).

## Bowling Tourney Opens in Rec Hall

Sixty bowlers from 12 regional schools will compete at Rec Hall today at 1 p.m. as Penn State hosts the American College Union's Region 3 Face-To-Face Bowling Tournament.

The five men with the highest all-events scores in the tourney will travel to Des Moines Iowa, to compete in the National Intercollegiate Championship at the American Congress Tournament, April 8 and 9.

State bowlers Jerry Freedman, Charlie Bigler, Al Eicher, Al Haberbusch and Jim Stanko will compete against teams from Gettysburg, LaSalle, Muhlenberg, Rutgers, Newark State, St. Peter's, Seton Hall, Temple, Penn, West Virginia and Villanova this afternoon.



Charlie Bigler

## Grapplers—

(Continued from page six) one's guess, Denny Slattery (0-1-1) will get the nod at 123 and Bob Hancy (7-0) will start at 130. After that anything can happen.

At 137 State has been using Dick Campbell or Steve Erber. George Edwards is the Lions' regular 147-pounder while Ron Pifer usually starts at 157. John Barone starts at 167, Phil Myer at 177, Ed Pohland at 191 and Dick Walker at heavyweight.

EDWARDS, PIFER, Barone, Myer and Pohland could go either up or down in the weight classes and Speidel probably will make his selections during the meet. Myer has wrestled at 177, 191 and heavyweight while Pohland has been at 191 and heavyweight.

Pifer could go 147, 157 or 167 while Barone could start at 157, 167 or 177, Edwards could wrestle at 137, 147 or 157.

## Dolman Clips IM Swim Mark

A man who's been swimming competitively for only two years, set a new record for the backstroke last night in IM swimming at Glennland Pool.

Fran Dolman, former Westfield (N.J.) High School star, clipped .7 of a second off the existing IM record for the 60-yard backstroke as he churned through the water in 37.0.

According to meet director Dutch Sykes, this performance obliterated the oldest of the IM swimming marks, that of Al Rossi in 1955.

Unfortunately, Fran's Lehigh teammates were unable to maintain his blistering pace and were defeated by Nittany 23, 25-11.

In other action, Nittany .38 downed Berks 25-11, and Lackawanna forfeited to Nittany 21-22.

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