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Penn State's incomparable Greg Weiss, making the last home appearance of his brilliant career, thrilled 6,200 fans in Rec Hall Saturday afternoon with "the finest individual effort ever by a Penn State gymnast."

That quote belongs to Lion coach Gene Wettstone, who has coached five Olympians and 19 individual NCAA champions since coming to Penn State 23 years ago, Weiss, clicking like a fine Swiss watch, executed a near-perfect routine on the parallel bars to earn the praise of his coach, a standing ovation from the audience and a 296

from the judges.

THE 296 BROKE his own Penn State record of 293 that he set against Temple three weeks ago. "That record will stand for years," Wettstone said. "It was the result of perfecting a routine that the has used for years" that he has used for years."

The grim-faced captain, apparently pressure-proof, also won on the side horse and horizontal bar to pace a 56-40 Penn State victory that knocked Syracuse (5-1-1) out of a tie for first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League.

Army, a 54-42 victor over the Lions two weeks ago, beat Tem-ple Saturday and needs only a victory over Navy this week to sew up the EIGL title.

Wettstone still gives his Lions (4-1) a chance for Eastern honors, but the Lions' hopes rest on a Navy victory over Army (4-0-1). Syracuse coach Paul Romeo doesn't think the Lions have a snowball's chance in Mississippi of winning the Eastern championship.

Lions' second man in the event, varsity Saturday afternoon. but Yohn, matched his blonde The frosh won every event in teammate with a fine effort in his the meet as Jim Culhane led the

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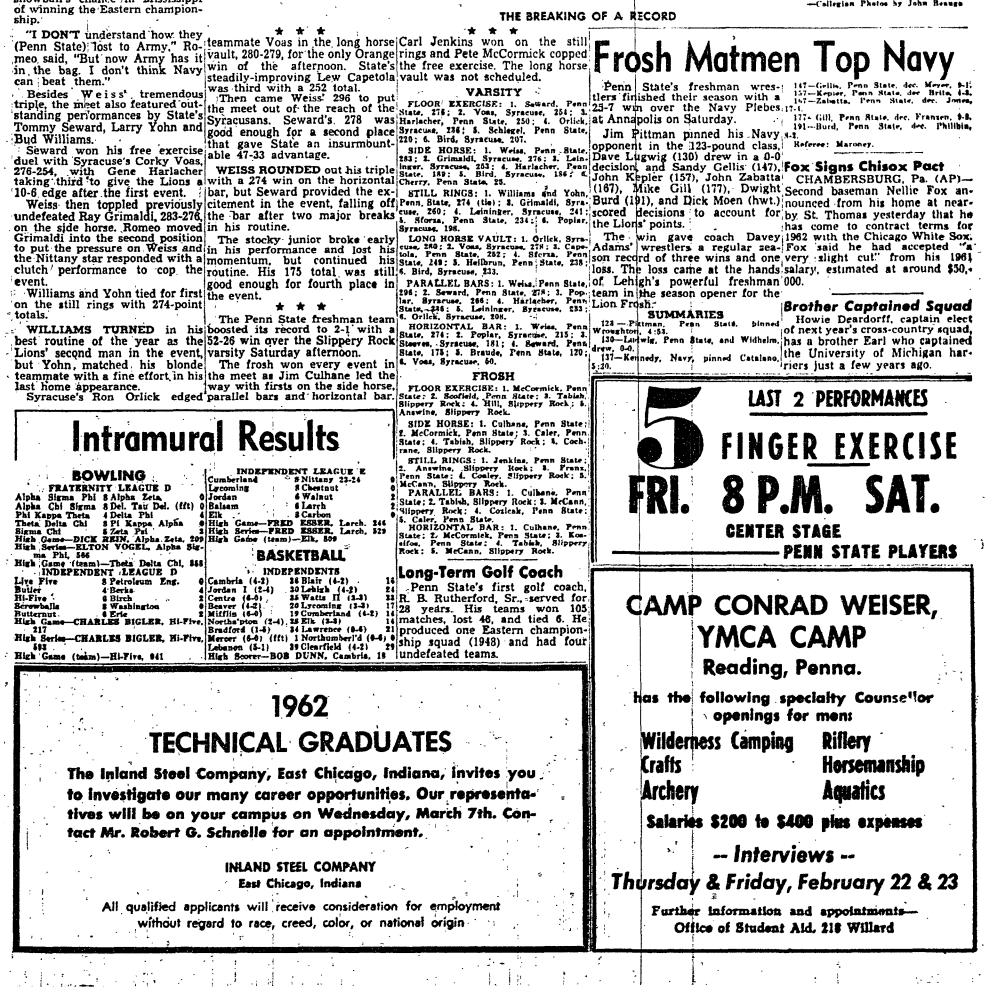






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