

# Lion Gymnasts Face Pitt; Keep Watch on Army-Navy Meet

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Penn State's gymnastics team closes out its regular season at Pitt tonight, but most of the Lions will be more interested in a meet in Annapolis, Md. this afternoon.

While the Nittanians (4-1) go through the motions against the Panthers, Navy hosts Army (4-0-1) in a meet that will decide the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League champion.

Lion coach Gene Wettstone doesn't consider the Panthers much of a threat to his team, but unless the Middies upset Army, State will say goodbye to the EIGL title.

"FOR SEVERAL years now it has been up to Navy to beat Army for us to win the championship," Wettstone said. "They haven't done it yet, but if Army has a bad day and Navy hits..."

Wettstone said that today would be a day of experimentation as the Lions prepare for the EIGL individual championships at West Point next week.

"We'll see what we can do to improve ourselves," the veteran coach said. "We shouldn't have too much trouble winning."

The Lions have beaten Pitt all seven times the two teams have met and this year shouldn't be any different.

"They're not a bad team," Wettstone said before the Lions left for Pittsburgh. "They just don't have enough depth."

**PITT RELIES ON** Earl McConnell and Ed Zamecnik to do most of its scoring damage, but neither of the Panther stars has come up against the likes of Tommy Seward or Greg Weiss so far this year.

McConnell is undefeated in the free exercise, but so is Seward.

The State star is a slight favorite to remain so.

Syracuse free exercise ace Corky Voas, who lost to both Seward and McConnell, put it this way:

"McConnell will be tough at home, but he shouldn't beat Seward unless Tom misses his routine completely."

McConnell will also challenge Larry Yohn and Bud Williams on the still rings and the undefeated Weiss on the parallel bars.

Weiss, Yohn and long horse vaulter Lew Capetola will be making final regular season appearances as Lion gymnasts.

Weiss set a new Penn State record last week, scoring a 296 on the parallel bars against Syracuse. He is a heavy favorite to win that event.

Yohn and Williams tied for first on the rings last week and could turn tonight's ring contest into a two-man show.

Zamecnik finished third in last year's EIGL All-Around competition and could compete in any of four events. The Panther veteran is listed as a possible starter in the free exercise and long horse vault and on the p-bars and high bar.

LION JUNIOR Gene Harlacher will be one of the main experimenters tonight. He plans to install new moves into his free exercise and parallel bars routines.

The Lions will probably go with the same lineup they used last week in beating Syracuse, 56-40: Bill Schlegel, Harlacher and Seward will compete in the free "X". Harlacher and Ray Cherry back up Weiss on the side horse.

E. P. Sforza will probably be the third man behind Yohn and Williams on the still rings, but the Lion sophomore will be the number one man in the long horse vault. Dave Heilbrun and Capetola will also compete in the vault.

Weiss, Seward and Harlacher are the p-bars trio for the Lions. John Brunzing joins Weiss and Seward for the high bar competition.



Gene Harlacher Bud Williams

## Thinclads Meet OSU At Columbus Today

By DENNIS KNECHT

Penn State's track team stands a good chance of winning its first meet of the season when the Lions meet Ohio State at Columbus today at 1 p.m.

Howie Deardorff and captain Steve Moorhead, recovering from the flu, made the trip and are scheduled to compete.

Moorhead will run the mile and 600, while Deardorff will compete in the 1000 and 880.

The Buckeyes don't appear to be nearly as strong as Michigan State or Navy, the two teams that have defeated State this season. Ohio State lost to Wisconsin, 89-42, Feb. 3, and to Indiana, 75 1/2-65 1/2, last week.

FROM COMPARATIVE scores, it appears that State is stronger in the running events, while the Buckeyes are tougher in the field events.

Bob Grantham will have a rough time beating Ohio State's broad jumper, Paul Warfield, who leaped 23'10 1/2" against Indiana. And Tom Urbanik's 50'7 1/4" shot put throw of last week will not be good enough to beat Ohio State's 52'3" thrower, Ron Weldy.

Pole vaulter Ciro Risoldi will have to vault 13'9 1/2" to match the mark of Ohio's Greg Hochstetter.

JIM DAVIS, the Buckeyes' best miler, has run the distance in 4:24.5, but he is no match for the Lions' Moorhead, Gerry Norman and Lionel Bassett, all of whom ran faster times than Davis in taking three places in the event against Navy.

Norman, State's record-breaking two-miler, is expected to win that event today.

Moorhead, Mike Miller and Tom Mettrick will run the 600,



JIM DAVIS  
...top Buckeye miler

and the latter two also are entered in the 440.

The 60-yard high and low hurdles will be run by Grantham and George Barnhill.

Steve Popp, Tony Wayne and Fred Mueller will compete in the 60 and 300-yard dashes, and Deardorff and Ernie Noil will run the 1000 and 880-yard distances.

## Uelses, Delany, O'Brien To Sit Out AAU Meet

NEW YORK (AP) — John Uelses, said Uelses was still too weak, and had been unable to vaulter, yesterday joined two former world record holders in scratching from the National AAU Championships at Madison Square Garden tonight because of illness.

Ron Delany of Ireland had bowed out of the mile earlier because of a heel injury, and Parry O'Brien, winner the last nine years, pulled out of the shot put.

The flu bug grounded Uelses after he had cleared 16 feet twice this month. He could not clear 14 feet, ordinarily a warmup height, at Louisville last week.

His coach, Marine Lt. Richard Jackson, said Uelses was still too weak, and had been unable to practice.

Delany's pullout wrecked the "mile of the year" but actually may have enhanced Jim Beatty's hopes of running the first sub-four-minute mile in the East.

With Delany out, Beatty probably will step out and run the field into the ground.

### Varsity Golf Candidates

Golf Coach Joe Boyle will hold a meeting for all varsity golf candidates at 7:30 Wednesday night at the Ice Rink.

## Lion Riflemen Face Tartans in Finale

Penn State's rifle team will make its final regular season appearance today against Carnegie Tech at the Rec Hall rifle range.

The Lion shooters thus far have posted a record of nine wins against three defeats. State has defeated Lehigh, Cornell, Pitt, Maryland, Duquesne, Canisius, Clarkson, St. Lawrence and Villanova. Losses came at the hands of Army, Navy and defending national champion West Virginia. These three teams are currently ranked as the top three teams in the East.

State will appear in the National Rifle Association sectional shoot-offs held at Grove City, Pa., March 30, 31.

Today's match will be fired at 1 p.m.

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