

# Gymnasts Battle Springfield in Season Opener

## Lions Hope To Regain Lost National Prestige

By JOE GRATA

Penn State's gymnastics squad, seeking to regain supremacy in Eastern and national circles, opens its 1963 season tonight against a mediocre Springfield College team in the Indians' gym.

For years the Nittany Lion gymnasts ranked as the best in the country, winning NCAA titles in 1959-60-61. But last year, despite the brilliant performances of the now graduated Greg Weiss; coach Gene Wettstone's proteges managed a 5-1 dual-meet mark, dropped to ninth in the nationals and placed as runner-up in the Easterns.

This year State's gymnasts, led by a core of seven lettermen and solid reserves, are out to regain that lost prestige. Among the difficult hurdles on the gymnasts' agenda are Army, Syracuse and Pitt—the final three opponents on the Lions' schedule of six dual meets.

**SPRINGFIELD SPORTS** a record which perhaps does little justice to its performance in four meets so far this season. Coach Frank Wolcott's Indians have coped only one victory—a 51-45 upset over the Pitt Panthers—while dropping close decisions to Navy, 51-45, and Temple, 49-46.

The other Indian loss was a severe one, 62-34, dealt by the perennially powerful Cadets of Army. Top performers for Springfield have been Bill Scherer, free exercise, and sophomore all-around competitors Steve Ross and Bruce Wright.

Senior all-around man Tom Seward and sophomore Mike Jacobson head the cast of Lion entries. Seward will compete in free exercise, parallel bars and horizontal bar. Jacobson, considered by Wettstone as one of the best young gymnastics prospects on this year's team, will make his intercollegiate varsity debut in the horizontal bar and parallel bars events.

Lettermen Gene Harlacher and Bill Schlegel conclude State's entries in free exercise, while another outstanding sophomore, Jim Culhane, will back Jacobson and Seward up on the horizontal bar and the parallel bars.

**COMPETING ON** the still rings will be Bud Williams, runner-up in the event in last year's Easterns Tournament, and sophomore Bill Jenkins and John Martin.

Veteran F. P. Sforza and sophomores Pete Saponaro and Tom Burnett will vault the long horse; Harlacher and juniors Allen Porter and Ray Cherry will test Springfield competitors on the side horse.

The series between the two schools, which began only two years ago, stands at 2-0 in favor of Penn State. The Lions won last year's meet by a wide 64-32 margin.



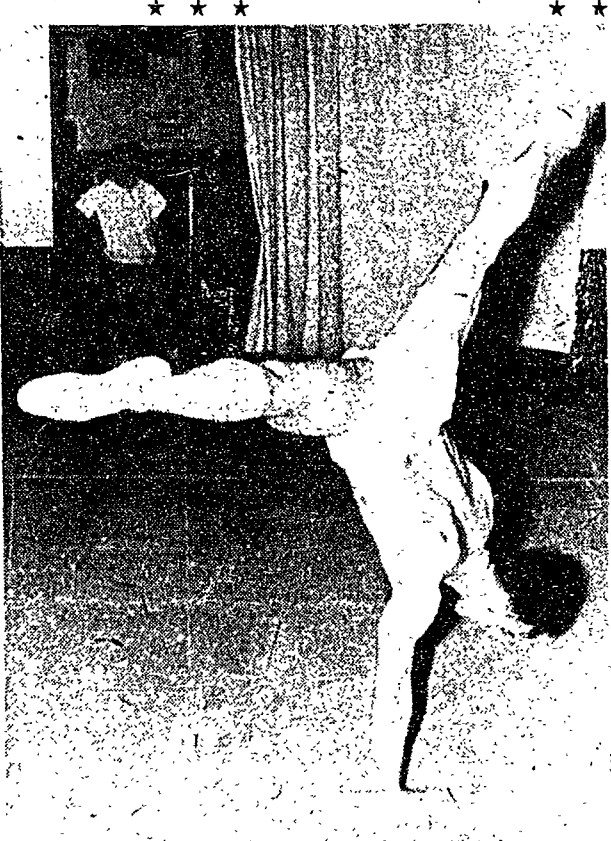
**TOM SEWARD**

... State's No. 1 gymnast

The team left by bus at noon yesterday, and will quarter at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball in Springfield. They'll return to campus on Sunday.

**WETTSTONE SAID** yesterday before departing that the stay at Springfield College will probably prove to be the most pleasant of any this year.

"The last time we were there," Wettstone remarked, "the students made us most welcome. After the gym meet, they even had a dance."



**INDIAN HUNT:** The Nittany Lion gymnasts make their debut tonight against Springfield in the Indians' gym. Two of State's entries in the meet are Gene Harlacher, left, who'll compete



in free exercise and on the side horse, and Ray Cherry, another Lion entrant on the side horse. Springfield owns one victory in four starts.

### Host Maryland Today

## Riflemen Seek Rebound Win

By ED CARPENTER

The ability of a team to bounce back after defeat is one way to tell the difference between a fair team and a top-notch one. This is the problem confronting the Penn State rifle team today.

It was just one week ago that the Lion sharpshooters dropped their first match of the season. The loss, 1444-1424, was against an exceptionally strong West Point team.

The question now is whether the riflemen can bounce back against Maryland at 1:30 this afternoon on the University rifle range.

**LION COACH** Sgt. Joe Watson is optimistic that his club will win. This marks the fifth time that Watson has predicted a victory. He has been right on three of them.

"We should win this one, but it will be closer than last year's meet," Watson said this week. State won last year by 1426-1401.

The meet may be tougher than many people think, however, for the Terps will be here for revenge. It marks the fourth year that Maryland has been on the schedule and the Lions have won all of them.

If scores during practice are any indication of what to expect in a meet, the Lions should have little trouble in picking up their fourth victory. Watson has held two formal practices this week and the Lions have shot scores of 1447 and 1445.

Unfortunately, scores in practice are not indicative of what a team will do during actual competition. For example, less than a week before meeting Army, the Lions fired a 1443 during a practice round.

**WATSON,** except for one change, will be sending the same team to the firing line that represented the Lions last week.

The change will find sophomore Hiram Wolf shooting in place of Les Parmele. The remaining nine riflemen will be captain Rich Gogolkiewicz, Bill Shaffer, Walt Estep, Neil Anderson, Den Brumbach, Warren Grossman, Chuck Nagel, Walt Morrow and Rich Taylor.

A victory this afternoon would boost the chances of an improved record over last year's 10-3 mark.

### Stanford Names Ralston

**STANFORD, Calif. (AP)**—John Ralston, a winning coach at Utah State University the past four years, was named head football coach at Stanford University yesterday.

Dr. J. E. Wallace Sterling, president, said the appointment, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, is for three years at an undisclosed salary.

The 35-year-old Ralston, a University of California graduate, has compiled the impressive record of 31 victories, 11 defeats and one tie with the Aggies.



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