

Lion Gymnasts Meet Navy With Plans To 'Experiment'

By JOE GRATA

State's gymnasts, out to win their third meet and continue unbeaten, drop the anchor of a University bus at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., today.

Coach Gene Wettstone's performers plan to conduct an unofficial research project during their stay by experimenting against a "weak" Navy squad with more difficult routines. They're doing this in preparation for next Saturday's crucial meet against Army.

According to an optimistic Wettstone, who usually drafts his team's blueprints of strategy with a maximum of caution, the meet with the Midshipmen should prove to be a fairly easy one.

"I MAY BE taking this Navy team too lightly," the veteran boss said. "And in that case we may win by only 51-45. Our balance should be too much for them, though, so we could do even better than that."

This year's Navy contingent is one of the weakest in recent years. The Middies' only victory of the season was over Springfield, while they dropped decisions to Temple (59-37) and Syracuse.

Last year the Nittany gymnasts completely dominated the Navy squad with a 62½-33½ victory and raised their all-time series record to 16-9.

The lineup for State remains the same as last week when the gymnasts defeated a highly-touted Temple squad, 55-41, before an estimated 6,000 fans who packed Rec Hall.

LION CAPTAIN Tom Seward will compete in free exercise and on the horizontal bar and parallel bars. Vaulting on the long horse



AL PORTER

... top man on side horse

will be the veteran F. P. Sforza, Pete Saponaro and Tom Burtnett. Sforza, along with sophomore standout Bill Jenkins and specialist Bud Williams, will also perform on the still rings.

Junior Al Porter and letter winners Ray Cherry and Gene Harlacher are on the side horse. Assisting Seward in free exercise will be Bill Schlegel and sophomore Jim Culhane.

Mike Jacobson, another of Wettstone's prize sophomore products, will perform as No. 2 man on the horizontal bar and parallel bars. Harlacher will also be on the parallel bars and Culhane on the horizontal bar.

Heading the Navy cast, coached by Chet Phillips, are horizontal bar specialist and captain Ed Hutcheson. Other veterans on the Middle squad are Art Day and

Bob Giddens (floor exercise), Larry Silver (still rings) and Roger Stetraut (horizontal bar).

STATE'S SEWARD, who has won five of a possible six first places in the Nittanies' first two meets, stands a good chance of upping his mark in all-around competition to eight of a possible nine winning finishes.

Last year against the Midshipmen, Seward placed first in free exercise and second on the parallel bars and horizontal bar. He was runner-up in these events only to now former teammate Greg Weiss.

The Lion freshman gymnasts will tangle with the Navy frosh in a preliminary battle to the main event. In their only start this season (last Saturday), State downed Queens College (N.Y.) varsity, 62½-33½.

State Faces OSU In '63 Indoor Debut

By ED CARPENTER

The Nittany Lion track team officially launches its 1963 indoor season this afternoon when it tangles with Ohio State at Columbus.

Although the Lions competed earlier in the year against Slippery Rock, this will be their first scheduled meet of the campaign. The Nittanies trounced Slippery Rock, 62-46, on the Rockets new indoor track.

The Buckeyes have also competed in one meet thus far. It was in a losing cause, however, 57-37, to Michigan State.

The Lions will be seeking revenge for an 81-60 loss which Ohio State handed them last year. With nine returning lettermen coach Larry Snyder's Buckeyes could cause State a lot of trouble.

Among the lettermen, five finished third or better in last year's competition. They are: Bill Huckaba, second in the shot put; Bob Middleton, third in the 880; Dave Paige and Bill Robinson, who finished first and second respectively in the 440, and Bill White, who came in second in the two-mile run.

In contrast, the Lions have nine men on this year's squad who finished in the show position or higher. Those thinclads are headed by senior standout Howie Deardorff and junior George Barnhill. Deardorff capped first places in both the 1000- and 880-yard runs, while Barnhill led the field in the 70-yard high hurdles.

The one area that the Lions are weak in this year is in the sprinting. However, OSU failed to score against Michigan State in the sprint events, so Lion chances aren't as bad as they appear on paper.

"You can be sure that I'll be taking a lot of sprinters along with me," Lucas said. "Those points will certainly be important."

The Lion coach will probably turn to three men to carry the greater part of the load. These runners will be senior captain Bob Grantham and sophomore Tom Bedick and Bob Manniello.

State is in pretty good shape in the broad jumping event. Last year



HOWIE DEARDORFF

... thinclad standout

Ohio State's Paul Warfield took first place with a jump of 24-3¾". However Warfield, who in Lucas' opinion will be the next 27 foot broad jumper, is ineligible this year. This may leave the field open to Grantham who finished third in last year's competition.

Ohio State's Frank Parks is a definite threat in the long distance events. In the meet against Michigan State, Parks took first in both the one and two mile runs.

"They've lost Warfield but now we'll have to contend against Parks," Lucas said.

IM Results

Handball

Fraternity

Aspinwall, ATO, Felor, A.C.Rho
12-21, 21-7, 21-15
Brodtkin, Phi Sig Delt, Zabatta, Pi K. Tau
Forfeit
Bandura, Phi Sig Kap, Hoffmann, Al. Zeta
Buck, Pi Kap, Tau, Hultman, Phi Mu Del.
21-12, 21-6
Campitelli, Theta Chi, Shena, Tau Phi Del.
21-20, 17-21, 21-20
Caun, Phi Gam Delt, Notar, Pi Lam, Phi
21-0, 21-1

Paddleball

Fraternity

Ligo, Delta Tau Sig, Heiser, Lam, Chi Al.
21-15, 21-19
Independent
Rennert, Lyons II, Weiss, Butternut
21-15, 21-9
Burlleigh, Luzerne, Turek, Columbia
21-0, 21-13

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