# Saponaro Alters Outlook

### Lion Gymnast Now Regards Judge as Foe

By ED CARPENTER

The crowd of more than 6800 people, who only seconds before had been as quiet as an average classroom when an average professor cracks an average joke, burst out with

The sound reached 'an almost deafening pitch when the judges flashed their scores —9.6, 9.7, 9.7 and 9.9.

The record crowd that was watching the Penn State-Temple gym meet had seen almost perfection in an event where it is difficult to achieve that point — the long horse

To Pete Saponaro it meant more than just a six-point first

Out for Judges

"Last year, I was just try-ing to win," the Lion senior explained the other day. "I think I proved it, so now I'm trying to beat the judge." This has been the latest development in a gymnastics career that started at a Miami

Beach Boys Club. "I was born in New York City, but moved to a nice area of Miami Beach when I was 12," Saponaro explained.

the end of Pete's gymnastics career while a junior in high school.

Landed Head-First
"I was doing a trick when I fell through the springs head-first," Saponaro s a i d. "Fortunately, I split the springs with my shoulder and bounced back up. The only gym coach, Chic Cicio got the springs and long. The chamber of over it."

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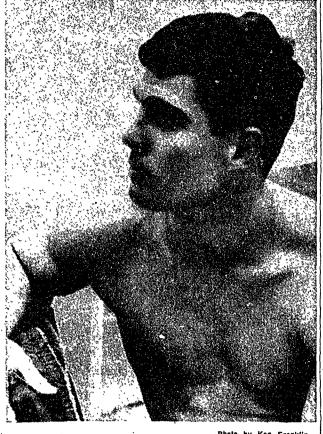
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of Miami Beach when I was 12," Saponaro explained.

Although not mentioning any names, the Nittany cocaptain was quick to point out that he was not the victim of any gangland activities such as those that involved a current teammate from Los Angeles.

Saponaro's first run-in with gymnastics apparatus came when he was 12 when he started on the trampoline at the boys club. He waited however, until he reached North Miami High School to start competing.

His first piece of equipment, the trampoline, almost spelled the end of Pete's gymnastics career while a junior in high school.

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The accident plus the emeroporoblem standing in his way of becoming a top gymnast—football.

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Remedied Problem

"I used to run like a half-back on the long horse approach," Saponaro said. "I'd try to run through it instead for over it."

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Springs with my shoulder and Wettstone and Norm Matter tered in three events, the latter being the event in which he and Syracuse's Sid Oglesby share

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The competitors in these three events aren't the only ones that will have to watch out for him. Pete Saponaro would like nothing better than to beat the judges.

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Phi Kappa Sigma, pinned Derrickson, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Wexler, Zeta Beta Tau, pinned
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Varsity tennis coach Holmes Cathrall has announced that tryouts for the tennis team will be held every day this week on the courts outside the end of the South Gym. The

Today and Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Tomorrow, 3:30 to 5:45

Candidates are asked to come warmly dressed and prepared to play. Each person should bring his own racket and tennis shoes. Balls will

Freshman candidates should report to 217 Rec Hall at 8:15

all members of the Collegian sports staff 7 tonight at the Collegian Office. Anyone interested in joining the staff is also invited.

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## IM Results Weiss: All-Around Skill

Haunts Opponents with Deft Passing, Shooting

By JOHN LOTT Collegian Sports Editor

Bob Weiss might well have achieved first or second-team All-America stature had he enrolled at North Carolina State

four years ago. He was seriously thinking of doing just that. NC State is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, where sports fans yawn through the football season, impatiently awaiting the opening of the basketball campaign. And just as in New York City, Philadelphia and the Big Ten. ACC sportswriters splash hardwood heroics in big, black headlines and boldface type. You might be an obscure, awkward kid from the Tennessee hills, but just luck in 15 or 20 points some Saturday night and the whole world knows Sunday morning. morning.

At Penn State, getting basketball publicity is about as easy as getting the Obelisk to crumble. Or so it seems, But Weiss picked Penn State, and everyone concerned is elated with his choice. In fact, that decision was instrumental in enabling the Nittany Lions to horn in on the newspaper space the past three years.

"I wasn't worried about publicity," Weiss said last night. "My high school principal had played here and he influenced me toward State. It has been a lot of fun working under a building program, one that wasn't already established."

If the past three seasons are any indication, the State basketball program is firmly entrenched now. A lot of the credit must go to increased recruiting. And a lot must go to Bob Weiss.

After scoring 27 points per game in his senior year at Athens (Pa.) High, Weiss broke into the starting five in his first year of varsity ball in college. His keen shooting eye, lalert defensive play and take-charge attitude have kept him there ever since.

There never has been any doubt about Weiss' shooting ability. He'll wind up his collegiate career as the third highest scorer in State annals. Only Jesse Arnelle and Mark DuMars have topped Weiss' 1048 points, a total that's due to rise even higher. The Lions finish the regular season against Rutgers here Saturday, then open NCAA tournament play Monday in Philadelphia against Princeton.

But this year the 6-2, 180-pound guard has reached his peak as a floor general and deft passer. And nowhere is it more evident than on the Lions' racehorse-style fast

breaks.

Just ask Jim Reed, whose scoring average has been fattened considerably by "feeds" from Weiss this year. Weiss generally leads the break, looks one way then passes the other to Reed, who cuts at just the right time and lays

it in.

"He makes it easy back there," Reed says. "I've gotten to the place now where I know pretty well what he's going to do. Earlier in the season he surprised me a couple times,

When Weiss isn't scoring (he's No. 2 on the team with a 16-point average), he's setting up countless other baskets with his alert passing. In fact, his passing may detract

from his scoring mark.

"Weiss could be much higher in scoring if he weren't so unselfish," says State coach John Egli. "He always has looked for the pass first, the shot second."

And praise from rival coaches has fairly bubbled forth

"He's one of the most unselfish players I've ever seen," said Bucknell boss Don Smith after Weiss had scored only nine points against his team at Lewisburg. "He's one of the best we've played against."

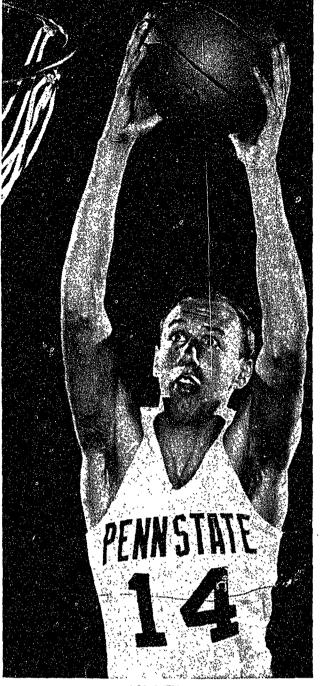
Bob Duffy of Colgate just shook his head after Weiss'

28-point binge two weeks ago at Hamilton, N.Y. paced a Lion victory.

"Weiss just killed us today," he said. "He's a really great shooter and a 'heady' ball player. He runs the team and keeps his head out there."

One night later in the Syracuse dressing room, Fred Lewis of the Orangemen was bitter after watching his team drop a 70-62 verdict. But he still had accolades for

Weiss.
"Weiss is a great basketball player," Lewis said, "You never see his name on the All-America check lists and I don't see why. He certainly should make somebody's All-America. He's as good a player as we've faced. He moves



**BOB WEISS** 

the club and is an excellent shooter."

Weiss did make somebody's All-America, even if he was listed next-to-last in the Associated Press honorable mention choices. But that's typical of the credit State basketball receives in general. State publicist Jim Tarman has nominated Weiss all

but two weeks this season for the weekly All-East team. He made it once. His latest shub came last week, when he was nominated for recording 19 assists in two games. As usual the New York and Philadelphia players dominated the selections.

But Monday night in Philadelphia, Weiss and the Lions will get their publicity, even it it's only publicity by associa-tion. They'll be facing college basketball's best player, Bill Bradley, a factor Weiss believes will help get the team sky-

high for State's first tournament game in a decade.

"I think playing) against Bradley will help us," Weiss said. "We're really looking forward to it. It's great to get into a tournament, but that in itself doesn't mean that much. We'll have to cash in on it to make it count."

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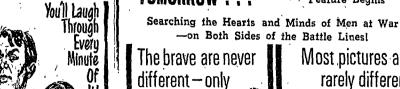
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