



STEVE COHEN  
... all-around ace

Cohen First in 4 Events

# Lions Trounce U. Mass.

By LEW THOMPSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

Steve Cohen, Penn State's all-around ace, led the Lions to a 181-173.50 victory over the Redmen of the University of Massachusetts in the Springfield Memorial Fieldhouse Saturday night.

The Penn State team, coached by Gene Wettstone, won the floor exercise, pommel horse, vault, and parallel bars. The Redmen, coached by Ed Isabelle, won the side horse, rings, and uneven bars.

The only times the Penn State team didn't bare its teeth were in the side horse, which was captured by the Lions' Dennis Paoletti and in the long horse vault, won by another Cohen, Ed Isabelle.

Cohen—Steve, that is—did manage a second and a third in the two events he didn't win, however, and his total of 55.60 points for the six-event Olympic all-around is the best score for gymnastics' decathlon recorded nationally so far this season.

Penn State coach Gene Wettstone was pleased, but not surprised, with Cohen's performance. "Steve's showing has to be considered the best in the meet," he said. "We all know he's capable of doing routines like that, but it is still a little unexpected for a boy to come up with a score like that in his first meet of the season."

Wettstone also had plenty of praise for other members of the Nittany squad, especially the sophomores. The first-year men complained about nervousness prior to the start of their initial varsity action, but if they had the types of competitive butterflies that grow to the size of a B-52 at a meet in the opponent's home gym, their performances didn't show it.

"I was pleased with the outcome of the meet, naturally," Wettstone said Sunday, "and especially with the sophomores. We did better than I honestly expected us to do in our opener."

"I suppose you have to credit that," the coach continued, "to the sophomores. They do their routines well in practice, and I knew what they were capable of, what their potential is, but you don't usually see them live

up to it under first-meet pressure." Marty DeSantis produced the top performance among the Redmen, who won one event. The Lions outscored their hosts in all seven events under the new NCAA point system.

Most of the time, it was the Lions, fighting it out among themselves, who provided the competition. It was Cohen versus the rest of the Nittany team.

Four times Cohen finished first in the almost intrasquad battle, but Paoletti topped him in the side horse and Doug Collins edged him in the long horse.

Isabelle was a close second to the Philadelphian in a trio of events, and Gary Williams was a heart-breaking bridesmaid in the still rings.

Cohen took that, the final event on the program, with a 9.15, naming Williams by .05 of a point.

This Saturday, the Lions open their home season against Springfield College in Rec Hall at 2:30 p.m. This time around they won't be facing a pussy like UMass.

They know it, and Wettstone knows it. Saturday afternoon he watched Springfield down a strong Army contingent 181-173.50 in the Springfield Memorial Fieldhouse and came away impressed.

Army is not as strong as Penn State, but the Cadets beat the Redmen, now 2-2, by 15 points in December, so Springfield will be tough.

Isabelle's 7.70 on the side horse was the result of a break in his routine and gave Wettstone a slight startle.

"Ed's score on the horse was the only real surprise of the meet to me," the coach commented, "because he has been doing that routine perfectly in practice for almost a month."

Isabelle was another work-horse for the reigning NCAA champs, participating in five events—everything except the pommel horse and the still rings. He was originally scheduled for duty in the pommel horse, but DeSantis' winning effort made this unnecessary.

In all, the slim senior, who was performing only 15 miles from his hometown of Springfield, completed three seconds and two fourths, thrilling a standing-room-only crowd in Lemass-Boyd Gym, which included many friends who had watched him compete for Tech High School during his scholastic career.

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By DONNA REDMAN  
Collegian Sports Writer  
Four coed teams begin a new season this term as the fencing, basketball, rifle and gymnastics teams start practice.

The WRA basketball team, coached by Marie Lintner, begins practice in the White Hall gymnasium at 7 tonight. This meeting will be the first of the team tryouts. Fifteen girls will be chosen next week to be on the squad. The first and last games on the schedule will be home games with Shippens-

burg and Gettysburg. Three away games at Bloomburg, Susquehanna and Lock Haven are planned.

The coed rifle team will compete in their first match this Saturday at Drexel. Coach Virginia Harpster announced that although the team has already been selected, there are openings for any girls experienced in target shooting.

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## Gym Summaries

**Floor Exercise:** 1. Cohen, Penn State, 9.25; 2. Isabelle, Penn State, 9.1; 3. DeSantis, Penn State, 8.6; 4. Lizotte, Mass., 8.0; 5. Kasavana, Mass., 7.6; 6. Sawyer, Mass., 7.2.

**Side Horse:** 1. Paoletti, Penn State, 9.2; 2. Cohen, Penn State, 8.8; 3. Leclair, Mass., 8.4; 4. Isabelle, Penn State, 7.7; 5. Banikyan, Mass., 6.55; 6. Koffman, Mass., 4.2.

**Trampoline:** 1. DeSantis, Penn State, 8.35; 2. Schofield, Penn State, 7.8; 3. Coopershall, Penn State, 7.1; 4. Lizotte, Mass., 6.65; 5. Kasavana, Mass., 6.0; 6. Fraser, Mass., 3.5.

**Horizontal Bars:** 1. Cohen, Penn State, 9.55; 2. Isabelle, Penn State, 9.20; 3. Ruyman, Penn State, 8.15; 4. Brown, Mass., 6.65; 5. Kasavana, Mass., 6.0; 6. MacInnis, Mass., 5.75.

**Long Horse Vault:** 1. Cohen, Mass., 9.4; 2. Collins, Penn State, 9.3; 3. Cohen, Penn State, 9.15; 4. Isabelle, Penn State, 8.9; 5. Leclair, Mass., 8.25; 6. Fraser, Mass., 7.2.

**Parallel Bars:** 1. Cohen, Penn State, 9.2; 2. Isabelle, Penn State, 9.15; 3. Brown, Mass., 8.5; 4. Lizotte, Mass., 8.0; 5. Braubury, Mass., 7.85; 6. Spiker, Penn State, 7.5.

**Rings:** 1. Cohen, Penn State, 9.45; 2. Williams, Penn State, 9.4; 3. Dusenbury, Mass., 8.5; 4. Warner, Penn State, 8.5; 5. Grosso, Mass., 7.15; 6. Phacok, Mass., 6.5.

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