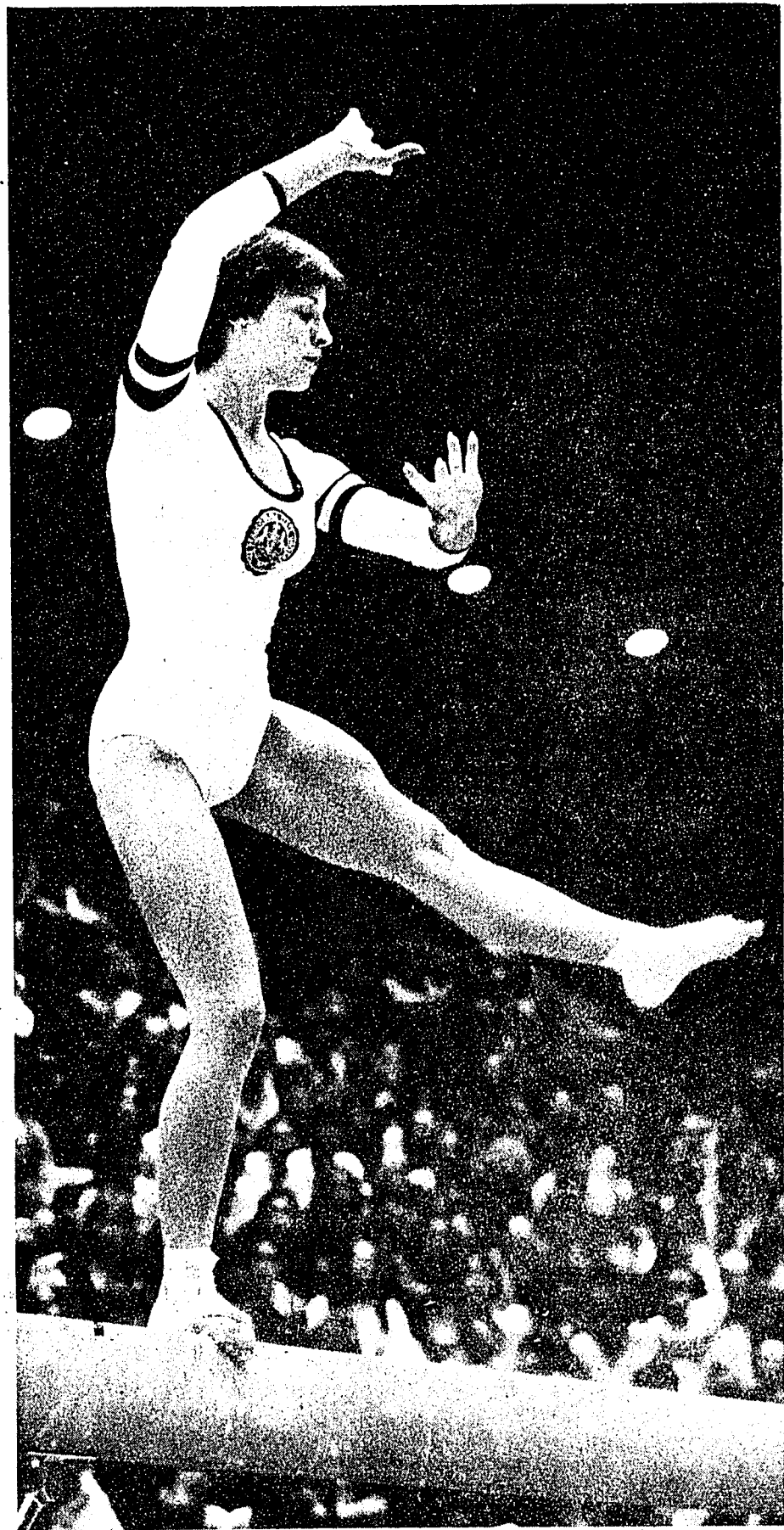


Lady Lions' opponents plead no contest



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By JUSTIN CATANOSO
Daily Collegian Sports Writer

Seven weeks ago, Lynn Rogers, coach of the defending national champion Cal State-Fullerton women's gymnastics team, intimated that the Lady Lions peaked prematurely in their decisive 149.55-146.25 over his Titans. "A 149 in early February? That's too much, too soon," Rogers said.

Lady Lion coach Judi Avenor couldn't have disagreed more. Granted, the judges were swept in the excitement of critiquing the nation's top two teams before Rec Hall's largest recorded crowd, but an early peak? No way.

"Friday night in Rec Hall at the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships, top-seeded Penn State, receiving competition only from their third consecutive regional title by turning in perhaps its most consistent performance of the season, thus proving the team is still getting better."

Surprising to one, the Lady Lions annihilated seven other Eastern teams by compiling 148.55 points — their second-highest total this season — before 3,028 approving spectators and demanding regional judges.

Second-seeded West Virginia placed second with 135.70, and third-seeded Massachusetts finished third with 134.35.

"I was really pleased with the team's consistency," Avenor said. "To get a score like we did when it really counts is very encouraging."

Especially in light of the upcoming national championship meet April 4-5 in Baton Rouge, La. The Lady Lions, knowing they wouldn't be seriously challenged for the Eastern crown, concentrated their efforts on scoring as high as possible to ensure the No. 1 seed in nationals.

On paper, it would appear that Penn State has a lock on the top seed, which takes into account a team's regional score and its best four dual meet totals. Although the Lady Lions own three of the top four scores attained in the nation this season, national seeding still depends on how Fullerton fares in its regional meet.

"Fullerton is certainly capable of scoring as high as we have," assistant coach Marshall Avenor said. "With our 148, at least we have reason to hope we can go down to Baton Rouge seeded first."

Penn State's depth this season has been no secret to anyone following an earlier contract agreement between the championship Lady Lions and coach Marshall Avenor said that fact was clearly illustrated Friday night to those who may have been uncertain.

The Lady Lions claimed the top four all-around places, had the highest score in each event — first through sixth on vault — and qualified all but one per-



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Going into the final event — floor exercise — in the EAIAW team championship Friday night, there was little suspense over which team would win. Penn State successfully locked up its third consecutive Eastern crown after vaulting.

However, a highly suspenseful competition was shaping up for the all-around title between four Lady Lions.

The quartet of Ann Carr, Lisa Ingebretsen, Margie Foster and Marcy Levine — the heart of the Lady Lion squad which stroked to a 122 regular season and No. 2 national ranking — was separated by just 0.35 points with one event left and all-around glory on the line.

Sometime during the meet, each Lady Lion led the all-around race. Carr after vaulting, Foster after uneven parallel bars and Ingebretsen after floor exercise. Levine, who trailed the pack after a subpar bars performance, earned the highest score on beam (9.45) and primed herself for her favorite and most consistent event, floor exercise.

Over the course of the season, each gymnast had to overcome some degree of adversity to reach her special plateau of excellence. How ironic and exciting it was to see all four peaking simultaneously.

Who would one favor? Who would one root for?

Ingebretsen fought off a midseason bout with the flu and stumbled through a couple meets before regaining her natural form. Foster watered down routines for two months because of chronic foot ailments and was finally rising to her potential.

Levine, who had led the balance beam all season with varied success, finally conquered it Friday night to achieve her highest score of the season. And Carr, meet by meet, had molded a consummate facsimile of the All-America gymnast who dominated the sport as a teenager.

But it all came down to floor exercise. And regardless of how many people were pulling for Carr to leave Rec Hall the champion she came in as four years ago, the odds were against her. A strong bars performance netted a disappointing score of 9.05 and placed an awesome



Lady Lion Marcy Levine, who tied Ann Carr for first on floor exercise with a 9.45, took the all-around title at the EAIAW meet Friday night.

amount of pressure on her in floor routine.

"Toss in one more variable. Because of an earlier contract agreement between the competing schools, the spring floor — a cushioned platform with springs — was not used under the floor exercise routine."

All this seemed to subconsciously swing the momentum in Levine's favor. Averaging 9.3 in the event during the season, Levine, a lightly used ball of energy, bounced and danced to a 9.45 and earned her usual roaring ovation. With Carr still waiting to compete, she had a 37.15 total.

A combination of fatigue and the missing spring floor hurt Ingebretsen's (8.7) and Foster's (8.85) routines and dropped them from the running for the title.

Then up came Carr, the two-time Eastern champion who holds all the Eastern regional records except for beam. In her last performance before a Rec Hall crowd, Carr aggressively attacked her routine with classical dancing and vibrant tumbling passes. The judges awarded her a 9.45 as the crowd gratefully gave her a standing ovation.

Yet Carr's 9.45 left her 0.10 points short of Levine's total and the Lady Lion sophomore from Wilmington, Del., was crowned the Eastern regional all-around champion for 1980.

After the competition, the awards and the screaming Lady Lion assistant coach Marshall Avenor said he had mixed emotions concerning the all-around outcome.

"Marcy did fabulous and she deserved to win," he said. "Although part of me was pulling for every girl on the team, part of me was pulling for Ann Carr to walk out of Rec Hall a winner like she walked in. So I was sad for Ann and ecstatic for Marcy."

"These same mixed emotions were voiced by Carr."

"Marcy really did a good job," she said. "But I was a little disappointed. I would have really liked to go out No. 1, but I kind of have to look at my career as a whole. You can't always win."

Although an all-around championship is a gymnast's dream, for the Lady Lion gymnasts that dream ranks second behind their desire to win team cham-

Gymwomen take all 4 individual events

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Regardless of how awesome Penn State was Friday night against Penn State and all-around EAIAW championships, it was no less awesome, and maybe even a bit more impressive, in the individual championships Saturday night.

Penn State won each individual championship with seven of the nine Lady Lions that qualified for individual competition earning all-East honors (top six in each event). Of the 24 all-East positions, the Lady Lions occupied 18 of them.

Marcy Levine, Friday night's all-around winner, carried her success into the final night of regionals in winning the floor exercise, tying Lisa Ingebretsen for the title on beam (an event she won outright last year), while placing second and fourth on vaulting and uneven parallel bars.

Levine's best score of the night, a 9.45, came on floor exercise.

Ingebretsen also claimed two Eastern titles, adding a victory on bars to her shared championship on beam with Levine. Performing the most difficult of her two bars routine, Ingebretsen was amply rewarded as she received a 9.7 for her routine — the highest score attained in both days of competition.

"There was a lot less pressure on us," Ingebretsen said of Saturday night's competition. "But tonight (Saturday) we felt a lot more relaxed and just had some fun."

In her final performance before a Rec Hall crowd, Ann Carr spun the first successful double front on vault of her career to win the vaulting title. She also placed second on floor, second on beam and a fall on bars dropped her to fifth in that event.

Carr, who has been using the Tsukahara pike vault since high school, has recently picked up the double front because of its greater degree of difficulty makes it a higher scoring vault.

Perhaps realizing it would be the final chance they would have to say "thank you" to Carr for her extraordinary career, the crowd of 4,116 gave her a rousing standing ovation after her floor routine.

"This meet was very hard for me," Carr said. "It was a very emotional thing and it's not good to be like that before a meet. You have to be able to concentrate and I think that may have hurt me."

Margie Foster's performance Saturday night was testimony to how hard she fought to get herself back in top competitive form. Chronic leg ailments, which require her to be heavily taped both for meets and practices, kept her from competing as a regular all-arounder until early February. Since then, she has consistently improved her all-around total and achieved her highest score the previous night.

In the individual competition, Foster, helped by an impressive 9.6 on bars, placed second on that event, and also fifth and sixth on beam and floor.

The twouter seniors closing out their careers in Rec Hall, specialists Jan Anthony and Lynn Samuels, also won all-East honors. Receiving her best scores of the season, Anthony placed third on bars and also led Liz Martino of Massachusetts for fourth on vaulting. Scoring a 9.65, Samuels placed fourth on floor.

Lady Lion junior specialist Pat Spisak won all-East honors for the first time with her sixth place finish on beam.

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Third quarter goals lead stickmen

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The men's lacrosse team scored eight third quarter goals on its way to a 17-11 victory over Lehigh in its season opener Saturday afternoon.

The Lions, who got three goals from senior attacker Bill Curran and junior midfielder Paul Sullivan, overcame snow and cold temperatures to record the victory.

"It was an ideal opener for us," Penn State coach Glenn Thiel said. "We played well all over. Everyone was ready and showed lots of enthusiasm. It feels good to win."

"Everybody was ready to play,"

freshman attacker Jay Staropoli said. "It was a team effort."

The Lions fell behind 3-1 early in the game before rallying to a 6-3 first quarter lead on the strength of goals by Curran and fellow midfielders John Spillane, Tim Flanagan and Bryan Silson. Sophomore attacker Mark Gelsomini also scored twice in the period.

Both teams scored two goals in the second quarter. Penn State got goals from midfielders Silson and Kevin Curran, and held an 8-5 lead at halftime.

"We were a little bit stronger skill-wise than they were," Thiel said. "We controlled the ball and controlled the

pace of the game."

And the pace quickened in the third quarter when the Lions scored eight times to open up a 16-8 lead.

Staropoli, Sullivan and sophomore Bill Turri scored three goals within one minute early in the quarter before Staropoli added his second goal of the game at 8:13.

Slightly over two and a half minutes later, Sullivan and Curran scored again, giving the Lions 14 goals just 11 minutes into the quarter.

Curran, who also had two assists, got his third goal of the game at 13:45 and Flanagan added his second goal one minute later, completing the Lions'

scoring in the third quarter.

By the time Sullivan scored his third goal at 4:27 of the final quarter, the Lions had their first victory wrapped up.

"We played four hard quarters and were all over the ball," senior defenseman Dave Eicher said. "The team was really psyched."

"The Lions were also pleased with their defensive play."

"The defense as a whole played well," sophomore defenseman Ken Panzer said. "Ed Humphreys played a fine game in goal."

Humphreys saved 18 of 29 shots while the Lions were pouring 46 shots on the Lehigh goal.

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"The weather complicated swing error or produced a swing error," she said. "The weather won. We did not play as well as we should have."

Thompson added that Penn State's not being able to get out on the course to practice caused many of the errors it made.

"I think we have learned a lot from the tournament," Thompson said. "Finishing in the top 10 was not well enough. We have to play well and be more demanding in terms of what we expect."

"They know their own skills," she said. "They have proved it. Our potential is there; we have to get the mental toughness."

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