

## Ebert's talent hidden behind top Lion divers

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When the men's diving team is mentioned, the names Dale Dmitrak and Mike Cecatiello are sure to be the topic of conversation.

And why not, the duo defeated some of the most prestigious divers in the East to win the diving competition at the Penn State Relay Carnival last weekend.

But many do not realize the men's diving team has a third member — freshman Jim Ebert. Diving coach Bob Goldberg believes that Ebert soon may have just as much potential as Dmitrak and Cecatiello.

"He has come a long way this fall," Goldberg said. "He has quite a bit of potential and his dives show constant improvement."

"In the beginning he had to spend some time learning the dives. He will just have to gain some experience."

Ebert said that sometimes he does feel overshadowed by the talented Cecatiello and Dmitrak, but that the two have been a big help.

"Sometimes it bothers me," Ebert said about being overshadowed. "They are super divers and I look up to them. They often tell me that they were in the same position as I am last year."

Goldberg said that the situation is understandable for the freshmen.

"It's a normal feeling, but it should work its way out," the coach said. "Jim doesn't have the experience of Mike and Dale. They felt the same way at one time."

## Young Lion gymmen on road again

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With a troop of new recruits, transfers, and returnees, the men's gymnastics team will enter its second invitational of the season this weekend.

Though it's only a preseason meet and will not count in the final standings, the Farmingdale Invitational (today and tomorrow in Long Island, N.Y.) will give the Lions another chance to prove themselves.

Last week, the Lions finished sixth at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago against just about the best dozen teams in the country. It was Penn State's first tournament, unlike the other teams which already had three meets under their belts. But things should be different this weekend.

"It's no where near the level of competition of last weekend," Penn State coach Karl Schwenzfeier said. "But last week was really wild. Every top team in the country except UCLA and Arizona State were there."

What is important in MacNeill's mind is that his swimmers record the best times that they can, every time they go out.

"What we are looking for is the best times in Easterns," he said. "We pay no attention to the other team in the dual meets. Winning or losing has nothing to do with our program."

As for tomorrow's meet, MacNeill does not see Penn State as having much of a chance to win.

"St. Bonaventure will do everything they can to beat us. They are trying to become a force in Eastern swimming. Their program has higher priorities than ours does."

"We've gone to Farmingdale every year since I've been here. It's never been a roll-over-and-die situation, but we hope to win. We always want to win."

The competition this weekend will give the Lions a breather — but not a big one. Although it is not defending NCAA champion Nebraska, Southern Connecticut has been ranked as high as third and Temple has acquired many recruits that make it a much improved team. And Farmingdale has consistently been ranked first or second among the junior colleges.

Schwenzfeier said it will be a little easier for the individuals, too. That seems like quite an understatement when you consider that Lion captain Randy Jenson beat two-time NCAA champion Jim Hartung, from Nebraska, on still rings last week.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to see that occur again," Schwenzfeier said. "Bill Stanley should do well on the pommel horse, too."

Junior Kenn Viscardi will not be competing due to knee injury suffered during

a dismount in his floor exercise at last week's finals.

"We expected that," Schwenzfeier said. "It's coming along fine but we want to give it plenty of time to heal."

"Gregg Simon's going to have to stay away from the leg events, like the vault and the floor exercise, because he sprained his knee, too. We want to be very, very careful about it."

Simon was vaulting before the Thanksgiving break and jammed his knee and couldn't compete last weekend.

Farmingdale was the Lions' first outing last year and they scored 254 points — 10 points less than they did this year without the services of Simon.

But sometimes it's best to work your way up and use meets like Farmingdale to get your feet wet. At least, that's what the Lion coach wants his freshmen to do.

"Steve Friedman was the New Jersey state champ last year and this will be the first time he's competing with us," Schwenzfeier said. "Steve was 30th in the Junior Olympics and in the upper 10 to 15

of all seniors. Terry Bartlett, of course, was first."

Bartlett, the top freshman recruit in the country, has won both the British and the American Junior National titles in the past two years. Since he strained his back in the preliminaries last week and has been restricted in practice this week, Farmingdale will be his first real test.

Junior transfer, Tom Ladman, fell off the horse in Chicago and still received a 9.0. Schwenzfeier said he is looking forward to seeing his entire routine in competition.

Likewise, he said that when Tim Darling, a transfer from the University of Oregon, hits his routine, he'll be excellent.

Even with all this fresh talent, Schwenzfeier doesn't expect to unseat Nebraska as NCAA champs just yet.

"I think we'll make a jump to third this year and make a run for the top in '82," he said. "Of course, we like to win all the time, but in gymnastics, you have to work your way up."

## Garret looks for Wharton to lead at invite

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Nittany Lion fencing coach Mac Garret has a pool cleaner, an older sister and last year's team captain, Don Lear, to thank for one of his top sabre fencers, Paul Wharton.

Wharton and his teammates travel this weekend to Lafayette for a four-way meet against the Leopards, Rutgers and Pace.

But back to the pool cleaner: "Our high school fencing coach worked on our pool the summer before I entered high school and since I was looking for a winter sport he suggested fencing," Wharton said.

"Since I couldn't hit the outside shot in basketball and didn't want to wrestle, I gave fencing a try."

Wharton played soccer in the fall and was a sprint runner for the track team in the spring.

"My older sister and her boyfriend were both fencers and Don was the captain of my high school team," said the sophomore from Wyckoff, N.J. "So I had a lot of contacts."

Wharton was ready to give up on fencing that freshman year to perform in the school's musical, but encouragement from his coach and Lear in addition to a first-place finish in a New Jersey fencing competition for freshmen kept him on the team.

"That victory was a real ego booster," Wharton said. "I couldn't believe I could be that good."

Garret said that Wharton has been coming along exceptionally well this year. His 124 record, which includes the Penn State and Temple Opens, places him third in victory percentage behind Joe Hayes and Bruce Capin. Wharton's career meet record of 27-3 (90 per-

cent) puts him atop the Lion career victory list based on percentage.

"Paul's determination and his unusual long lunge, which gives him the ability to reach his opponent at a great distance, is his greatest asset," Garret said. "He's also very aggressive. Put all these factors together and Paul becomes a dangerous competitor."

Garret doesn't expect any problems from Lafayette or Pace, but feels Rutgers could give his fencers a hard time. The Scarlet Knights placed 30th out of 33 schools at the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships last year.

"We should be able to take Lafayette and Pace in the similar fashion we did Duke and George Mason," Garret said. "Rutgers is going to be another problem. They have a great deal of depth, a good coach and a great deal of experience."

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Cinema: "Excess Baggage," 7 and 9 p.m., 121 Sparks. Also Dec. 12.  
Interlandia folk dancing, 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom.  
Astronomy Open House, 8 p.m., 6th floor, Davey Lab. If overcast-Dec. 12.

Saturday, December 12  
Christmas Party for Children, noon to 3 p.m., Assembly Rm., Walnut Bldg.  
Chinese Student Assoc. Film Series, 1:30 p.m., 112 Kern.  
Sports: Swimming (men) vs. St. Bonaventure, 2 p.m.  
Korean Students meeting, 2:30 p.m., 220-21 HUB.  
France-Cinema, Truffaut, Jules and Jim, 7 and 9 p.m., 112 Kern. Also Dec. 14.  
International Coffee House, 8 p.m., Kern.  
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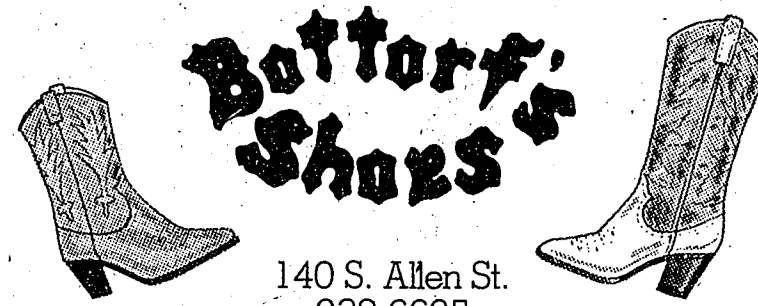
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