

FSU's Miles Wins Still Rings In AAU

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 30 (AP)—Jack Miles of the Florida State Gymkana edged defending champion Len Harris of Los Angeles City College to win the still rings event with 56.5 tonight in the AAU gymnastic championships.

Harris scored 56.3. Don Holder, another Florida State man, was third in the event with an even 56.

Holder placed fifth in another event—the parallel bars—with 53.5. Rafael Lecuona of Florida State tied for 6th on the bars with 53.1. John Beckner of Ft. Ord, Calif., was the other man with 53.1.

Beckner, a 24-year-old private first class, won the free calisthenics title in the early events.

Florida State Gymkana team members finished well down the list in three events. Jamile Ashmore finished fifth with 54.5 in free calisthenics; Jack Miles finished sixth with 54 in the men's

side horse. Dick Ireland with 25.6 and Jim Fadigan with 25.2 were in fourth and sixth places respectively in trampoline performance. Ireland tied with Jeff Austin of Champaign, Ill. for fourth place.

Other Florida State Gymkana entries and their places: Men's rope climb—Jim Hanks tied for fourth with Len Harris of Los Angeles City College, at 4.8. Robert Sharpe was sixth with 6.6.

Beckner, who won the all-around championship at the recent Pan-American games in Mexico City, scored 56.7 points to nose out Abie Grossfield of the West Side YMCA, New York, by one tenth of a point. Grossfield scored 56.6.

SEMINOLE GYMNASTS CAPTURE AAU TITLE

Miles Ties For All- Around Crown To Pace FSU Team In Wide Victory

A tired but jubilant Florida State University gymnastics team, bearing FSU's fifth national team championship in six years, was scheduled to arrive in Tallahassee early

this afternoon.

A large delegation of FSU students, officials and townspeople were expected to be on hand to welcome Coach Hartley Price's Seminoles, who climaxed perhaps their greatest season by easily winning the national AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) gym crown at Rochester, N. Y., late Saturday.

It was the third and most satisfying national AAU title for FSU, which has also claimed the NCAA diadem twice, climaxing one of the greatest comebacks in gymnastics history. The Seminoles had finished seventh in NCAA competition at Los Angeles last month.

EARLIER TITLES

The AAU team championship was the fifth captured by FSU this season and the 26th since 1950. State had walked away with Florida AAU, Georgia AAU, Alabama Open, and Southern Intercollegiate titles earlier this season.

All 15 seminoles who made the trip shared in the triumph, which Price called "one of the most terrific team efforts I've ever seen." The Seminoles had been pointing for the AAU crown all year.

Leading the way was Jack Miles, a graduate student who surprised by tying Penn State's Karl Schwenzfeier for the coveted all-around championship. It was the first time in AAU history that the all-around title was shared by two competitors. Both scored 327 points.

Miles, 26-year-old father of two, and Schwenzfeier grew up and once trained together in

Philadelphia at the Germantown YMCA and the Turners Club.

MILES SPECIALTIES

The men's all-around included the parallel bars, free calisthenics, horizontal bars, long horse, still rings, and side horse events. Miles, who represented the United States in the recent Pan American Games, claimed national titles in the still rings and long horse.

Don Holder, FSU's 1952 Olympic team member, placed fifth in the all-around, despite a sore foot which had five stitches in it to close a recent cut.

Florida State easily outdistanced the field, scoring $42 \frac{3}{4}$ points to $19 \frac{1}{2}$ for Penn State, their nearest rival. Scores of the nation's best gymnasts were entered in the two-day competition at Rochester's Catholic Youth Organization Club. Almost 4,000 fans watched the finals.