

Paced by all-around champion Armando Vega, Pennsylvania State U. is in a favorable position to recapture the team diadem as the 17th annual National Collegiate Athletic Assn. gymnastics meet climaxes tonight in University of California's Harmon Gym. Vega edged Art Shurlock, who makes California rate a solid third, at least, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points to recapture the six-event crown he'd held in 1957, but forfeited last

year as Penn State finished third to co-champions Illinois and Michigan State.

California's highly-capable meet director, Hal Frey, figured that 88 points could win the meet, and even had doped an optimistic chart giving Cal the victory with all the breaks.

Well, Cal can approach that figure all right tonight, but off their performances in yesterday's eliminations, Penn State should accrue something like $148\frac{1}{2}$ points and Illinois $93\frac{5}{6}$.

So the Nittany Lions pose a strong threat to their own NCAA record meet high of 137 set in 1954. Penn State has won four previous championships, Illinois $7\frac{1}{2}$.

3 LIONS IN 6

With Jay Werner placing fifth and Lee Cunningham sixth, Gene Wettstone's Eastern Intercollegiate champions placed three men in the top six of the crucial all-around competition. Three Illini also scored, but their former champions, Abie Grossfeld and Don Tonry, were decisively beaten third and fourth.

Including the rope climb, in which trials were omitted because three scratches reduced the field to nine, Penn State qualified 20, Illinois 14, California 13, Michigan State 8, Iowa 5, Michigan and Florida State 4 each; 3—Indiana, San Jose State, Southern Illinois, Minnesota; 2—Ohio State, Los Angeles State, Pittsburgh; 1—Nebraska, Navy, Cal Poly, San Diego State, Colorado State College, Washington, Army.

Yesterday, California would have scored 72½ plus some extras in the rope climb—which it figures to dominate along with Penn State.

A distant fourth would be Michigan State, 30½, closely contested by fellow-Big Tennes Iowa and Michigan, and the five-man Interstate Conference champions from Carbondale, Southern Illinois Salukis.

Official scoring after yesterday's all-around event stands: Penn State 22, Illinois 17, California 9, Minnesota 4, Michigan State 3, and Iowa 1.

BIG-TEN RECORD

However, the veteran Illini mentor, Charlie Pond, commented, "We performed our big feat last week in winning the Big Ten meet for the tenth consecutive time, breaking all league records for any sport!"

Illinois, beaten by Michigan in

dual competition because of lack of depth, compiled 143 points to 104½ for the Wolverines.

Pond points out, "The Big Ten doesn't compete in the rope climb and flying rings, so we have no one entered in those events, nor the trampoline. And I've never had a team so weak in tumbling before. But we have two good men to hit 'em with in all the apparatus events."

While the cage classic could be over about the same time as the first pair of gymnastic events—the free exercise and trampoline, hordes of the campus spectators who figured to come close to packing Harmon's 7200 capacity, will not turn out once they've missed the 8 p.m. start.

There were close to 1000 in free yesterday afternoon, and about 1250 at a price last night. Admission for tonight's nine finals is \$1.50 general and \$1 for students.

Coach Frey and Shurlock both were disappointed. "Those two breaks, especially that early bad one, on the side horse cost him the title. He's scored 96 in all the dual meets, but only 90 this time," pointed out Frey.

ART UNHAPPY

"I was far from satisfied with my performance on the side horse and in free exercise," lamented Art, 21, who had beaten the older Vega in the World and National AAU meets.

Another Bear, Mario Delara, school record holder in 3.5 seconds, rates among the top trio in the rope climb.

Team scoring is 11 points for first, nine for second, and on down by one to one for 10th position. Because of ties, there are 12 finalists on the side horse, and 11 on the parallel bars and flying rings. In individual scoring by the four judges, the high and low figures are discounted, and an average taken of the middle two.

FREE EXERCISE			
Armando Vega	Penn State	93	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	92	
Jay Werner	Penn State	90 1/2	
Don Tonry	Illinois	89	
Art Shurlock	California	89	
John Daniels	Michigan St.	86	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	85	
Mike Robbins	California	85	
Jerry Jacquini	Indiana	83	
Chick Cicio	Florida State	83	
ROPE CLIMB			
Roy Davis	California		
John Hildinger	Penn State		
Ken Ponder	California		
Don Littlewood	Penn State		
Herman Farloush	Cal Poly		
Mario Delara	California		
Jay Ellison	Wash. State		
Harry Love	San Jose State		
Vincent Nieuhausser	Penn State		
SIDE HORSE			
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	91 1/2	
Don Tonry	Illinois	90 1/2	
Art Shurlock	California	90	
Karl Byers	Nebraska	90	
Don Potter	California	89 1/2	
Bob Kies	Southern Ill.	89 1/2	
Bill Buck	Iowa	89	
Armando Vega	Penn State	86 1/2	
Bill Lamken	California	85	
Patrick Bird	Illinois	85	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	85	
Furman Sheppard	Navy	85	
HORIZONTAL BAR			
Art Shurlock	California	95	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	93	
Armando Vega	Penn State	93	
Stan Tarshis	Michigan St.	91 1/2	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	88 1/2	
Duane Hoecherl	Minnesota	87 1/2	
Don Tonry	Illinois	85 1/2	
Jay Werner	Penn State	85	
Angelo Festa	Michigan St.	84 1/2	
Cal Girard	Michigan St.	84	
STILL RINGS			
Armando Vega	Penn State	93 1/2	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	92 1/2	
Art Shurlock	California	91	
Don Tonry	Illinois	91	
Jay Werner	Penn State	90 1/2	
Ed Foster	Southern Ill.	89 1/2	
Bob Schwarzkopf	Minnesota	86	
Patrick Bird	Illinois	86	
Angelo Festa	Michigan State	85 1/2	
Duane Hoecherl	Minnesota	84 1/2	
TRAMPOLINE			
Larry Snyder	Iowa	86	
Ed Cole	Michigan	85 1/2	
Tom Gompf	Ohio State	84 1/2	
Ted Boglos	San Jose State	80	
Frank Newman	Michigan	80	
Bill Buck	Iowa	75 1/2	
Charles Thompson	Michigan State	78 1/2	
Robert Haywood	San Jose State	78	
Jack Ryder	Florida State	77 1/2	
Ronald Walden	Indiana	74	

PARALLEL BARS			
Armando Vega	Penn State	94	
Art Shurlock	California	92 1/2	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	91	
Don Tonry	Illinois	90 1/2	
Bill Buck	Iowa	89	
Stan Levin	San Diego St.	87	
Jay Werner	Penn State	86 1/2	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	85 1/2	
Duane Hoecherl	Minnesota	83	
Marshall Claus	Iowa	81 1/2	
Cal Girard	Michigan State	81 1/2	
FLYING RINGS			
Armando Vega	Penn State	91	
Jay Werner	Penn State	89	
Dave Hirst	Pittsburgh	89	
John Aaronson	Army	88 1/2	
Charlie Denny	Washington	86	
Lowell Byrne	Los Angeles St.	84 1/2	
Tom O'Conner	Florida State	83	
Art Shurlock	California	82	
Mike Larson	Colo. St. Col.	80	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	78	
Mike Robbins	California	78	
LONG HORSE			
Art Shurlock	California	92 1/2	
Armando Vega	Penn State	91 1/2	
Chick Cicio	Florida State	89	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	84 1/2	
Don Tonry	Illinois	83 1/2	
Cal Girard	Michigan State	81 1/2	
Ed Gombos	Illinois	81 1/2	
Jay Werner	Penn State	81	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	79 1/2	
Marshall Claus	Iowa	79 1/2	
Duane Hoecherl	Minnesota	73 1/2	
John Taylor	Southern Ill.	72	
TUMBLING			
Jack Wiley	Southern Ill.	86	
William Skinner	Michigan	85 1/2	
Dave Dulaney	Penn State	85 1/2	
Jack Ryder	Florida State	84 1/2	
John Daniels	Michigan State	84	
Ronald Walden	Indiana	83 1/2	
Tom Gompf	Ohio State	82	
Allan Harvey	Illinois	81	
Don Nasid	Pittsburgh	80	
Jim Brown	Michigan	78 1/2	
ALL AROUND (final)			
Armando Vega	Penn State	563 1/2	
Art Shurlock	California	549 1/2	
Able Grossfeld	Illinois	538	
Don Tonry	Illinois	530	
Jay Werner	Penn State	507	
Lee Cunningham	Penn State	496 1/2	
Duane Hoecherl	Minnesota	490 1/2	
Cal Girard	Michigan St.	480 1/2	
Ed Gombos	Illinois	473 1/2	
Marshall Claus	Iowa	472 1/2	
Bob Schwarzkopf	Minnesota	454 1/2	
Angelo Festa	Mich. St.	454 1/2	
John Taylor	Ill.	443 1/2	
San Diego St.	440 1/2		