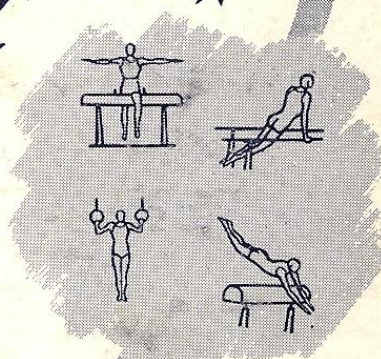


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place Charles Simms of U.S.C. Bob Spracklin, unattached, after leading the optional portion of the event dropped .3 to second.

Eugene Rabbitt, Syracuse University, after sliding to fifth in his compulsory routine came up with a superlative performance in his optional to win the Side Horse championship by a wide margin from Scrobe second, and Kotys third.

One small, almost imperceptible error in his optional routine caused the defending champion in the Parallels, Joe Kotys of Kent State, to drop to a tie for second with Richard Beckner of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Scrobe, third last year, with a fine exhibition in the prescribed routine was the winner by .3 of a point.

The introduction into the 1950 championships of a hybrid set of Long Horse specifications including the use of a springboard received unfavorable reactions from competitors and coaches alike. Several all-around contestants made their first test of the 6 foot high Long Horse just two days prior to the Meet and minor mishaps were numerous. One outstanding Olympic gymnast narrowly escaped serious injury when he was thrown against the near end of the horse during the event and four men including Scrobe failed to receive any score for one of their vaults because of their inability to master the combined techniques of the springboard and long flight over the horse. Jack Barnes of U.S.C. became the new champion by defeating Richards and Bill Tom by a comfortable margin.

Wikler and Gilden of the Los Angeles Athletic Club in tying for the Ring title were 4.3 full points ahead of Duncan and Klein in third place, a margin of superiority seldom demonstrated in a National event. The judges could find little to choose between them as identical scores were posted for both exercises.

The Southern Pacific Association gymnasts swept two events, Rope and Rings, and dominated two other events, Free Exercise and Long Horse by taking all places except a third, fourth, and sixth.

The Judges and Recorders gained national recognition by their excellence, number, and accurate evaluation. No judge worked more than two events and their participation in the more than 300 gymnastic meets held each year in the S.P.A. guaranteed their experience and ability. The group of 20 Recorders under the direction of Vincent Mottola furnished the spectators with the Judges' scores within seconds after each exercise was concluded.

The bound statistical summary of the Meet broadcast throughout the United States to the competitors, coaches, officials and member districts set a precedent which should in future years be recognized as an essential part of the N.A.A.U. Gymnastic Championships.

For the first time a planned coverage of the Meet in 16 mm. motion pictures was made, resulting in 1,200 feet of clear, carefully edited and titled material. The National compulsory and several optional exercises are shown in each event and, all in all, the 42 complete routines taken of the outstanding men in the Meet makes this picture an unequalled record of the 1950 Championships.

NATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS—MEN

Held at Los Angeles, California, May 5-6, 1950

Calisthenics—		Pts.	Long Horse—		Pts.
1	Ara Hairabedian, U. S. C.	55.1	1	J. Barnes, U. of So. Cal.	55.0
2	Wm. Tom, Occidental Coll.	55.0	2	C. Richards, Unattached	53.3
3	Ed Scrobe, Bronx Turners	54.3	3	W. Tom, Occidental Coll.	53.2
4	Henry Levin, Los Angeles AC	53.9	4	Joe Kotys, Kent State	52.1
	William Roy, Unattached	53.9	5	P. Allin, Pasadena YMCA	51.0
6	Robert Levin, Los Angeles AC	53.5	6	W. Roetzheim, Fla. St. U.	50.7
Rope Climb—		Secs.	Rings—		Pts.
1	Don Perry, Pasadena YMCA	3.1	1	G. Wikler, Los Angeles AC	57.0
2	M. Ward, E. L. A. Jr. Coll.	3.4		M. Gilden, Los Angeles AC	57.0
	R. Manning, Pasadena YMCA	3.4	3	A. Klein, Unattached	52.7
4	S. Werner, Los Angeles AC	3.5		J. Duncan, Los Angeles AC	52.7
5	K. Taylor, Los Angeles AC	3.6	5	R. Beckner, Los Angeles AC	50.2
	K. Foreman, Pasadena YMCA	3.6		C. Sferrazza, Los Angeles AC	50.2
Parallel—		Pts.	Horizontal Bar—		Pts.
1	Ed Scrobe, Bronx Turners	54.6	1	W. Roetzheim, Fla. St. U.	55.7
2	Joe Kotys, Kent State	54.3	2	R. Spracklin, Unattached	55.4
	R. Beckner, Los Angeles AC	54.3	3	C. Simms, U. of So. Cal.	55.1
4	Mel Stout, Michigan St.	52.9	4	Ed Scrobe, Bronx Turners	51.2
5	W. Roetzheim, Fla. St. U.	52.8	5	M. Stout, Michigan State	49.3
6	J. Beckner, Los Angeles AC	51.4	6	E. Benson, Los Angeles AC	48.4
Indian Clubs—		Pts.	Tumbling—		Pts.
1	Ed Hennig, Cleve. East Side	27.1	1	I. Bedard, U. of Illinois	29.1
2	G. Hearn, New York AC	26.9	2	R. Sullivan, Unattached	28.1
3	Jose Alvarez, Mexico	26.0	3	W. Roy, Unattached	26.1
4	O. Schrater, Los Angeles AC	24.3	4	J. Fina, U. of Illinois	25.2
5	J. Swinger, Los Angeles AC	22.5	5	R. Brownng, Unattached	24.8
6	D. Burke, E. L. A. Jr. Coll.	22.4	6	A. Hairabedian, U. S. C.	24.7
	D. Hight, E. L. A. Jr. Coll.	22.4			
Side Horse—		Pts.	All-Around—		Pts.
1	G. Rabbitt, Syracuse Univ.	54.7	1	W. Roetzheim, Fla. St. U.	310.4
2	Ed Scrobe, Bronx Turners	53.6	2	Joe Kotys, Kent State	305.8
3	Joe Kotys, Kent State	53.5	3	Ed Scrobe, Bronx Turners	290.8
4	W. Roetzheim, Fla. St. U.	53.3	4	V. D'Autorio, Swiss Gym Soc.	285.5
5	V. D'Autorio, Swiss Gym Soc.	52.6	5	M. Stout, Michigan State	285.4
6	H. Shuler, Univ. of So. Cal.	52.5	6	J. Beckner, Los Angeles AC	266.1
Team Championship—		Pts.			
1	Los Angeles AC	39			
2	U. of Southern California	20			
3	Pasadena YMCA	14			
4	University of Illinois	10			
5	Eastern Los Angeles Jr. Coll.	6			

Bill Roetzheim Proves Class In Nationals

Special to The Democrat

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Florida State University's Olympic champion Bill Roetzheim, proved Saturday that he is among the best gymnasts in the world.

The young FSU student led all other Olympic team members in the National AAU Gymnastic meet by taking both the all-round title and the horizontal bar crowns.

The Los Angeles Athletic club captured the team championship with 37½ points. The University of Southern California was second with 20, the Pasadena YMCA third with 14.

In addition to his first places, Roetzheim took fourth place in the side horse and fifth in the parallel bars.

Suffers Accident

While winning his all around championship Roetzheim suffered an accident which almost cost him his crown. The muscular well coordinated athlete had finished 5½ of the events with only the optioned vault on the high long horse remaining. On this vault he hit the end of the horse and knocked himself out. However he recovered and took the final vault which decided the championship.

Joe Kotys of Kent State and Ed Scobe of the New York Turners placed second and third respectively in the all around event. They and Roetzheim will go to Japan to compete in Gymnastic meets there.

Team Rating

FSU's Joe and Carmen Regna received medals for placing 9th and 10th places in the all around competition.

Because the AAU meet rules state that two men from the same team must score the first six places to be eligible for the team championship, Florida State University cannot claim the runner-up position held by Southern California. Roetzheim himself scored as many points as the California team but no other FSU gymnasts placed better than 9th.