

Bill Roetzheim In Six Events

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., Mar 31—Florida State University's Bill Roetzheim, national All-round champion, had qualified in six events and was leading in the All-Round department before the finals had gotten underway here last night in the annual NCAA gymnastics meet.

With Roetzheim paving the way, Coach Hartley Price's Seminoles were expected to finish in the top seven. Carmine Regna qualified with a fourth in the high bar after he and Joe Regna and Bill Vrettos had qualified in yesterday's preliminaries.

The outstanding teams slated to enter last night's finals included Illinois, the 1950 NCAA gym champions, Southern California, and Syracuse. Along with FSU, Navy, Kent State, and Michigan State were expected to finish in the top seven.

FSU GYMNASTS SET RECORD

School's First National Champs

The Florida State University gymnastic team, paced by Captain Bill Roetzheim, became the first squad in the school's history to win a national championship by taking the NCAA title at Ann Arbor, Mich. Saturday.

There is a possibility that this victory is the first national inter-collegiate title ever to be won by any Florida college team and records are being checked to confirm this.

3-POINT MARGIN

With Roetzheim winning the individual all-around and high bar titles, the Seminole gymnasts compiled a team total of 26½ points. This was a little more than three points better than the score of Southern California and Illinois who tied for second place with 23½ markers. Navy was fourth with 18½ points; Kent State had 17, Syracuse 16, Michigan State 13½, Army 9, Michigan 8½, Temple 7 and Penn State 5.

In addition to winning the all-around and high bar titles, Roetzheim gathered points in several other events to account for most of the Seminoles total. Carmine Regna also tallied for Florida State, getting a fourth in the high bar event.