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ASSOCIATION RECORDS AND
SUMMARIES—MEN AND WOMEN

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 30-31, 1951

Rope Climb—

1. L. Minotti, Syracuse (3.4 secs.)
2. S. Nall, Navy
3. E. Houser, Illinois
- S. Burke, Navy

Parallel Bars—

1. J. Beckner, Southern California
2. J. Kotys, Kent (Ohio) State
3. W. Roetzheim, Florida State

Horizontal Bar—

1. W. Roetzheim, Florida State
2. H. S. Lewis, Navy
3. C. Simms, Southern California

Tumbling—

1. R. Sullivan, Illinois
2. I. Bedard, Illinois
3. W. Roy, Southern California

Side Horse—

1. J. Kotys, Kent (Ohio) State
2. G. Rabbitt, Syracuse
3. W. Roetzheim, Florida State

Trampoline—

1. E. Buchanan, Michigan
2. W. Harris, Iowa
3. B. Sidlinger, Illinois

Flying Rings—

1. M. Stout, Michigan State
2. J. Gallante, Temple
3. J. Kleberg, Army

All-Around—

1. W. Roetzheim, Florida State
2. J. Kotys, Kent (Ohio) State
3. M. Stout, Michigan State

Team Championship—

	Pts.
1. Florida State	26
2. Illinois	23.5
Southern California	23.5
4. Navy	18.5
5. Kent (Ohio) State	17
6. Syracuse	16
7. Michigan State	13.5
8. Army	9.5
9. Michigan	8.5
10. Temple	7

EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, March 10, 1951

Side Horse—

1. Rabbitt, Syracuse
2. Schappert, Syracuse
3. Wheeler, Army
4. Benner, Penn State

Rope Climb—

1. Minotti, Syracuse
2. Nall, Navy
3. Burke, Navy
4. Claybrook, Army

Flying Rings—

1. Lewis, Navy
2. Kleberg, Army
3. Baba, Syracuse
4. Gallante, Temple

All-Around—

1. Baba, Syracuse
2. Lewis, Navy
3. Koessian, Temple
4. Gallante, Temple

Horizontal Bar—

1. Lewis, Navy
2. Beck, Navy
3. Cambell, Penn State
4. Backhaus, Syracuse

Parallel Bars—

1. Baba, Syracuse
2. Koessian, Temple
3. Horgan, Army
4. Quartararo, Navy

Tumbling—

1. Graf, Navy
2. Webster, Army
3. Haas, Army
4. Valentino, Penn State

Team Standing—

1. Army
2. Navy
3. Syracuse
4. Penn State
5. Temple

WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, March 24, 1951

Side Horse—

1. Frank Dolan, Illinois
2. Mel Stout, Michigan State
3. Tom Franklin, Ohio State
4. Doug Sorenson, Minnesota

Trampoline—

1. Bruce Sidlinger, Illinois
2. Frank LaDue, Iowa
3. Dennis Harget, Ohio State
4. Verne Evans, Minnesota

Rings—

1. Mel Stout, Michigan State
2. Robert Sullivan, Illinois
3. Richard Palmer, Illinois
4. Kenneth Cook, Michigan State

All-Around—

1. Mel Stout, Michigan State
2. Robert Sullivan, Illinois
3. Robert Feldmeier, Michigan State
4. Frank Dolan, Illinois

Horizontal Bar—

1. Mel Stout, Michigan State
2. Frank Dolan, Illinois
3. Bob Feldmeier, Michigan State
4. Robert Sullivan, Illinois
- Richard Flood, Minnesota

Parallel Bars—

1. Mel Stout, Michigan State
2. Frank Dolan, Illinois
3. Ken Bartlett, Minnesota
4. Robert Sullivan, Illinois

Tumbling—

1. Robert Sullivan, Illinois
2. Irving Bedard, Illinois
3. Bruce Sidlinger, Illinois
- Robert Martin, Ohio State

Team Standing—

	Pts.
1. Illinois	62
2. Michigan State	49
3. Minnesota	24
4. Ohio State	12
5. Iowa	5
6. Northwestern	1½
7. Michigan	½

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE GYMNASIIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at University of Southern California, March 24, 1951

Rope Climb—

1. Enriques, U.C.L.A.
2. Abramson, Southern California
3. Longman, U.C.L.A.
4. Simms, Southern California

Free Exercise—

1. Roy, Southern California
2. Hairabedian, Southern California
3. Beckner, Southern California
4. Gilman, U.C.L.A.

Side Horse—

1. Simms, Southern California
2. Beckner, Southern California
3. Millar, California
4. Gordon, U.C.L.A.

Horizontal Bar—

1. Simms, Southern California
2. Beckner, Southern California
3. Goodale, California
4. Bickmore, U.C.L.A.

Parallel Bars—

1. Beckner, Southern California
2. Stewart, California
3. Commander, California
4. Millar, California
- Simms, Southern California

Tumbling—

1. Roy, Southern California
2. Hairabedian, Southern California
3. Rosenthal, U.C.L.A.
4. Hatago, U.C.L.A.

Rings—

1. Todd, Southern California
2. Nason, Southern California
3. Mizushima, U.C.L.A.
4. Burress, Southern California

Trampoline—

1. Lucitt, Southern California
2. Harrison, California
3. Roy, Southern California
4. Peekeman, California

All-Around—

1. Simms, Southern California
2. Beckner, Southern California
3. Millar, California
4. Commander, California

Team Standing—

	Pts.
1. Southern California	112
2. California	44½
3. U.C.L.A.	39½
4. Stanford	2



1951 NATIONAL A.A.U. GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By ROY E. MOORE, National Gymnastics Chairman

The Amateur Athletic Union favored Detroit's 250th birthday party with the U. S. Senior Men's and Women's Gymnastic Championships on May 4 and 5. Sponsored by the American Turners and inspired by its great leader, Judge Carl M. Weideman, this event attracted a record number of entries and for the first time in the history of the sport required five sessions over a two day period for successful completion. Dr. Eklund, National Executive Secretary of the American Turners, and his Detroit staff are to be complimented for the organized effort that was expended in making this meet a great success. It was extremely unfortunate that a city-wide transportation strike had to leave its telling effects on the gate and hold the final evening crowd down to one thousand spectators. Despite this handicap, Detroit's Michigan State Fair Ground Coliseum proved to be an ideal spot for such an elaborate and colorful affair. Floor area reminded one very much of Empress Hall in London and the Olympic Games competition with three and four events being contested simultaneously with plenty room to spare.

William Roetzheim of Florida State University and 1948 Olympian made it three in a row over his 1948 Olympic teammate Edward Scrobe of the American Turners, Bronx, N. Y., to become once again America's top all-around gymnast. It wasn't until the last event, Flying Rings, that Roetzheim was able to overtake the 1948 titlist, winning by the slim margin of one point. Kotys of Kent State with a Parallel Bar victory and some consistent work on the other events was a close third. Mel Stout of Michigan State College must be recognized as a possible Olympic candidate with a fourth place as must be the two improving Californians, Charlie Simms in fifth and John Beckner, sixth. Joel Baba of Syracuse and young and promising Robert Sullivan of Illinois, finished out the first eight in a field of 24 all-around men.

Dr. Hartley Price, waving the Confederate flag as he was being carried on the shoulders of his successful Florida State gymnasts, brought the South its first team championship in the history of the sport, with a total of 53 points as compared to the Bronx, N. Y., American Turners, 23½ points in second place and University of Southern California's 20 points for third spot.

A large California contingent gave an excellent account of itself. Ara Hairabedian of the University of Southern California successfully defended his calisthenics crown with some artistic expressions on the hardwood floor. Bill Roy and a teammate scored the highest optional score with some novel movements never seen before. Sanford Werner of Los Angeles State, not only tied the world's record of 3.1 seconds on the rope held by Don Perry (now with the Marines), with his second climb but had to repeat the performance

when the rope was found to be short of 20 feet and later had to be raised to 20 feet 1 inch. Young Jack Duncan was edged out of first place by Jack Miles of Florida State whose total of 56.8 on the rings was the highest score of the tournament. Defending champions Gilden and Wikler of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, now in uniform, did not defend.

Tumbling had its share of surprises with some excellent competition. Dick Browning, brother of N.A.A.U. diving champion Skippy Browning, dethroned Irvin Bedard also of Illinois and four time title holder. Charlie Pond's young star performed a neat double back somersault, two and a half twisting back somersault, along with some excellent routines.

Hennig Wins 13th Title

Ed Hennig, of Cleveland, won his thirteenth Indian Club championship at the age of 71 and still looks well enough to go on for many more years.

The horizontal bar was perhaps the most interesting event by virtue of a double tie and some magnificent work. Harold Lewis of the U. S. Naval Academy and Roetzheim tied for first place with flawless routines, and scored 56.7 points. Charlie Simms and Ed Scrobe tied for second place with 56.3 only .4 of a point apart. Scrobe's victory on the Long Horse came as a mild surprise with favorite Larson of Pasadena City College in a tie for second place.



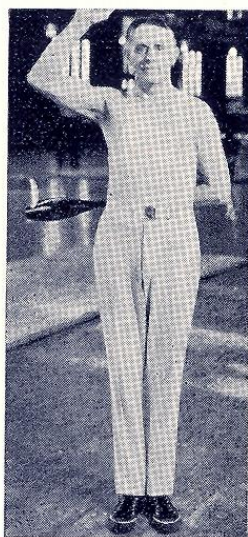
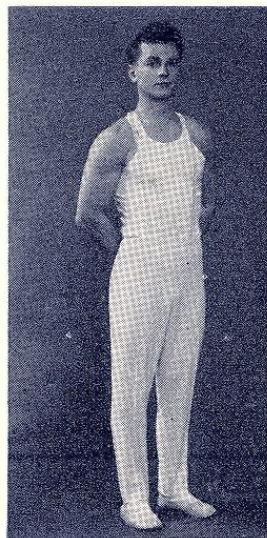
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
1951 National Senior A.A.U. and N.C.A.A. Champions.

NATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS—MEN

Held at Detroit, Michigan, May 4-5, 1951

Horizontal Bar—		Pts.	Tumbling—		Pts.
1.	H. S. Lewis, U.S. Naval Acad.	56.7	1.	D. Browning, Unattached	28.5
	Wm. Roetzheim, Florida St.	56.7	2.	B. Roy, U.S.C.	27.4
3.	E. Scrobe, American Turners, Bronx, N. Y.	56.3		R. Sullivan, U. of Illinois	27.4
	Charles Simms, U.S.C.	56.3	4.	I. Bedard, U. of Illinois	26.8
5.	Carmine Regna, Florida State	54.6	5.	J. Sabbo, Jersey Rec.	25.7
6.	Vincent D'Autorio, Swiss Gym Society, Union City, N. J.	54.2	6.	D. Erley, Unattached	25.2
				B. Hazlett, Unattached	25.2
Parallel Bars—		Pts.	Free Calisthenics—		Pts.
1.	J. Kotys, Kent State, Ohio	57.5	1.	A. Hairabedian, U.S.C.	56.0
2.	W. Roetzheim, Fla. State	56.2	2.	R. Sullivan, U. of Illinois	55.5
3.	C. Regna, Fla. State	54.4	3.	E. Scrobe, Amer. Turners, Bronx, N. Y.	54.9
4.	J. Rosenblatt, Los Angeles St.	54.2	4.	W. Roetzheim, Fla. State	54.6
5.	J. Baba, Syracuse	54.0	5.	J. Beckner, U.S.C.	54.1
6.	R. Beckner, Los Angeles St.	53.9	6.	W. Tom, Occidental	53.9
Side Horse—		Pts.	Rope Climbing—		Sec.
1.	W. Roetzheim, Fla. State	57.1	1.	S. Werner, L. A. State	3.1
	G. Rabbitt, Syracuse Univ.	57.1	2.	D. Lippman, Unattached	3.3
3.	E. Scrobe, Amer. Turners, Bronx, N. Y.	55.9	3.	L. Minotti, Syracuse	3.5
4.	V. D'Autorio, Swiss Gym Soc., Union City, N. J.	55.7	4.	D. Howard, Santa Paula, Cal.	3.8
5.	J. Beranato, Phila. Turners	55.5		E. Houser, U. of Illinois	3.8
6.	R. Luceona, Cuba	54.9	6.	B. Smith, Pasadena City Coll.	4.2
Long Horse—		Pts.	Indian Clubs—		Pts.
1.	E. Scrobe, Amer. Turners, Bronx, N. Y.	57.2	1.	E. Hennig, Cleveland YMCA	28.6
2.	W. Tom, Occidental Coll.	55.8	2.	G. Hearn, New York A.C.	27.5
	E. Larson, Pasadena City Col.	55.8	3.	F. Alvarez, Mexico	26.5
4.	R. Sullivan, U. of Illinois	54.9	4.	C. Stanton, Fla. State	11.5
5.	J. Kotys, Kent State	54.8	5.	J. Gusic, Fla. State	6.0
6.	J. Miles, Fla. State	54.5			
Rings—		Pts.	All-Around—		Pts.
1.	J. Miles, Fla. State	56.8	1.	W. Roetzheim, Fla. State	332.9
2.	J. Duncan, Unattached	56.7	2.	E. Scrobe, Amer. Turners, Bronx, N. Y.	331.4
3.	J. Sharp, Fla. State	55.8	3.	J. Kotys, Kent State	324.0
	J. Regna, Fla. State	55.8	4.	M. Stout, Michigan St.	314.4
5.	J. Baba, Syracuse	55.5	5.	C. Simms, U.S.C.	313.5
	J. Hazen, Penn State	55.5	6.	J. Beckner, U.S.C.	309.5
Team Score—		Pts.			Pts.
			1.	Florida State University	53
			2.	American Turners, Bronx	23½
			3.	Univ. of Southern California	20

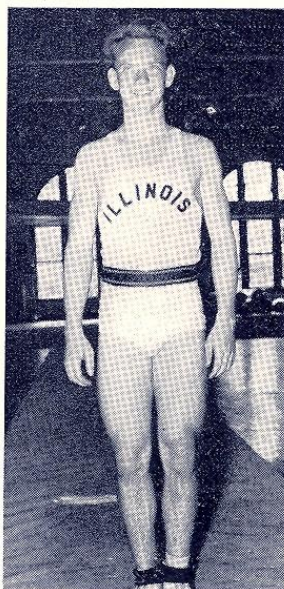
1951 NATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONS



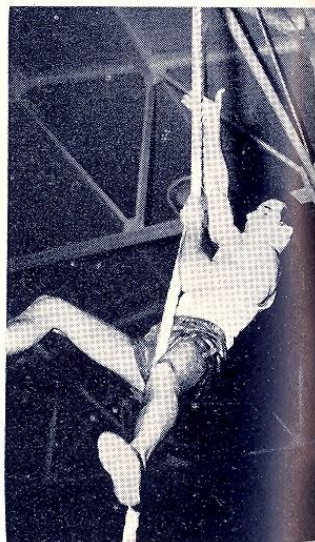
(Left to right): William Roetzheim, Florida State University, All-Around Champion and co-champion Side Horse. Edward Scrobe, American Turners, Bronx, Long Horse. Edward Henning, Cleveland Y.M.C.A., Indian Clubs.



Sanford Werner, Los Angeles State, Rope Climb.



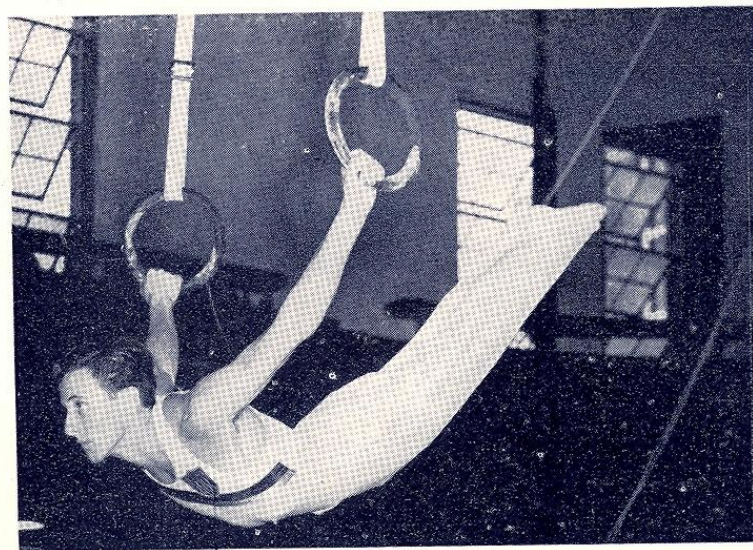
Dick Browning, Unattached, Dallas, Texas, Tumbling.



Joseph Kotys, Penn State College, Parallel Bars.

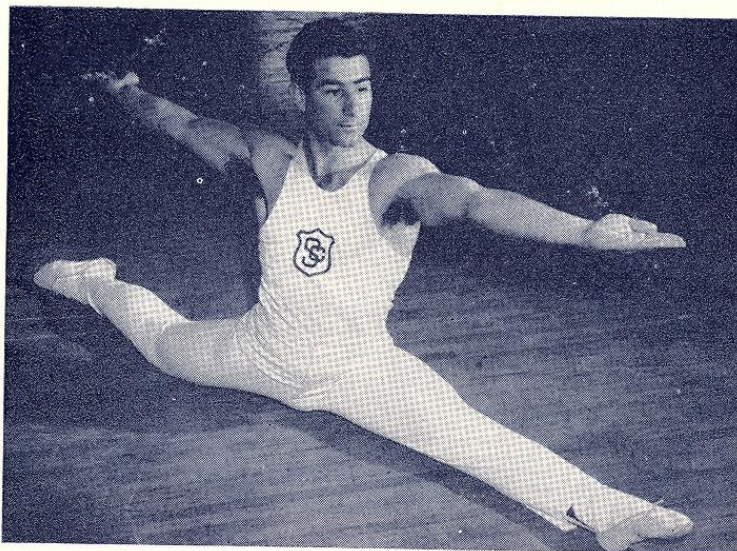


H. S. Lewis, U. S. Naval Academy, co-Champion Horizontal Bar.

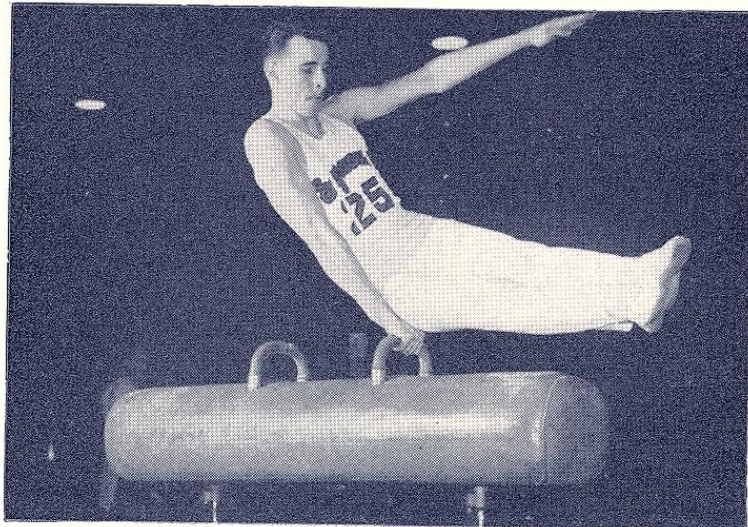


Jack Miles, Florida State University, Rings.

1951 NATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONS



Ara Hairabedian, University of Southern California, Calisthenics.



Gene Rabbitt, Syracuse University, Side Horse co-champion.

ROUTINES THAT WON NATIONAL A.A.U. TITLES IN 1951 ALL-AROUND & HORIZONTAL BAR (won by Wm. Roetzheim representing Florida State University).

Age 22, Weight 160, Height 5'9". Senior Physical Education student at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Received his early training in the Chicago Public School System and at the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. Was a member of U. S. Olympic team in 1948 and won Gold medals in the Horizontal Bar and All-Around this year at the Pan-American Olympics in Argentina. Bill holds the N.C.A.A. Horizontal Bar and All-around, has won the N.A.A.U. All-Around championship for the last three years; N.A.A.U. Horizontal championship the last two years and present is N.A.A.U. co-champion on Side Horse.

Winning Horizontal Bar routine:

Jump to a mixed grip—right hand reverse; swing and on back swing uprise to a double rear circle around right hand to a bent body rear support and immediately backward seat circle to cast out $\frac{1}{2}$ German giant swing release at forward end with $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to upper hand grip and kip to front support; cast to handstand, 1 backward giant swing; under reach with left hand to mixed grip and rear vault catch to upper grip, jump change to under grip and forward end of swing kip to two front giant swings, stoop legs between hands and dislocate to eagles; on third eagle giant hop to reverse grip; one front giant swing, full twisting giant swing to a front flyaway with half twist at back end.

Winning Side Horse routine:

From a side stand front ways left hand on neck, right hand on left pommel, jump to one clockwise circle, Moore on end of horse to a half flank circle to a hop turn, flank circle, Moore on end of horse to a tromlet into the saddle; two flank circles immediate, double Moore, two flank circles to a double out double in, $\frac{1}{2}$ flank circle, cut left leg forward to two forward scissors, (right and left), cut right leg forward into two counter clockwise doubles, left leg backward, right leg backward and two clockwise doubles into a double out, loop off to a cross stand sideways.

HORIZONTAL BAR (Co-Championship won by Harold Lewis of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland)

Age 23, Weight 167, Height 5'10". Midshipman, Third Class, (sophomore), United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Received his early training in the Los Angeles Public School system and the Los Angeles Turners. Served two years in the Navy prior to entering the Academy. Stands in top ten per cent of his class, academically.

Winning High Bar Optional:

Jump to undergrip—giant start and one complete front giant swing; at top of second handstand release both hands and regrasp in double-eagle grip (Selby); continue over bar in dislocated giant

