

Gymnasts 2nd In National AAU

Cicio's First In Free Exercise Leads Tribe

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Despite a first place win in free exercise by Chick Cicio and second in the horizontal bar by Jack Miles, FSU's gymnastics team finished second to the Los Angeles Turners in the NAAU match last week.

Other FSU gymnasts to score besides Cicio and Miles were Jamile Ashmore, fourth in tumbling, Laird Anderson, sixth in rope climb, and Joe Taylor, third in still rings.

There were no team scores announced by the judges. And only the winner and runners-up were announced. Third place went to the Armed Forces squad.

Bob Elliott "had some very bad luck" said Eddie Cubban and finished eighth in trampoline and did not qualify. Elliott did his triple twist on the ninth count, but only eight counts are allowed.

Don Holder and Rafael Lecuona were still in contention after the first day along with Jack Miles to give FSU three men in the top ten. Holder and Lecuona slipped to 11th and 12th at the completion of the match although their performances were termed as "very good" by Cubban.

Miles

Saturday was also used for determining the United States Olympic team and Florida State's Jack Miles qualified for the team. Miles will train with the squad, however, training location has not been chosen.

Members of the U.S. team in the order they finished are: Jack Beckner, Los Angeles Turners; Carl Schwenzfeller, Penn St.; Richard Beckner, L. A. Turners; Joseph Kotys, Cleveland Swiss Turners and a member of the team in 1948.

Abe Grossfeld, Illinois; Armando Vega, Penn St.; William Tom, L. A. Turners; Jack Miles, FSU; and Charles Stimms, L. A. Turners.

Gene Wettstone, coach at Penn State was named head olympic coach for gymnastics. Coach Hartley Price of Florida State is the associate coach and according to Mr. Cubban was considered very seriously for head coach.

Having two boys on the first six of the olympic team, perhaps influenced the judges in naming Wettstone as coach, opined Mr. Cubban.

"Florida State did very well in the NCAA and the olympic tryouts and should be very proud of their team. This meet was much more than any ordinary competition, it has the olympic tryouts and the best competition in the country," stated Cubban.