

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—An 11-man Florida State University squad moves after national prestige in the 18th annual NCAA gymnastics championships here today and tomorrow.

Host Penn State is favored to capture the team championship in the two days of competition with Florida State hoping to finish among the top 10 for the 18th straight year.

Coach Hartley Price's Seminoles, who won the national collegiate gymnastics title in 1951 and 1952, have finished no lower than ninth in nine previous NCAA meets.

Before coming to FSU in 1950, Price won four NCAA crowns at Illinois. A member of the Gymnastics Hall of Fame, he has coached more NCAA championship teams—six—than any other coach.

The current Seminoles don't figure to be a challenge seriously for the NCAA crown, but standout performances by some promising sophomores may land them near the top.

Only returning squadman who placed in the 1959 meet are senior Tom O'Connor (8th in flying rings) of Detroit, Mich., and junior Jack Ryder (7th in trampoline, 8th in tumbling) of Dayton, O. Ryder is troubled with a wrenched knee.

Other leading point-producers for FSU this season have been senior Fernando Lecuona of Havana, Cuba; junior Bill Beavers of Omaha, Neb., and sophomores Joe Boersma of Minneapolis, Bob Christians of Denver, and Rick Miller of Long Beach, Calif.

All-around—Boersma or Lecuona, Beavers, Miller, Still rings—Boersma, Beavers, Miller, Lecuona, O'Connor.

Side horse—Miller, Boersma, Lecuona, Beavers. Horizontal bar—Boersma or Lecuona, Beavers, Miller. Vault—Carmen, Christians. Parallel bars—Carmen, Miller, Boersma, Beavers, Lecuona. Free exercise—Ryder, Lecuona, Boersma, Beavers, Miller. Flying rings—Dave Carmichael or Hatchett, Christians, O'Connor. Rebound tumbling—Carmichael, Christians, Ryder. Tumbling—Boersma, Miller, Ryder. Rope climb—Lecuona, O'Connor, Jerry Edwards.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—Florida State finished 10th in a field of more than 30 teams competing in the NCAA gymnastics championships here last weekend.

Coach Hartley Price's Seminoles scored 10½ points in the rugged competition won by Penn State. Southern California finished second and Illinois third in the two-day meet.

Scoring points for FSU were Jack Ryder (fourth-place tie in tumbling), Bob Christians (ninth in horizontal bar), and Dave Carmelli (ninth in trampoline).