

Olympic Gym Chatter

(Sixth of a Series)
By Tom Morgan

Star gymnasts from 14 colleges and 22 Amateur Athletic Union clubs are slated to demonstrate their talents before Lion fans Saturday. Many of them are already on campus and working out in Rec Hall.

An entry list released yesterday by Coach Gene Wettstone sets a new NAAU record by showing more than 120 collegiate and over 140 AAU contenders. In all-around competition 15 AAU and 11 collegiate athletes will battle for NAAU titles and the eight places on the 1948 Olympic team.

LARGE ENTRY

Forty-eight entries in the long horse event top all others in number, while 42 in the side horse place second. Contestants in other events are rings—37, horizontal bar—33, parallel bars—33, tumbling—12, rope climb—12, Indian clubs—12, trampoline—11.

Describing performances in each event would involve such terms as bank-handspring-and-somersault—with layout, one arm straddle—dismount, horizontal circle—and snake, and stoop-from-the-croup. But where would we be?

What's important to us laymen who'll view the star-studded proceedings Saturday is each performer will present one compulsory and one optional exercise in each event, except rope climb, trampoline and clubs.

Quoting Coach Gene Wettstone, secretary of the United States Olympic Gymnastic Committee: "The purpose of the compulsory exercise, which is not required in inter-collegiate competition, is to make a comparison between men as far as form and execution are concerned."

HARD EXERCISE

"It also eliminates those not in the top bracket, since the exercise is so hard that only excellent performers will compete."

"The optional exercise makes

it possible to compare the artistic imagination of performers."

Tentative program for Saturday is divided into two sessions, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m.

The afternoon schedule calls for compulsory and optional exercise in calisthenics and long horse; compulsory exercises in horizontal bar, parallel bars, side horse and rings, and finals in trampoline, rope climb and Indian clubs.

On the evening slate are optional exercises in side horse, parallel bars, horizontal bar and rings, and finals in tumbling.

Major League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
New York 4, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 9, Detroit 8
(11 innings)

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	Phila.	4	4	.500
St. Louis	4	2	.667	Detroit	3	5	.375
Wash'n	5	2	.625	Boston	2	6	.286
New York	4	3	.571	Chicago	1	6	.143

Today's Games

Detroit at St. Louis
Cleveland at Chicago
Washington at New York
Boston at Philadelphia

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 2
Boston 3, Brooklyn 2
New York 7, Philadelphia 1

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	7	2	.777	St. Louis	4	3	.500
Chicago	4	2	.667	Cincinnati	4	5	.445
Phila.	4	2	.667	Brooklyn	3	5	.375
Pittsb'gh	4	4	.500	Boston	3	6	.333

Today's Games

Brooklyn at Boston (night game)
Philadelphia at New York
Chicago at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Pittsburgh (night)

Orange Relay Team

Coach Bob Griève of Syracuse University's track team thinks he has a great four-mile relay team in Neil Pratt, Dick Churcn, Keir Fitzgerald and Phil Baker.

Gehrett Slated for Hill Toil As Lions Take on Bucknell

Returning to the baseball wars, the Lions tangle with the Bucknell Bisons at New Beaver Field, 4 o'clock this afternoon, weather permitting, in a one-game home stand before meeting the Pitt Panthers Friday and Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Bob Gehrett is the probable mound choice for the Nittany nine, and he will oppose either sophomore Art Raynor or fastballer Hal Swanson, both right-handers, for the Bisons.

Gehrett will be seeking his fourth consecutive win of the season, and seventh victory without a defeat counting three triumphs carried over from last season.

The big righthander has permitted only three earned runs in 25 innings this year, and boasts a two-hitter against the Pitt Panthers as one of his laurels.

The Bisons, coached by Bill Lane, are a veteran aggregation. Ten lettermen and a host of experienced material from last year grace their roster.

Sherm Doebler, a three-year veteran at first base, is team captain and bulwark of the infield. The rest of the inner defense with

the exception of Jim Devine at short are newcomers.

Frank Walk, a converted outfielder, is at third base, and Bob Markley, a sophomore, cavorts at second.

Carl Nienstedt, a steady and dependable receiver, returned to the diamond campaigns this season to bolster the catching department. Nienstedt was a letterman on the 1944 aggregation.

The outfield trio of Stoc in right, Concklin in center, and Swanson in left is fast and has plenty of experience behind it.

For the Lions the same hard-hitting lineup that has blasted out five wins in six starts will take the field in an attempt to inaugurate a new winning streak.

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