

Nation's Gymnasts Vie for Honors

Winners Participate In London Olympics

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son, viola; Frances Skillman, cello; Virgil Neilly, bass; Franklin Cree, flute; James Beach, clarinet; George Ceiga, piano.

The College Glee Club, under direction of Frank Gullo, assistant professor of music, will sing selections during the medal presentations and also for the closing ceremony on the night program.

Of international import in gymnastics, today's meet has drawn over 100 of the country's top gymnasts, both collegiate and non-collegiate. All 1947 national champions in ten events will defend their titles.

SELECTION

Spectators will witness selection of the Olympic team members, manager and coach who will be named to represent United States in the London Games in July. Olympic team members will probably be the first eight point-scorers in today's all-around competition.

A spectacular grande finale at 10:30 o'clock will bring forth the first eight all-around competitors, the coach and manager to the huge platform erected in Rec Hall. This group will probably make up the official United States Olympic team, although final approval must come later from the Olympic Committee.

During this ceremony, Avery Brundage, president of the United States Olympic Association, will speak and the College Glee Club will sing "The Nation's Prayer" as the audience stands. Cue for the retreat from the platform and end of the championships will be the Glee Club's "Hail to the Lion."

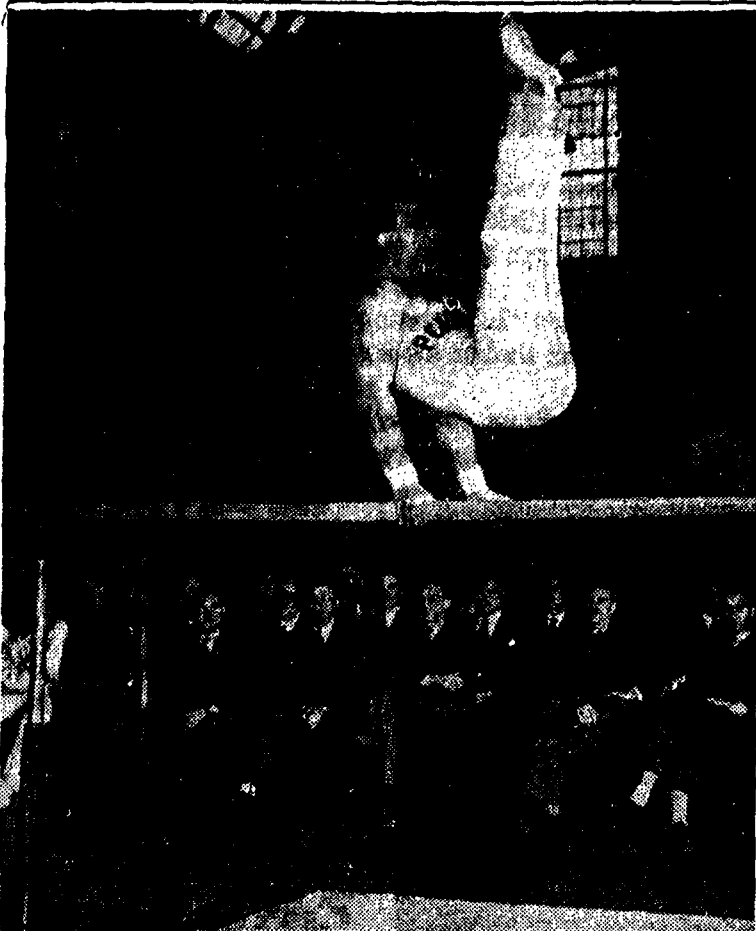
Both afternoon and night programs will assume aspects of a three-ring circus as competitors in two or three events perform concurrently.

EXERCISES

Purpose of the compulsory exercise, which is not required in inter-collegiate competition, is to compare form and execution of different performers. The optional exercise makes it possible to compare artistic imagination of the competitors.

Olympic berths for the London Games in July will be determined by the all-around scores of men who compete in six events—side horse, callisthenics, long horse vaulting, parallel bars, horizontal bars and rings.

Any contestant who wins a single gymnastic event wins a National Amateur Athletic Union championship. Only the 26 performers who have entered each of the six Olympic events have a



Captain Ray Sorensen is the Lions' main hope for all-around honors in today's meet. Joining him as an all-around competitor is Bill Bonsall, while Steve Greene will compete in side horse and rings; Bill Meade in tumbling; Joe Linn and Norwood Lawler in the rope climb, and Stanley Lourimore in Indian clubs.

chance to be one of the eight United States Olympic candidates.

TEAM CHAMPS

The NAAU team championship, won for the last two years, by the Swiss Gymnastic Society, Union City, N.J., will be awarded the team scoring the most points in nine NAAU events—long horse, Indian clubs, rope climb, side horse, parallel bars, horizontal bar, rings, tumbling and all-around.

Calisthenics, which is part of the all-around score, is excluded from team scoring, while the trampoline is a special event with no bearing on team or all-around score.

In the NAAU method of scoring each competitor, five judges will score separately in decimals such as 7.6, 8.3 and 9.4, the maximum not to exceed 10.0. Scorers will then discard the highest and lowest, and announce the total of the three "middle" scores as the official score of the contestant. Maximum individual score under this system is 30.0 points.

ALL-AROUND

In national collegiate all-around championships, Sorensen and Bonsall captured first and second places, while Stout has won the Eastern championship for two successive years.

Olympic Gym Chatter

By Tom Morgan

Flash from the West Coast—Don Perry, Los Angeles' Venice High School rope-climbing sensation, last week defeated defending national champion Garvin Smith in the 25-foot climb.

The occasion, California's AAU championships, was the first meeting between the two stars. Perry's terrific 25-foot effort of 4.4 seconds in this meet is equivalent to about 3.4 in the 20-foot climb.

All this adds up to a torrid contest this afternoon when Perry and Smith clash for the second time. Smith's teammate at Los Angeles City College, Elmer Huckins, will be another strong entry by virtue of his recent 3.6 mark in the 20-foot climb.

Today's massive indoor gym carnival will be aired over a nation-wide Mutual Broadcasting hook-up on Stoney McGinn's sports program at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Radio station WMAJ will also broadcast a from-the-floor account of the event at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Fox Movietone News will take moving pictures throughout today's double-session program, and the event will be covered directly by Associated Press.

Lion Coach Gene Wettstone, secretary of the United States Olympic Gymnastic Committee and director of today's championship meet, has already received a battery of plaudits for his mammoth job of host. He's responsible for planning extensive decorations in Rec Hall, for super-

vising and finding rooms for more than 200 contestants, coaches and fans, and for tackling the 100-odd little problems that accompany such an event as Lion fans will witness today.

One of the most colorful entries today is one-legged Waldimir Baskovich, of Chicago, who is defending rings champion. Thirty-four years old, Baskovich lost his leg in a railroad accident as a boy, and for many years has been head salesman and owner of an artificial limb company in Chicago.

His dismounts from the rings are better than the average two-legged performer. As Coach Wettstone describes it, "He gives the impression of a penknife thrown in the air and landing blade in wood."

What might have thrown a bombshell into the chances of Lion Captain Ray Sorensen occurred last week when he sprained a neck muscle while working out in Rec Hall.

The mishap kept him from practice four days, but he's now back at peak of condition with no ill effects.

Sorensen, an all-around contestant, will defend his 1947 calisthenics title in the first event this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schabacker, of Philadelphia, will stage their acrobatic adagio at 9:10 o'clock tonight with background music. This popular specialty number will be staged to accompaniment of "Jealousy," "My Shawl" and "My Hero."

For the benefit of coaches and contestants attending the meet, the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis will demonstrate new gymnastic equipment in Rec Hall this morning.

Medart apparatus has been selected by the United States Olympic Gymnastic Committee for use in training here, on board ship and also in the London Games in July and August.

National all-around champion Frank Cumiskey has spent 24 of his 35 years in a gymnastic atmosphere. He practices about twice a week the year-round and keeps in top physical condition. Although currently suffering from his only cold in the past year, he is not expected to be hampered by it in defending his crown today.

With three gym cohorts—Ed Scrobe, Vince D'Autorio and Joe Sabatini, Cumiskey arrived in State College last Monday and has since practiced only once in Rec Hall.

As Cumiskey puts it, "There's no use wearing yourself out practicing everyday on the apparatus. We exercise outside the gym daily to keep in shape. One session is all we need to get the feel of the equipment here." With 24 years of gym experience behind him, he can say it!

Cumiskey to Defend Crown Against Star-Studded Field

America's top-ranking gymnast, Frank Cumiskey, of Union City, N. J., will seek his fourth straight National Amateur Athletic Union crown and his third Olympic team berth when he defends his all-around title in today's championships and Olympic trials in flag-festooned Rec Hall.

A five-time winner in national competition, the 35-year-old railway mail clerk will face the toughest test of his career when he launches his drive for another title against 25 of the country's foremost gymnasts who, with him, will vie for Uncle Sam's eight Olympic team posts.

SIDE HORSE KING

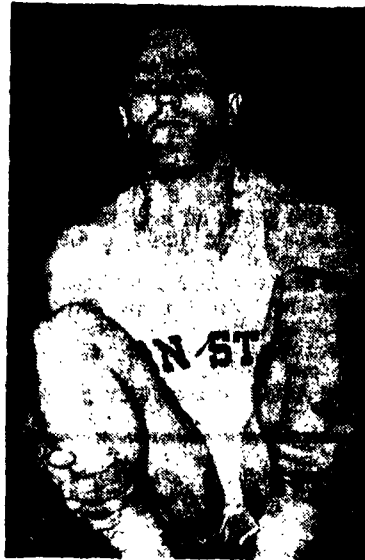
Representing the championship Swiss Gymnastic Society of Union City, N. J., Cumiskey last year copped the side horse as well as the all-around toga. He has annexed the all-around title for the last three years, as well as in 1934 and 1936.

Pressing Cumiskey for top all-around honors will be last year's runner-up, 25-year-old Ed Scrobe, of the New York Turners. Scrobe

is defending horizontal bar champion.

Another top challenger will be Vincent D'Autorio, of Union City, a teammate of Cumiskey. In the 1947 championships at Dallas, Texas, D'Autorio finished fourth behind Col. Robert Sears, of West Point. Sears will not compete this year because of Army duties.

Of the collegiate entries, the Lions' Ray Sorensen and Bill Bonsall, Temple's Bob Stout, and Bill Roetzheim, of the University of Illinois at the Chicago Pier, are conceded good chances of finishing among the eight Olympic all-around candidates.



Bill Meade, ace Lion tumbler, is conceded a chance of finishing within the first six point-getters in this event of today's NAAU's.

Music Honorary Presents Concert

Phi Mu Alpha, men's music honorary, will present a program of all-American music in Schwal Auditorium at 3 o'clock tomorrow. The concert is part of a series of music appreciation programs sponsored by the music department.

The program will open with George Ceiga at the organ playing "Carillon" by Sowerby and a suite of four numbers by Borowski. Thaddeus Komorowski, baritone, will sing "Play Gypsies, Dance Gypsies" by Kalman, Cole Porter's "Rosalie," and Manuzucca's "The Big Brown Bear." George Dorrance will accompany at the piano.

Selected numbers will be played by the clarinet quartet which includes Frank Hess, James Kocher, Myron Moskowitz, and Robert Skipper. Maynard Hill, tenor soloist, will sing Hageman's "Do Not Go My Love," Charles' "When I Have Sung My Songs to You," and Fox's "The Hills of Home." Raymond Robinson will accompany.

The orchestra will close the program with Klemm's "Three Moods and a Theme" and Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel."

Bovine Bluebloods Liven 23rd Dairy Exposition

One of the features to be shown at the 23rd Annual Dairy Exposition, May 8, will be a three-generation trio of purebred Holsteins, all classified as "excellent"—the only living three-generation group of excellent cows in Pennsylvania, and probably in the world.

Grandma of this group is Penstate Veeman Josie, 16, who has produced 24 quarts of milk daily for 11 years. Her daughter, Penstate Veeman Happy, has produced 22 quarts daily for the past 8 years. The grand-daughter, Penstate Pathfinder Happy, has produced 18 quarts daily for the last 4 years.

The production and type of this trio played an important role in securing for the entire College herd, the third consecutive Progressive Breeders' Certificate from the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Special attraction at the Dairy Exposition will be a freak cow which is arriving to entertain the visitors. She has been one of the leading features of fairs and shows throughout the nation.

This cow is unusual in that the members of her body are not found in their customary positions.

Education Council Sponsors Mixer

To better relations between faculty and students, the Education Student Council is sponsoring a mixer for both groups at the Pi Kappa Phi house from 2:30 to 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The council has sent invitations to faculty members. All students in the School of Education are urged to come. Henry Glass, Marvin Fisher and Louis Goodfarb will provide entertainment. Committee chairmen in charge of the affair are Eugene Maelhorn, entertainment; Jean Posey, refreshments; and Larry Shambach, publicity.

Joint Mixer at Hillel

Hillel Foundation and the Newman Club have scheduled a joint mixer at Hillel, 133 West Beaver avenue, 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Refreshments, dancing, and a quiz program will be the features of the gathering.

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Eleanor Vasilich was recently pledged by Theta Phi Alpha.

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