

Indian Clubs Dropped As '52 AAU Gym Event

One event, Indian clubs, has been dropped from the NAAU competition for the approaching NAAU championships and Olympic gymnastic tryouts, Gene Wettstone, secretary of the Olympic committee, announced yesterday.

The event was dropped because of the small number of entries. Also taken into consideration was the fact that Edward Hennig of the Cleveland Turners, 72-year old, "grand old man of gymnastics," did not enter. Hennig had won the Indian clubs title 13 times.

Both the men's and women's Olympic tryouts and NAAU championships will get under way Friday afternoon, continuing through Friday night and Saturday afternoon, with the finals Saturday night.

1st for Women

This will be the second straight time the Olympic gym tryouts have been held in Rec Hall. Penn State was also host for the tryouts and NAAU championships in the last Olympic year, 1948. That year Penn State copped the NAAU championship.

However, this will be the first time for women's tryouts in Rec Hall. In 1948, the women competed in Philadelphia.

Thirty-eight of the country's top women gymnasts will compete in the two-day tournament. Nineteen of the 38 entries will be trying for Olympic berths. Eight men and eight women will be picked to represent the U.S. in the Olympic games at Helsinki, Finland this summer.

Outstanding Gymnast

Four members of the 1948 women's Olympic team will return to try for their second Olympic team. They are Clara Schroth Lamady, Philadelphia Turners; Marianne Barone, Philadelphia Turners; Meta Neumann, Chicago Turners; and Dorothy Dalton, Swiss Gymnastic Society, Union City, N.J.

Probably the most outstanding of the four is Mrs. Lomady. She was America's No. 1 woman gymnast in 1948 and has won AAU all-around honors five of the past seven years. She has won national honors on the balance beam for eleven straight years.

Mrs. Barone, also from the Philadelphia Turners, has won three national titles on the side horse and two on the parallel bars.

Pa. Entries

The Philadelphia gymnastics club will also send another woman in quest of an Olympic berth. She is Helm McKee who placed third in the all-around competition in 1951.

Three women entries from Pennsylvania come from Rochester and the University of Pittsburgh. They are Betty Rubino and Judy Hult from Rochester and Nancy Snider from Pitt. Miss Rubino is the 1952 Allegheny Mountain senior AAU all-around winner, while Miss Hult captured the junior title. Miss Snider is a calisthenics specialist.

Hermann's Physical Training School at Philadelphia has entered two tumblers, Jean Shainline and Vera Yuschak. New York has entered a strong delegation in Dorothy Moran, Caloline Checkley, Arendine Ostendorp, Ruth Topalian, and Irene Zelonk. New Jersey's entry of Dorothy Dalton and Doris Kirkman is expected to make a strong bid for the Olympic team. Miss Dalton is a member of the 1948 team.

Bostonians Top Marathon Field

BOSTON, April 18—(AP)—National champion Jesse Van Zandt, his Boston A.A. teammate, Johnny Lafferty, and Luis Velazquez of Guatemala, top the 198-man field for tomorrow's famed Hopkinton-Boston marathon race.

This 56th B.A.A. race will have some influence on the selection of the U. S. Olympic three-man marathon team. The winner of next month's national championship race at Yonkers, provided he is an American citizen, will be chosen automatically. The other two berths will go to the pair having the best average score in the 1951 and 1952 national championship and in tomorrow's race.

Jockey Gets Life Suspension In Florida

MIAMI, Fla., April 18 (P)—The Florida State Racing Commission today suspended jockey Nunzio Pariso for life for attempting to use an electric buzzer at Gulfstream Park yesterday.

He was detected with a buzzer strapped to his wrist before the start of the second race and the stewards immediately suspended him for 60 days and referred the case to the commission for further action.

The buzzer is an electrical device used to excite a horse and produce greater speed.

Pariso, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., and a veteran of 15 years in the saddle, did not attend the commission meeting.

He was quoted as telling the stewards the idea was his own and that he had hoped to win enough money to return to northern tracks after the close of Gulfstream tomorrow.

IM Tournaments Begin Monday

Four divisions of two IM spring tournaments will begin Monday at the Rec Hall courts. Fraternities will get underway with 1952 handball doubles competition beginning 7 p.m. Monday; and 1952 badminton singles play starting at 7 p.m. Monday.

The independent halves of the tournaments will begin later. Handball doubles play will start 7 p.m. Tuesday, with the badminton singles matches scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Double Trouble

Penn State's twin gymnasts, Al and Frank Wick, of Philadelphia, will compete in the National AAU championships, April 25-26.

Bruz Ray To Get No. 1 Tennis Post

Bruz Ray, one of last season's intramural fraternity tennis doubles champions, has been named by Coach Sherm Fogg to start in the number-one singles position for the 1952 opener against Western Maryland at Westminster, Md., Friday.

Ray, a sophomore and member of last year's freshman squad, has improved rapidly in the last few weeks, according to Fogg. Ray will take over former captain Owen Landon's job. Landon, number one man last year, was lost through graduation along with Dick Weiland, number-two man, and Bill Aiken, number three. Also graduated was Bill Wood, number-five performer.

Vets In 4 and 6 Spots

Fogg also named this year's captain, Ed Davis, to the number-two position. Freshman Bill Ziegler and Dez Long, Ray's IM doubles partner, are in contention for the number-three position.

Lettermen Bill Forrey and Gus Biggott have landed the number-four and six singles jobs. The number-five slot has not yet been settled, with juniors Bill Ray and Dick Gross figuring prominently in Fogg's number-five plans.

New Doubles Teams

Three brand new doubles teams will be unveiled in the opening match, due to the loss of last season's duo, Landon-Weiland, and Aiken-Wood. Aiken played on the number-two team and Wood number-three.

Fogg has teamed Davis with Ray for the number-one doubles position, and Bill Ray and Ziegler or Long for number-two job. Veterans Biggott and Forrey have been named for the number-three doubles position.

Five Spring Sports

Penn State will field baseball, track and field, tennis, golf and lacrosse teams during the spring sports season.

Herm Sledzik Elected '52-'53 Court Captain

Herm Sledzik, starting forward on Coach Elmer Gross' 1951-52 basketball team, has been elected captain for the 1952-53 season.

The six-foot, four inch cager was chosen by the letter-winners at a banquet Thursday night.

Playing his second year of varsity ball for the Lions, Sledzik was one of the mainstays which led the Penn State court squad to its first post-season tournament in ten years. He finished second to Jesse Arnelle in individual scoring.

Sledzik played at Elders Ridge High School before coming to Penn State. In his first year as a Lion basketball player he suffered a broken wrist in a pre-season scrimmage and missed the first part of the season. However, he broke into the lineup in enough games during the latter part of the season to tally 80 points.

Sledzik succeeds Hardy Williams and Jay McMahan, co-captains during the past season.

New Cage Captain



Herm Sledzik

New Scoring High

Jesse Arnelle's 492 points during the 1952 season represents a new individual high for Penn State basketball.

Mat Tourney Host

Penn State will play host to the national collegiate wrestling championships at State College in 1953.

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