

# AAU Entries Rated Tops

One of the strongest fields of gymnastic aspirants ever assembled on one floor at one time will compete in the National AAU championships and Olympic tryouts tomorrow and Saturday at Recreation Hall.

Scores of hopefuls seeking individual AAU championships, along with some 30 men and 20 women bidding for a spot on the United States Olympic team, will continue to crowd the Rec Hall gym floor, putting the finishing touches to their routines before entering the actual competition.

Jerry F. Hardy, manager-coach of the United States entry in the 1955 Pan-American games predicted that this year's U.S. Olympic squad will be represented by the best prepared and most capable gymnasts it has ever sent into Olympics.

### Gain Valuable Experience

Hardy said the American gymnasts have gained much valuable knowledge and experience from their past international competition and cited that the caliber of the American hopefuls has improved to the point where America is regarded as a serious threat to European supremacy.

Statistics from the Pan-American games back Hardy up as the American entries dominated the competition, winning every individual event plus the all-round. Uncle Sam's entries took the first three places in each event except the side horse.

### Beckner Highly Rated

Jack Beckner, one of the stars on the Pan-American squad, will be one of the top rated United States gymnasts competing in the Olympic trials. Beckner was a member of the 1952 Olympic squad.

He won the side horse and all-round championships in the Pan-American games. His brother Dick will also enter the competition.

Penn State's number one entry will be Karl Schwenzfeier with sophomore Armando Vega rated as the Lions' number two man. Both have won NCAA honors—Schwenzfeier taking the all-round title in 1955 with Vega copping the parallel bars crown last year.

### Russell on Canadian Team

Ernestine Russell, already named to a berth on the Canadian Olympic team, will head the women competitors to the post. Miss Russell won the AAU all-round title last year.

On the American side of the picture, Judy Hult Howe, Arndine Ostendrop, Sandra Ruddick, and Mrs. Marie Hoesly are all rated in contention for Olympic posts.

Muriel Davis, Doris Fuchs, Jackie Klein, and Virginia Rodenbeck are contenders expected to give the favorites stiff competition.



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## Colgate Hosts Lion Netmen Tomorrow

The Lion tennis team will face a Colgate squad that placed third in the Eastern Intercollegiate last year tomorrow at Hamilton, N.Y.

Although the Red Raiders have only four of last year's nationally ranked team back this season, they have compiled a seven-year record of 98 and 18 and there are no evidences of a reverse in this trend.

Last year the Raiders took home everything but the nets as they whitewashed the Nittanies, 9-0. No man on the Lion team was able to extend their individual matches to three sets; the longest games of the afternoon being played by Ed Seiling against the Raiders' Pete Hermann, 6-3, 6-4.

Four of Colgate's 1955 lettermen will be in the Friday lineup against the Lions. The four are seniors, while the rest of the team consists of five sophomores and a single junior.

Colgate's Coach Perry Rockafellow admits that his team's lack of experience may be a hindrance, but that he does not expect anyone to defeat it too badly.

This year's team will be no match in experience to the '55 squad and therein lie the Lions' hopes. In a rivalry that began in 1942 the Nittanies have been able to gain the upper hand only twice, losing 16 over that period.

### Mullen Is AAU Aspirant

Penn State's National Collegiate champion, Phil Mullen, will aspire to the National AAU rope climb title in the 1956 championships here, Friday and Saturday. Mullen's winning time in the NCAA tournament, his best of the year, was 3.5 seconds. His teammate, Don Rehm, also will compete.

## Lions Enter Relays Minus Ace Hurdler

A 10-man Penn State track team, minus the services of ace hurdler Rod Perry, will leave University Park early this afternoon for the Penn Relays at Philadelphia, tomorrow and Saturday.

Perry, was forced to remain behind because of a charley horse which he suffered in last Saturday's Ohio State Relays. The injury did not clear up as it was hoped to, forcing coach Chick Werner to omit him from his traveling roster.

Art Pollard—Perry's side kick in the charley horse department—will make the trip, however. Werner felt that Pollard had sufficiently recuperated to compete in the star-studded Quaker program.

Pollard, the Lion captain, will run the invitational 100-yard dash and will be the top man in Werner's 440 and 880 relay plans. He is expected to run against his old nemesis John Haines from Penn in the 100.

### Austin in 3 Events

Bruce Austin was named as the number two man in both the 440 and 880 relay squads. He will also run in the distance medley relay.

Sophomore Jim Norton will enter the 440 and 880 relays, along with the distance medley event.

Doug Moorhead will run the mile in the distance medley with cross-country counterpart Don Woodrow scheduled for the three-quarter mile assignment in the distance medley.

Ogier Norris again was named as the lone Lion entry in the pole vault. Norris is the only experienced vaulter on the squad rue to the absence of Harry Fuehrer.

### Blockson, Tullar Compete

Charlie Blockson and John Tullar were selected to share the Lion shot putting and discus throwing chores. Blockson won the discus

at Columbus last Saturday with 168'6 1/2" heave while Tullar placed third.

Dick Coats will be the lone Lion entry in the javelin while sophomore Dick Winston will compete in the invitational 120 high hurdles and the 440 and 880 relays.

Ed Moran, who won the mile run in the Buckeye Relays, Chet Cotton, Fred Kerr, and Charlie King will do the running in the frosh mile relay event.

### Awards to be Presented

As an added attraction, the 10 colleges winning the most relay championships in the Quaker carnival will be honored in a brief ceremony on Saturday.

Horace Ashenfelter, former Lion great and 1952 Olympic steeplechase champion will receive the Penn State award. Ashenfelter was a member of three championship four-mile relay teams at the Relays, besides holding IC4A, NCAA, National AAU indoor and outdoor titles at distances from two to six miles.

The top athlete representing his school is Jesse Owens of Ohio State. Owens is the only man in the modern Olympics to win four gold medals. In the 1936 Relays he won the invitation 100-yard dash, the broad jump, and was a member of the Buckeye's winning quarter-mile relay team.

The University of Pennsylvania has won more championships than any other school. 51. Don Lippincott, a member of the 1915 Penn relay team, will accept the award.

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