5 G-Men Train For 1960 Olympic Team Tryouts

Penn State's gymnasts wrapped up their sixth national championship last weekend, but for a select few there is still one big meet on tap.

The Olympic tryouts will be held at West Point, N.Y., April 29 - May 1 and five former, present and future varsity performers are working out daily in preparation for their chances

to represent the United States in

Rome this summer.

Competition is limited to the all-around, and the six top finishers will comprise the men's team.

Leading the quintet is Armando Vega, last year's captain and member of the 1956 Olympic member of the 1956 Olympic squad The others are this year's Big Three—Jay Werner Greg Weiss and Lee Cunningham—and freehman star, Tommy promising freshman star, Tommy Seward

But these five aren't the only ones working out. Their Lion teammates are already striving to better themselves for next year when they'll be counted on to defend their National crown.

Sophomore Jerry Schaefer is working on perfecting a hand-stand for his flying rings routine, Larry Yohn is experimenting with the all-around and a host of others, including several freshmen, are fiving to perfect routines they hope to use next season

Two-time NCAA flying rings champ Weiner thinks Schaefer, who placed fifth Saturday night, could be the best in the country next year if he gets a handstand to go with his near-perfect form. Werner's form was fairly good

too last weekend when he won the all-around crown, and the muscular senior co-captain hopes he can do as well at West Point However, the other four boast some impressive all-around credentials too

Cunningham has taken a sec-proved considerably this year ond, third and fourth in three, years of competition in the East-erns, and was eighth in this year's nationals Seward placed twelfth in the Pan-American game: Vega and Southern California



ARMANDO VEGA . . . seeks olympic berth

tivouts last summer and has im-coach Jack Beckner are considered

The Olympic fever seems to be to the dual meet program for next year, bringing the total number

The rules committee decided to give the still rings a try for a year and if there is enough contrast between this event and the flying rings, the stills will siay on.



BLACKBOARD

by Johnny Black Assistant Sports Editor

MALONEY LOOKS OVER OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

The capacity crowds that jammed Rec Hall to see the national gym tournament this past weekend also got a preview peek at some of the boys that may be on Uncle Sam's Olympic team come next September.

Tom Maloney, Army's gym coach, did a lot of roaming through Rec Hall and he wasn't here solely to chaperone his three boys, Jon Aaronson, Bob Deuel and Dave Hastings The 30-year veteran mentor is also coach of the Olympic squad this year and he was eyeing up some of the bright young collegiate prospects who may give the old-time amateurs some trouble in the Olympic tryouts at West Point, April 29-May 1.

Who are the collegians whom he thought had the best chance to make the grade? Maloney named four-Penn State's own Greg Weiss and Jay Werner, Illinois' Ray Hadley and California's Art

FOUR MONOPOLIZED SCORING

The names come as no surprise to anyone who witnessed the big show. These four monopolized the scoring as well as the medals., Werner amassed the highest total of 471/2 points. His all-around score of 547.25, under the new system, would convert to 1641.75, only 12.75 points under Vega's record last year.

Shurlock, only a junior and twice runner-up in the all-around, compiled 39. Weiss had 3214 and Hadley scored 30. The next closest scorer was Springfield's Jeff Cardinali, who tallied 16. Weiss and Hadley are only sophomores and each captured their conference all-around titles.

Maloney expects the top amateur entrants in the tryouts next month to be Vega, Jack Beckner, Abie Grossfeld, Don Tonry, Gar O'Quinn, Jamile Ashmore and Larry Benner.

Vega, Beckner and Grossfeld all watched the NCAA tourney the best gymnasts in the country from the sidelines and got in a little practice themselves Friday and Weiss won the Eastern title, at the present, and they'll clash Saturday morning. Beckner is now coaching the Southern Cal team April 9 at the Pasadena Invita-but is performing his services gratis so he can maintain his amateur tional Tournament in a warm-up status. Grossfeld is working out with his former Illinois teammates and acted as their manager last weekend.

catching in Eastern gymnastic All Olympians must compete in the all-around, working each circles because the still rings, an event twice—once doing a compulsory set of 10 required maneuvers Olympic event, has been added and once doing a routine of 10 optional exercises.

THINKS THIS TEAM CAN BE BEST

"I think this year's team can be the best we've ever had," said Maloney Saturday night. "We have about 12 really good men in the country and we have to cut that list down to six.

"But don't get the idea that this means we'll win the Olympics. I'm afraid we're still way back there." Maloney tabbed Russia and Japan as the favorites at the Rome Games, followed by Switzerland, Finland and Gzechoslavakia. The Army coach contributed the superiority of the Japanese and Europeans to more practice and perseverance.

"Americans don't have the patience or the time," he said. The (Continued on page seven) (distributed distributed superior distributed superior superior distributed superior superior superior distributed superior superior distributed s

Clay Boosts U.S. Ring Hopes

brightest Olympic boxing pros from Ray Robinson, my backpect of the moment is an 18-year-old Louisville high school student fle from Kid Gavilan," said Clay whose great grandfather was a Tuesday. Kentucky slave.

day as the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Chicago White Sox, 9-8.

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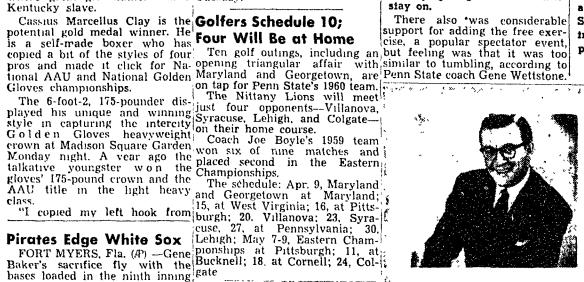
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