

# 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 squad. The others are this year's Big Three—Jay Werner, Greg Weiss and Lee Cunningham—and 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 handstand for his flying rings routine, Larry Yohn is experimenting with the all-around and a host of others, including several freshmen, are trying to perfect routines they hope to use next season.

Two-time NCAA flying rings champ Werner 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 second, third and fourth in three years of competition in the Easterns, and was eighth in this year's nationals. Seward placed twelfth in the Pan-American game.



ARMANDO VEGA

... seeks olympic berth

tryouts last summer and has improved considerably this year.

Weiss won the Eastern title, placed fourth in the Pan-American games and third in the nationals.

Vega and Southern California

coach Jack Beckner are considered the best gymnasts in the country at the present, and they'll clash April 9 at the Pasadena Invitational Tournament in a warm-up meet for the tryouts.

The Olympic fever seems to be catching in Eastern gymnastic circles because the still rings, an Olympic event, has been added to the dual meet program for next year, bringing the total number of events to seven.

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 stay on.

There also was considerable support for adding the free exercise, a popular spectator event, but feeling was that it was too similar to tumbling, according to Penn State coach Gene Wettstone.

## Clay Boosts U.S. Ring Hopes

NEW YORK (AP)—Uncle Sam's brightest Olympic boxing prospect of the moment is an 18-year-old Louisville high school student whose great grandfather was a Kentucky slave.

Cassius Marcellus Clay is the potential gold medal winner. He is a self-made boxer who has copied a bit of the styles of four pros and made it click for National AAU and National Golden Gloves championships.

The 6-foot-2, 175-pounder displayed his unique and winning style in capturing the intercity Golden Gloves heavyweight crown at Madison Square Garden Monday night. A year ago the talkative youngster won the gloves' 175-pound crown and the AAU title in the light heavy class.

"I copied my left hook from

Floyd Patterson, my infighting from Ray Robinson, my backpedaling and hit and move from Hurricane Jackson and my shuffle from Kid Gavilan," said Clay Tuesday.

### Golfers Schedule 10; Four Will Be at Home

Ten golf outings, including an opening triangular affair with Maryland and Georgetown, are on tap for Penn State's 1960 team. The Nittany Lions will meet just four opponents—Villanova, Syracuse, Lehigh, and Colgate—on their home course.

Coach Joe Boyle's 1959 team won six of nine matches and placed second in the Eastern Championships.

The schedule: Apr. 9, Maryland and Georgetown at Maryland; 15, at West Virginia; 16, at Pittsburgh; 20, Villanova; 23, Syracuse, 27, at Pennsylvania; 30, Lehigh; May 7-9, Eastern Championships at Pittsburgh; 11, at Bucknell; 18, at Cornell; 24, Colgate.

### Pirates Edge White Sox

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Gene Baker's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the ninth inning drove in the winning run yesterday as the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Chicago White Sox, 9-8.

The fly, with one out, was caught by Joe Hicks in shallow left field, but he had no chance to throw out Joe Christopher, who scored from third.

HE STOPPED OFF AT MORRELL'S

(couldn't resist those delicious foot-long steak sandwiches!)

### Spring Is Here!

Well, that's what the calendar says anyway. With that wind whistling and snow swirling, save your steps and have your Noon Meal in the cozy corners of the Lion's Den. The conveniently located "Den" serves to students every day from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. You can choose from a selection of Sandwiches, Bar-B-Ques, and an extra everyday Special.

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## Lion's Den

Campus Shopping Center



## the BLACKBOARD

by Johnny Black  
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### 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 Shurlock.

### 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 47½ 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 32½ 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 from the sidelines and got in a little practice themselves Friday and Saturday morning. Beckner is now coaching the Southern Cal team but is performing his services gratis so he can maintain his amateur status. Grossfeld is working out with his former Illinois teammates and acted as their manager last weekend.

All Olympians must compete in the all-around, working each event twice—once doing a compulsory set of 10 required maneuvers 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 Czechoslovakia. 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

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