

Fifty 'Glory' Wrestlers Ready for Title Tournament Here Tomorrow

Syracuse University and North Adams Are Sending Strong Grapplers to Meet

St. John's Club Has Added Bleachers to Accommodate Crowd of 1,500 Persons; Ticket Sale Brisk; Some In Field Are Aspirants for Olympic Honors; Former Intercollegiate Champ Entered

Fifty wrestlers, more than ever were paired under a single roof in upstate New York before, will grapple Saturday afternoon and evening in the Eastern States championship tournament at St. John's Park Hill hall, Fourth Avenue and Belmont Place.

These stocky fellows, who pounce on each other like a hungry wildcat does on its prey, will be straining muscles in making and breaking holds, all for the sake of glory. Outside of carfare and possibly a couple of meals, there isn't a thing in it for the contestants, except a high-grade medal that let's the world-at-large know that this guy or that is a champ.

Maybe that prize metal won't mean much to the unfortunates who miss Saturday's show, but anybody who attends will learn to respect and revere the sharp-witted strong men, and to give full recognition to the insignia which they win. You just can't learn to understand and appreciate the value of glory until you see the body torture that some of the wrestlers go through to attain it.

Seek Recognition

A good share of the field that will compete here is comprised of youthful aspirants for the Olympic Games. Winning the titles here on Saturday is the first step in the direction of Finland, the host nation for the next international contests.

In fact, there's a chance that Francis Millard, North Adams, Mass., finalist in the last Olympic Games at Berlin, may be here on Saturday. But even the appearance of Millard won't detract from the color that the Syracuse University wrestling team is to provide.

Prof. William Davison, coach of the Orange matmen and head of Syracuse University's physical education department, will accompany the intercollegiate team to Amsterdam. Syracuse alumni are planning a dinner in his honor at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening at the Barnes Hotel.

The grunt and groan festival will get under way at 2 P. M. The preliminaries will be run off in the afternoon, with the semi-finals and finals in the evening.

The wrestlers will be divided into nine classes, 112-pound, 118, 123, 131, 145, 158, 174, 191, unlimited.

George Hooper, all-Eastern guard on Syracuse's football team, and winner of the grand prize in last year's championship tournament, is expected to return to defend his title. Hooper was runnerup this year in the national intercollegiate tournament. A year ago he was champion of his class in the latter event.

Some of the leading contestants who are entered in Saturday's meet are: Charles Bramson, Oneonta, and Roland Cote, North Adams, Mass., in the 112-pound class; Al Pagota, Williamstown, Mass., and Bill Price, Ithaca, 118-pound division; Emerson Swift, Syracuse; Johnnie Powers, Oneonta, and Phillip Wilson, Syracuse, in the 134-pound group; Drew McLay and Armstrong McMorris, Schenectady; Emanuel Laundry, North Adams, Mass.; Gene Wallace, Cohoes, and Edward Doonan, Rensselaer, 145 pounds; Anthony Bifora and Stanley Mikus, Little Falls; Norman St. Pierre, Al Hordlines, Troy; Andy Hanecak, Cohoes, and Arthur Bourgeois, North Adams, 158-pound class; George St. Pierre, North Adams, Mass.; Howard Peters, Syracuse; Edward ReMillard, North Adams, Mass., and George Shane, Cohoes, 174-pound class; John Burns, Schenectady; Jack Hemingway, Troy; George Hooper, Syracuse, and Edward ReMillard, North Adams, Mass., 191-pound division; George Hooper, Syracuse; A. Ottaviano, Schenectady; K. Crotty and R. Bright, Cortland, unlimited group.

One thing is sure, these simon pure wrestlers take the whole thing so seriously that you can be certain that you're going to see all-value wrestling. They'll wind their arms and legs around each other like pretzels—and perform not any muscular feat with their bodies that is possible, just to win themselves a title and a shot at the Olympics. It'll be undiluted wrestling that will be served piping

They'll Be Defending Champions on Saturday

The following are the defending champions in conjunction with the Eastern States wrestling tournament to be held Saturday night at St. John's Hall: 123-pound class, Henry Wagner of Troy; 134-pound class, Francis Millard, North Adams, Mass., finalist in the Olympic Games; 145-pound class, Orlo Derby, Syracuse University; 158-pound division, E. Wilson, Syracuse University; 174-pound, Howard Peters, Syracuse University; 191-pound, George Hooper, Syracuse University; unlimited, George Hooper, Syracuse University.

hot to the fans, being free from the clowning that marks the catch-as-catch can variety so amusing and yet so often meaningless.

Steve Slezak, general chairman of the tournament, announced today that added bleachers make it possible to accommodate a crowd of 1,500 at the show. He also stated that the advance sale of tickets is brisk.

Polish Bowling League Banquet Planned Sunday

The Polish Bowling League, which has just concluded a successful season, will hold its first annual banquet Sunday at 5:30 P. M. at Z. N. P. Hall. It is expected that about 125 members of the league and friends will attend.

It is planned on that occasion to honor the Rev. Stanislaus Gospodarek, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church and founder of the league.

The championship trophy, donated by John E. Larrabee Company, will be presented to the Dylongs, winners of the roll-off with the Polish National Legion, while a second trophy, donated by Sammy Riccio, local sportsman, will be presented to the Rev. Gospodarek as a token of his efforts in behalf of the league. In addition, approximately \$300 in prizes will be distributed among members of the circuit.

Among the invited guests are Mayor Carter, Francis Brindle, president of the Amsterdam Bowling Association; Roy DeLaMater, secretary of the association; Jack Minnoch, sports editor of The Recorder; Ira Bannister, Sammy Riccio, William Holleran and the sponsors of the different teams in the league.

Victor Kilanowski is chairman of the banquet committee.

During the banquet, officers for next year will be elected to succeed the following officials who served during the first year: Joseph S. Kane, president; Father Gospodarek, treasurer; Anthony Jacoby, recording secretary, and Stanley Ward, average secretary.