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# Bannisters Even Bowling Series; Wrestling Championships Coming

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# Francis Millard, Second in Finals of Olympic Games, to Appear in Tourney April 29

George Hooper, Captain, Intercollegiate Champion With Syracuse University, Also To Be Contestant in Program That Will Present "Penny-a-Bout" Grappling; Continuous Show Starts in Afternoon

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Forty "catch-as-catch-can" grapplers, some of them Olympians and others intercollegiate and national champions, will toss each other about on mats and twist and wind their arms like pretzels in applying their winning holds at the first open wrestling championships ever conducted in Amsterdam. The event, sponsored by the St. John's Club, will be held on Saturday, April 29.

The show should be to fans what an all day sucker is to a kid—the most for the money, for Steve Slezak, represent the Polish organization, said today that the admission price would be at the rate of a penny a bout. It may even be necessary for the sponsors to provide cafeteria service, for the performance will be continuous, starting with the trials at 2 P. M. and the rolling up of the mat probably taking place somewhere in the neighborhood of 12 midnight.

## Won Every Bout on European Tour

Already Francis Millard, North Adams, Mass., who finished second in the finals of the last Olympic Games at Berlin, has signified his intention of defending his 132-pound title, won a year ago, while George Hooper, captain and intercollegiate champion from Syracuse University, will also compete. He was the only double winner in the 1938 tournament, taking the grand prize for excellence of performance. Hooper captured first place in both the 191-pound and unlimited divisions.

It might also interest enthusiasts of the grunt and groan sport to know that Millard toured Europe last year with the American team and won every match abroad.

The affair should be an outstanding one for Orange graduates, as that night alumni from Syracuse residing in Amsterdam are planning to entertain the man who has directed Syracuse's wrestling activities for 30 years. Bill Davison, the Orange coach, will be feled at a dinner and presented with a gift. It is expected that nine members of the Syracuse mat

squad will appear here at the tourney.

John Hordines, chairman of wrestling for the Adirondack District of the A. A. U., is today forwarding invitations to wrestlers at St. Lawrence University, Cornell, Ithaca Y. M. C. A., Syracuse Y. M. C. A., Troy Y. M. C. A., the General Electric A. A., Ithaca College, Cortland Normal and to the winners and place men in the forthcoming interscholastic championships to be held the latter part of this month in Little Falls.

## Divided Into Nine Classes

The contestants will be divided into nine classes as follows: 112 pounds, 118, 123, 134, 145, 158, 174, 191 and unlimited or heavyweight. The National A. A. U. Olympic rules will be used and gold-plated, silver and bronze championship medals will be awarded to the first, second and third-place winners. A special trophy will be presented to the outstanding performer.

In addition to the wrestling, there will be added attractions, such as hand balancing and weight lifting. Several Eastern States champions will appear in these exhibitions.