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THIRTEEN IOWANS MAKE AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAMS.

THIS state will be well represented in the Olympic games late this month, for thirteen athletes whom Iowa may claim as her own, in whole or at least in part, have gained places on the track and wrestling teams that will sail tomorrow for Amsterdam for the contests that will begin late this month.

Eight Iowans were placed on the track team. They are Frank Wykoff of Glendale, Cal., a former South Des Moines lad, in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter relay; George Baird of Mason City, State University of Iowa star, in the 1,600-meter relay; Ray Conger of the Illinois Athletic club, former Iowa State college runner, in the 1,500-meter run; Charles Haworth of Penn college, Oskaloosa, Ia., in the 5,000-meter run; Morgan Taylor of the Illinois Athletic club, former Grinnell star, and Frank Cubel of Cedar Rapids, crack hurdler of the State University of Iowa in the 400-meter hurdles; Sabin W. Carr, Dubuque, Ia., Yale university crack, in the pole vault, and Edward L. Gordon, State University of Iowa freshman, in the broad jump.

Wrestlers from this state did even better than the track men for five of the fourteen matmen chosen for the trip are Iowans. They are Allie Morrison, Marshalltown, who wrestles for the University of Illinois, and Arthur Holding of Iowa State college in the 134½ pound class; Ralph Prunty, Bondurant, Ia., former Iowa State college star, in the 145-pound class, and Lloyd Appleton, Cornell college, and Leslie Beers, State University of Iowa, in the 158-pound class.

There never was a time when the Hawkeye commonwealth was so heavily represented with athletes in the big international games.

There would have been another Iowa wrestler on the team had there been a 112-pound division in the Olympic meet, for Gordon Rosenberg of Iowa Falls won the National A. A. U. title at that poundage; and still another looked like a certainty to make the select list in the 123½-pound weight until an unfortunate accident deprived him of victory, a national title and the trip abroad. We refer to Ralph Lupton of Toledo, Ia., former Cornell college wrestler, who represented Northwestern university during the last season.

Lupton met and defeated most of the tough men in the division, including James J. Reed of Lehigh university who was named on the team, although he was neither winner nor runnerup, only to lose in the final to Robert Hewitt of the University of Michigan, whom he had beaten twice this year. The Iowan cracked a rib in this bout and the injury undoubtedly factored in his defeat. Then he was forced to default his consolation match for second place.

In spite of the injury Lupton was given serious consideration by the selection committee which recognized his ability as undoubtedly the best wrestler in the class. However, it was feared the injury might not heal in time for him to wrestle at Amsterdam and Reed was chosen as an alternate at the weight in place of E. M. Andes jr. of Virginia Polytechnic institute, who took second honors in the tryouts.

The change was made for the best interests of the team for there was no doubt that Reed was and is a better man than Andes and there is a possibility, not at all remote, that he will represent the United States at Amsterdam and that Hewitt will be relegated to the alternate job.

Hugo Otopalik of Ames, Dick Barker of Cornell college, Mike Howard of Iowa university and L. M. Bartelma, former Iowa State Teachers star, now serving as mentor at Iowa Falls High school, were four proud coaches at the finish of the national meet at Grand Rapids last week. Otopalik coached Arthur Holding and formerly coached Ralph Prunty; Dick Barton has handled Appleton, formerly had Lupton; and trained Morrison and Ralph Hammond, the latter the 175-pound winner, for two weeks prior to the meet; Howard of course has watched Beers throughout his collegiate career and Bartelma is the coach of Gordon Rosenberg who came through to the 112-pound championship.

The failure of eastern wrestlers to compete with those of the west and middlewest on anything like even terms was one of the noticeable features of the Olympic tryouts.

The eastern representatives looked just as good physically but they did not seem to have the condition, strength, stamina or coaching of their western rivals and few of them survived the gruelling series of matches in the heat. Those who reached the finale in that meet had "guts" or

wanted a European trip badly. Compelled to make weight for three successive days at 8:30 a. m. and to wrestle or be in readiness to wrestle from 1:30 p. m. until 2 a. m. for three successive days and nights, the men were given a gruelling test that tried both nerves and endurance.

There was no favoritism shown in selecting the Olympic team. It was announced before the meet that the winners in each of the Olympic weights would become members of the team automatically, but that the selection committee reserved the right to pick the alternates whether they were runnersup or not, the idea being to pick the men the committee considered would be of the greatest value to the American team.

This left an opening whereby the committee might have chosen some men from the sections that have contributed liberally to the Olympic fund, the middlewest having failed to donate. But nothing of the sort was done. All but three of the men named are from the middlewest, two are from the east and one is from the south. One of the easterners and the lone representative of Dixie were winners in their weights.

The fact that a wrestler won the National A. A. U. meet and automatically became a team member does not mean necessarily that he will do the wrestling at Amsterdam. Each nation is allowed only one representative in each weight. One of the first acts of George Pianeo, the American coach, was to inform the winners that no one had his place clinched.

"None of you champions is sure to do the wrestling at Amsterdam," he told them in a meeting Saturday morning before they departed for the United States Military academy where they are training pending their departure for New York late this afternoon. "We will do a lot of wrestling at West Point, on the boat going across the Atlantic and in our preparations on the other side and the wrestler who looks the best to us will be entered in the meet at Amsterdam."

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