NATION'S COLLEGE MATMEN

Pairings to Be Made At Friday Noon Session

Athletes to Weigh in for N. C. A. A. Competition, Draw for Brackets at Noon; Coaches Hold Clinic Here Today

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Wrestlers from all universities stretching from coast to coast were descending on the Michigan State college campus today preparatory to plunging into the preliminary rounds of the NCAA championship tournament which is to be held in Jenison fieldhouse Friday and Saturday.

A clinic for coaches and other interested parties at the Hotel Olds this afternoon and evening was on the docket today, but activity in the main event will not start until 2 o'clock Friday when the preliminaries are scheduled. From that hour until the crowns are awarded Saturday night

there will be almost continuous action on the mats laid upon the basketball floor.

Coach Fendley Collins of Michigan State, whose team is one of several accorded a chance at the championship which Oklahoma A. and M. is defending, said today that practically all the contestants and coaches would be registered in Lansing hotels by nightfall. They will all gather at the college Friday morning for the weighing-in ceremonies, extremely important to some of the athletes who are teetering on the edge of the various divisions, and for the draw. They will pull for positions in the brackets of the eight weight classes between 11 and 12 o'clock. Pairings will be available soon after noon tomorrow, Coach Collins said.

The Spartans are going to the mat with two defending champions in their ranks. They are the almostfamous Jennings twins, Merle and Burl, who last year won titles in the meet at Lehigh university as sophomores. Merle is wrestling at 121 pounds and his brother at 128. State's other entries include Capt. Leland Merrill at ____ pounds and Bill Maxwell at 136 pounds, who are regarded as real titular threats. Johnny Marrs at 145 pounds and John Spalink at 175 pounds round out State's delegation.

Aggies Enter Seven

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Oklahoma A. and M. has a sevenman team entered and also is starting a pair of champions in Buddy Arndt at 145 pounds, and Virgil Smith at 165 pounds. Dick DiBattista, from University of Pennsylvania, is the fifth returning champion. New title winners are certain to be crowned in the heavyweight, 136-pound and 155-pound classes where title defenders are not available.

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WRESTLING

Concluded from Preceding Page Purdue university, boasting a fiveman squad and three Big Ten title winners, is another powerful team threat. The Boilermakers are looked upon as something of a darkhorse in the team race, although their individuals are receiving plenty of respect.

A flat charge of 50 cents, including federal tax, is being made for adult admission to all sessions of which there will be a total of four. College students, possessing activity books, and high school students and children will be admitted for 30 cents. There are no reserved seats.



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