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Future Olympians To Compete At Caesars Feb. 4

In a prelude to the Olympic excitement created by the upcoming 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, High Bar Productions presents the fifth annual Caesars Palace Women's Gymnastics Invitational on Saturday, February 4.

Top ranked USA competitors like Mary Lou Retton and other national-

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cluding Tracee Talavera, Julianne McNamara and Kathy Johnson will be performing in the Caesars Palace Pavilion, beginning at 2 p.m.

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ing at peak skill levels with grace and uniformity in strength.

Julianne McNamara, the 1982 Gymnast of the Year, placed first in the World Championship Team Trials this year. She was in the top 20 finishers in the World Championship finals rankings and is appearing in the Caesars Palace Invitational for the third year in a row.

The only competitor to attend all five Caesars Palace invitational, Tracee Talavera is a 17-year-old from Walnut Creek, Calif., who exudes the thrill of gymnastics during competition and the thrill of a young Olympian on and off the equipment.

Doors will open to the Caesars Palace Pavilion at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. event. Tickets are on sale at \$6 reserved seating for adults, \$3 for children under 12, military and seniors. Proceeds benefit the U.S. Gymnastics Federation. Phone 731-7865.

UNLV Continues Up AP Ladder, Drops In UP

NEW YORK — Like the previous week, No. 1-ranked North Carolina collected every first-place vote in the weekly Associated Press basketball poll and UNLV continued up the AP ladder to sixth place. But this also was a week of fallout, as five "new" teams entered the Top 20 thanks to several surprises in conference play.

A nationwide panel of 60 sports writers and broadcasters retained the Tar Heels and DePaul, both 14-0, and Kentucky as the nation's 1-2-3 teams.

Five familiar names re-

emerged in this week's poll as Oregon State, St. John's, Boston College, Fresno State and Purdue all dropped out.

UNLV, despite wins over Pacific and Fresno State, slipped one spot to No. 9 in this week's UPI Board of Coaches college basketball poll.

The Rebels, 16-1, received 285 points in the voting, just behind No. 7 Illinois (299) and No. 8 Texas-El Paso (289). PCAA rival Fresno State, ranked 15th last week, fell from the Top 20 after suffering three straight losses.

North Carolina, unaffected by last week's rash of upsets and subsequent ratings shuffle, remained one vote shy Monday of being a unanimous selection as No. 1.

Las Vegas Bids For NBA Game

The Utah Jazz and Las Vegas Events, Inc. have presented a formal bid to host the 1986 National Basketball Association All-Star Game at the Thomas and Mack Center, according to Phil Arce, chairman of the special events organization.

"Now that the Jazz are playing in town, we have a good shot at getting the All-Stars here," Arce said. "The game would mean a great deal to the image of Las Vegas, to the Jazz and to the Thomas and Mack Center."

This year's All-Star Game, to be held in Denver on Sunday, includes Jazz starters Adrian Dantley and Rickey Green, Darrell Griffith will compete Saturday in the slam dunk contest.

Jazz head coach Frank Layden, and assistants Phil Johnson and Scott Layden, will steward the West team.

The 1985 NBA All-Star Game was awarded to Indianapolis last week.

T.N.B.A. Mixed League Bowlers

The T.N.B.A. Mixed League Bowlers returned after 17 weeks of bowling for the first half with Community Store Rebels Team No. 7 still holding first place. C.J.'s and M.M.'s Team No. 13 came in second.

Super Star for the first week was Luther White, Jr., Team No. 3 (Hair-style by Mary) rolled an easy 654.

Over in Team No. 14, The Spoilers' John Cole stole a wash-out of the 1-2-4 and 10 pins.

All teams are back in stride competing hard among each other for the second half with Billy Bagsby, Team No. 9 'Sure Shot' tagged a 640 while Melvin Matlock, Team No. 13, C.J.'s and M.M.'s tailed closely with a nice 611.

Good luck and good bowling!

E. Sykes, Reporter

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