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Experts Tab
Bolaños Tues.

Rocky Fields—Bolanos too good.
Saul Toledo—Enrique too young and strong.
Torrey—Bolanos is a coming champ.
Midget Martinez—Bolanos period.
Joe Olmos—Bolanos.
Luis B. Magana—Very close.
Johnny Forbes—Bolanos naturally.
Bobby Castro—Bolanos.
Nick Diaz—Bolanos.
Gordon Macker—Bolanos.
Dora—Bolanos.
Leonor Cardiel—Bolanos.
Gloria Cardiel—Bolanos.
Eddie Quijada—Tony Mar.
Fred Dupree—Bolanos.
Joe's Place—Bolanos.
Juan Chavez—Bolanos.
Ray Gonzales—Tony Mar.
Jess Gonzales—Bolanos.
John Urdaburn—Bolanos.
Chiquito Salcido—Bolanos.
Izzy—Bolanos.
Tony Sierra—Bolanos.
Memo Rangel—Bolanos.
Vic Cervantes—Bolanos.
Trio Cervantes—Bolanos.
Nino—Bolanos.
Manuel Porras—Bolanos.
Russel Salazar—Bolanos.
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Ruben Hernandez—Bolanos.
Felix Soto—Bolanos.
Felix Bravo—Bolanos.
Bob Martin—Bolanos.
Flaco—Tony Mar.
Pete Celias—Bolanos.
Charley Martinez—Bolanos.
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Chato Felix—Bolanos.
Ray Sanchez—Bolanos.
Danny—Bolanos.
Armando Girola—Bolanos.
Enrique Torres—Tony Mar.
Luis Castillo—Bolanos.
Juan Olmos—Bolanos.



JOE OLMOS SPORT PAGE sketch artist takes pen in hand and makes a drawing of Enrique Bolaños, most popular Latin in Little Mexico these days. The ex-bell hop tangles with Tony Mar at the Olympic next Tuesday in a battle for the Mexican lightweight title. Mar is at present the Mexican champ, but after the fight, it looks like a new Mexican champ, as Bolaños will enter the ring as a heavy favorite. (See other section for your pick).

Vera Cruz Bows

The mighty Vera Cruz cafe five lost a hard played basketball game last Tuesday, to WOODBURY college. The score was W. 26 V. C. 24.

The game took place at Echo Park gym.

This week the V. C. boys lost their best player when Bob Law had to drop out because of an old injury suffered in action. The team gave Bob a nice send off.

V. C. line up.
F. Don Plew
F. Junior Jewett
C. Bob Romero
G. Oscar Barron
G. Mando Gonzales
F. Bob Law
F. Ignacio Martinez
C. L. Romero
G. Paul Jaramillo
G. Julius Smogye.
Next game against MILIRONS vs. Vera Cruz, Thurs. March 4th. 7:30 P. M. Downtown Y. M. C. A.

Jamboree At
Hollenbeck "Y"

The Mexican-American Vets basketball club will hold another basketball jamboree at the Hollenbeck "Y" that is located at 2834 Whittier Blvd. that will start promptly at 1 pm with a game between the powerful Mednik a Cardinals and the Mexican-American B's.

Sunday's jamboree is expected to be as successful as the last jamboree, as on the days' menu can be found such strong teams like the Cards, U.R.C.A. Russians, El Casino Inn, Rec. Parks, and the powerful Mexican-American Vets club that won last years first annual SPORT PAGE tournament.

Second game on schedule for the afternoon finds the El Casino Inn tangling with the Rec. Parks five in a game that finds two unbeaten clubs to-date. The headliner at 3:30 pm finds the Mexican-American Vets making their last showing before departing for Mexico to play the Mexican National champions, engaging the Y.R.C.A. Russians.

The Russians are a strong club that is leading the protestant league, and among it's victims can be found the Soledad Crusaders, who have always given the Vets a good game.

and Richards were able to slip by the defense to lay in some shorts shots with out a man near them.

Coach Phil Morentin's Red De-

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ENRIQUE BOLANOS FIGHTS MAR
FOR "CHICANO" TITLE TUESDAY

Enrique Bolanos, universally recognized as the foremost challenger for the world light weight crown—which now adorns the woolly dame of Ike Williams—risks his prestige, as well as his retty puss, when he faces Tony Mar at the Olympic next Tuesday.

Mar—his full name is Antonio Martinez—hails from Heermosillo, Mexico; he claims the lightweight championship of that country, and is generally recognized as such. For the past year or more, he has been listed among the world's leading lightweights by The Ring national boxing publication.

There is bitter rivalry between the two Senores. Bolanos believes he is entitled to recognition as Mexico's 135-lb. king, though the vast majority of his fights were staged right here in little old L. A. Mar submits that Bolanos is the luckiest bloke in boxing; that his opponents have been carefully hand-picked for the most part, and that he, Tony Mar, is the only rightful and legitimate owner of the Mexican lightweight crown.

Therefore, both gents have agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds, which as every fight fan knows is the lightweight limit. And the winner will claim the Mexican title.

It is an unusual match because both are legitimate lightweights, and can make the title weight with

ease. Most of the "contenders" are lightweights of the Philadelphia variety; they couldn't make 145 without a Caesarian operation or somep'n like that. Including the champ, Ike Williams, who is getting heavier and heavier.

Mar knocked out Nick Moran in his last fight; he holds two wins over Julio Cesar Jimenez; he whipped Kid Gavilan, the Cuban ace who is fighting Ike Williams in the Garden, Friday night.

Bolanos? Shucks, you know his record as well as I do! He hasn't lost a fight since he faced Ike Williams, almost two years ago; he always gives you a hell of a run for your money. You're never bored in a Bolanos bout.

Anyway, it's a title match, should be one whale of a fight, and you'd better get your tickets

TONIGHT!

Rodolfo Villa, crack Texas bantamweight who has won 18 straight fights, makes his debut at the Hollywood stadium next Friday night. He boxes Luis Castillo, called the "Little Dempsey" of the Mexican 118-pounders.

Dan Barnhart, who is handling Villa on the coast, thinks he has another Manuel Ortiz in the Lone Star fighter. Castillo has been boxing in San Francisco, Portland and Honolulu since last seen at the Legion.

Cardinals Club Going Great

By MEL SEDILLO

The Mednik Cafe Cardinals Athletic Club is going great guns out here in the east side.

Tuesday nite the Cards basketball team swamped the St. Alphonso Veterans Team by the score of 60 to 32, at Downey Gym. Indicating to the rest of the teams in the CYO League that they are going to have to be on their toes when they play the Cards or get stepped on.

The game was close, up to the first half, the score stood 32 to 24 in favor of the Cards, but from then on it was Cardinals all of the way. Sparked by Chilo Ramirez, with 8 buckets to his credit, making him highpoint man of the evening. Credit is due also to all

of the members of the team, for playing smooth passing and heads-up ball game.

The softball team is also coming along swell, with one exception, and that is Manuel (Dorgan) Ramirez, that small bundle of dynamite, both on the hardwood and on the diamond, is lost to the team, probably, for the remainder of the season, due to an old injury. Next time watch out for Mister Dog, Dorgan.

Dorgan has been the spark plug of the Mednik Cafes Basketball team and had started softball practice with a bang. I am sure that he will be greatly missed by both his team mates and the local fans. Soft Ball practice was held Wednesday nite at the Belvedere

Cage Crown Copped By Victory 5

In one of the best basket ball games of the season, Victory Social Sports from Belvedere defeated Canoga Park Red Devils by the score of 37 to 34 in the finals of the Mexican Athletic Union tournament last sunday at the Compton Gym.

The game was really hard fought all through with the score being tied twice in the last few minutes of the game at 29 and 32 all but at this point Al Richards and Ray Buelna of the winners pulled the game from under the fire with three close shots and then freising

the ball.

Both teams started out pretty slow with neither team opening up and concentrating more on defense which accounts for the low half time score of 14 to 11 in favor of Victory.

But the second half was a different story as both teams came out to shoot the works and with Canogas subs, Ray Albin and Al Rogez hitting the hoop pretty regular the Red Devils were able to catch up with Victory at the 29 and 32 marker. But the pace proved too much for the losers as Buelna

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EASTSIDE AT RINGSIDE

By DEAN SNYDER

Southpaw Vic Grupico has planned back to New York for more bouts. Grupico was in the east several months ago and made a big hit with fans and promoters.

Jess Flores, another idol of the Bay City, will soon take off for Madison Square Garden and other big Atlantic seaboard clubs.

Bobby Jackson's great job at the stadium as new matchmaker is causing wide comment. He has legions of friends. Bobby has been bringing in new talent every week most of whom have made good.

What's this about Mammy Singer Al Jolson offering 25 G's for Ray Steven's contract—and being turned down? Stevens is another hot number coming from San Francisco.

Sid Flaherty is sitting pretty now with two such fighters as Tony Bosnich and Buddy Jacklich in his stable. Bosnich is looking better and New York may use him soon.

Beau Jack now has his eyes on a Ray Robinson match. The Beau scored a tko over Johnny Bratton in eight rounds at Chicago recently. The fight drew 13,066 fans who paid \$57,499.

Colorado's new code requires that everyone connected with promotion of a wrestling or boxing show from ticket taker to promoter must have a license to operate.

Lefty Lew Tendler, old time lightweight who made great money fights with Benny Leonard, has a son now playing baseball with a farm club for the Phillies. Dad used two gloves, but junior only one.

Freddie Babe Herman will begin San Diego. A win for Montoya over Hardy, would make the Mexican from Juarez a hot card here, and much in demand.

Clarence Henry's fine showing in the Chicago golden gloves tournament of champions, can well be attributed to Harry Shall, his manager. When the team left here with Coaches George Latka and Leo Pope, Shall decided to also make the trip at his own expense so that he could be at his boys corner when the tournament got underway the first part of this week. Well, Clarence has won three fights, and is now the early favorite to win the Golden Gloves tournament of champions that holds its finals March 5.

Mario Trigo's latest ring victim is Benny Calla. Trigo has been going great guns of late, and has run up a long string of pretty good wins. Enrique Bolanos is the only one to whip the Monterey Latin in the last year. Among Trigo's victim can be found the name of Paolino Montes, the great Mexican sensation, who after scoring 4 kayos in a row in our local rings fights Julio Jimenez in Mexico City this Saturday. A rematch between Montes and Trigo will pack the Olympic to the roof. How about it Babe McCoy? The Mexican fans of L. A. demand a rematch between these two boys, with the winner meeting Rudy Cruz. Then the winner of the Cruz vs. Montes-Trigo victor facing Enrique Bolanos for the undisputed lightweight title.

Bobby Montoya, Midget Martinez' slugging middleweight heads for Mexicali to meet Don Hardy Sunday. Hardy is the same lad that whipped Vicente Villavicencio in Mexico City, and just recently held Frankie Angustain to a draw

over Hardy, would make the Mexican from Juarez a hot card here, and much in demand.

Jackie Wilson great little welterweight fighter has decided to hang them up. Jackie was one of the best, and while in the ring always did his best. The ex-welterweight champion of California fought the best, and was seldom in a bad fight. Wilson has decided to put all his time in managing Baby Dutch Culbertson.

Another lad to hang them up is Ramon Alva. The San Antonio featherweight came here fighting 10-round bouts, but recently has been losing rights in the four round bouts. The Mexican lad is smart in quitting while he still has all his marbles, and there are a lot of boys fighting right here in L. A. that should follow Alva's example.

Mexicali is bidding for the services of Louis Castillo. Castillo made a big hit at the Border town several years ago when he stopped Ruben Sonorita in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round fight. The Mexican pocket battleship is willing, and there is a chance that he will fight Louis Lucky Langley there next Sunday March 13. Langley is claimant to the New England Bantamweight championship, and comes here with a good record. Among some of the top fellows he has met are the following: Maxie Docusen, Jose Torres, Sandy Saddler, Frankie Pucci, and Fernandon Gannon of Canada. If this fight is made, people form all over the Valley will trek to the border town to see this two great little battlers in action. Castillo besides holding the bantamweight championship of California, is still recognized in some parts of Mexico as the bantamweight king.

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CAFE SOCIETY

By FRITZ

Making the rounds with us last week was Joe from Joe's place. Joe is a grand person and we really had a good time. Our best stop was a Torrey's Inn where we had a swell time.

For some fine music do not forget the popular El Popo Club.

What a place and what fine music the Nacho Rhumba Orchestra plays there every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Featured on this fine band is the talented voice of that well know singer, Alejandro de Montenegro. He is packing them in with his fine singing. Johnny Olmos, the owner says he has beautiful waitresses to serve you.

The latest from the Dorita's cafe is that Dora is now a grandmother. Tony her son, was presented by his wife with a bouncing baby.

Proving very popular at the Mayflower Cafe these days is the famous trio Imperial. It's no won-

der as they have scored a big hit wherever they have appeared, and that is only the best like the Caliente, Zarape, Bamba, and all the big places in this town. For the best cocktails in town, and a good time it is to the Mayflower Cafe. They also have a singing waiter there. The owner Armando Girola is a swell fellow that knows how to treat his customers.

Our new advertising Mgr. is Manuel Porras owner of the good eating place, the El Barrilito Cafe. If you want results advertise in the Sport Page says Manuel. So see Mr. Porras at the Barrilito for space in this paper, and while there

try the good food they serve there. You will like it.

Chiquito from Chiquito's Cafe is betting that Bolanos will take Tony Mar to the cleaners and do not forget that Izzy is now working for Chiquito. She wants all her friends to know that. Watch for new improvements at Chiquito's.

A place where you can always have a good time is the famous El Charro Cafe.

Katie wants it known to all the Evergreen Playground baseball fans to drop in to her place for a SPORT PAGE if you do not get one first from Saul Toledo. She also says that while there to try some of their fine food, and cold beer.

And for some enjoyable singing while having a cool bottle of beer its to the Spanish Kitchen on Ford Blvd. Rosa and Chata are the two beautiful waitresses that work there.

If you check in some other part of this paper, who Juan Chavez of the La Colonia Club is picking for the fight at the Olympic you will see that he likes Bolaños. And for a knockout it is to the La Colonia Club. After the fights stop in and say hello to Chavez and Montero at the La Colonia club with a cold bottle of beer.

A good boxing fan is Fred Dupree of the Alamito Inn. Fred has followed many Latin ring fighters, and says that Bolaños is the next lightweight champion. Fred has a picture of Bolaños at his barr, and says that the crack ex-bell hop from Mexico is his favorite ring battler. For good food and your

favorite brand of beer stop at the Alamito Inn.

Celebrating her birthday last Sunday was Martha, pretty waitress at the Casa Gonzales. There is a certain party that likes to go to the Casa Gonzales very much, but admits that there are too many wolfs there for him to take his girl there. How about remedying this Ray and Jess? For good food and good service how about dropping in to the Casa Gonzales.

Back on the job at the Blue Light Inn is Ruben he is an ex-fighter, and welcomes all the followers of the sport world to his swell place.

Lou Robles is one of the best customers of the Dog House Cafe. He says that Bill and Sylvia are the best. Lou also invites us to the party he will soon have for his baby that will be baptized by that well known fighter, Larry Cisneros.

Charley says that Bolaños will spank, Tony Mar at the Olympic. The Denver Cafe owner should know of what he speaks, as his brother, Emilio Martinez, was one of the greatest fighters to ever come out of Denver, Colorado. For a good time and cold beer its to the Denver Cafe, owned by Charley Martinez of Denver, Colorado.

The Carioca Cafe is one of the best eating places in Watts. The place is owned by another Enrique Bolaños follower, Benny Gomez. Ben used to be a battler himself, and is picking Bolaños to win rather easily next Tuesday.

The Moctezuma Tortilleria is

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Carmelita Aides Youth Clubs

By TOLEDO

Sunday March seventh at Evergreen Playground the Carmelita Provision and Jalisco Club baseball teams are backing a gigantic benefit show for the purpose of raising funds for aiding Mexican young boys clubs in the coming softball season.

The committee in charge of the event will include Mr. G. Jenkins, district playground head; Mr. Smith, Evergreen Chief director; Ruben Adalpa, V. F. W. post 7818 commander; Father Silvera, of Our Lady of Talpa; Saul Toledo, baseball editor of SPORT PAGE; Joe Mellado, La Purisima Organization president, and the managers of the two participating teams, Pete Amparan of Jalisco and Manny Perez of Carmelita.

Booths for that day of hot dogs and soda water will be under the supervision of the boys clubs and their leaders. All clubs wishing aid can put in request for financial aid member of the committee.

from this show by contacting any

The show will include plenty of music and entertainment. So come on you all. Let's get behind this good cause and show the rest of the world that our race can take care of his own as others are doing. Don't forget, first comes your country, and then comes your race.

The game itself will draw the usual large throng and our hopes are high and bright that this event will be a great success.

Keep in mind, March 7. Evergreen Playground. It's for charity. All proceeds to be deposited in a central fund for use in financial aid for athletic equipment for the coming softball season.

Boys clubs who already have asked for aid are the Junior Bombers, Evergreen Playground Boys, La Purisima Juniors, and the Ramona Gardens Boys Club.

SPORT SHORTS

By TOLEDO

Al Ponce was the losing pitcher in a mound duel held at the Montebello Stadium last Sunday between the Azteca Foundry nine and the Montebello Merchants. Ponce pitching for the Aztec club allowed 1 unearned run up till the 8th inning. In the last inning the Montebello team finally got to Ponce's deliveries for two bingles and two runs. Final score found the Merchants ahead 3-0. Doing the entertainment between games was that well known singer, Cuco Mora.

The Carmelita Provision nine set up some kind of a record in white washing the Canoga Park baseball team last Sunday at Evergreen Playground by the score of 33 to 6. The game was halted in the 8th because of the lopsided score. This win marked the 18th consecutive win for the "Chorizeros". Sunday this great Mexican team will try to make it 19 in a row against the Steelworkers.

Jess Flores has been aquired by the San Diego Padres, and this year the La Habra Latin will do his stuff for the border town in the Coast League.

Frank Munoz, outstanding baseballer and grid star while at Fullerton JC, topped the list, released yesterday, of new incoming athletes at UCLA.

While at Fullerton last year Munoz cavorted as half-back and at season's end won honors as "player of the year" in local JC ranks. At present he's trying out for an outfield position on Art Heichle's Westwood nine.

Sport Page Annual Tournament

The deadline for your entree in the second annual SPORT PAGE basketball tournament has been set back till March 5th. Teams from out of town have asked for this request. This will give them time to get in their entree fee blank that is published in the front page of the SPORT PAGE.

Send it in now to 1623 Brooklyn Ave., or 424 S. Broadway Room 900 in L. A. The site and date has not been set definitely but it will positively be announced next week in this paper.

The entree fee is only \$25. But clubs will be given a chance to get their money back when they will be given \$20 dollars worth of tickets to sell. There will be no admission at the door, and the only way to watch this classic is to get a ticket from one of the clubs that participates. Last year many basketball fans were deprived of taking in this annual classic because they were unable to

CAFE SOCIETY

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becoming one of the busiest places in town. It must be the good food they serve there and the swell owner, Mr. Emilio Sanchez.

Memo and Della of the El Casino Inn are sponsoring a basketball team, that is headed for the championship this year. Playing for the Casino Inn are such well known casaba players like Bob Romero, Mando Gonzales, and Bob Calderón.

Felix Soto owner of the Soto's Cafe is stringing along with Bolaños to beat the Mexican champ, Tony Mar. Temo Mata, is another of the well known boys from Watts that is the latest to make the Soto's Cafe his hangout.

get tickets. Remember that only clubs participating in the tournament will sell tickets. The Roosevelt High School gym was packed all day and all night last year during the progress of the tournament that saw the Mexican-American Vets come out victorious.

The Victory Five, winner of the MAU tournament staged at Compton, has been invited to enter the SPORT PAGE tourney and it is possible that they will except.

HERE and THERE

Bill Tierney meets a tough foe at Ocean Park Monday night in the person of Olyde Coyhis. The Colored welterweight is a dangerous puncher and in his last fight as a shortender put the up and coming Connie Smith on his back. Before being stopped by Coyhis, Smith had held Bobby Yeager to a close ten round battle. Tierney just in from Seattle where he gave Terry Gibson a busy argument over the ten round route.

Genaro Rojo is now passing the cigars around. The great lightweight fighter's wife presented him with a boy at the Queen of Angels hospital last Thursday night. Both wife and new arrival doing fine. Rojo is busy rounding into form, and will soon return to the ring.

Tag Match at H. P.

There will be a tag team match at the Huntington Park Stadium next Friday night that should pack them in. Leo Wallick and Danny Savage will team up to wrestle the combined forces of Whitey Whitler and Tony Morelli.

THIS WEEK

BOXING

Ocean Park—Monday
Clyde Soyhis vs Bill Tierney
Clyde hits too hard.
Olympic—Tuesday
Enrique Bolanos vs Tony Mar
Bolanos ready for Williams.
Hollywood—Friday
Luis Castillo vs Rodolfo Villa
Castillo all the way.

WRESTLING

Hollywood—Monday
Tag match.
H. P. Stadium—Friday

BASEBALL

Evergreen—Sunday
Carmelita vs Steelworkers
Carmelita will make it 18 in a row.

FIGHT RESULTS

Ocean Park—Watson Jones def Frisco James
Olympic—Fred Werny def Billy McClure.
Seattle—Dutch Culbertson def Bill Peterson.
Oakland—Mario Trigo def Benny Calla.
Buffalo—Allen Faulkner kayo over Bill Poli.
Michigan—Tony Motisi def Bob Fowler.
Miami—Willie Pep kayo over Humberto Sierra.
Columbus—Arturo Godoy def Pat Richard.
New York—Carmine Digorgio kayo over Jimmy Dodd.
Hollywood—Charlie Salas def Bob Yeager

BASKETBALL

Hollenbeck Y—Sunday
Basketball Jamboree.

Crusaders Five

by Joe Pacheco.

The Soledad Saints, a team sponsored by Rev. Louis Vasquez got off to a very fine start at Brownson House in the first of their CYO league encounters by edging out last years' CYO champions, Santo Niño, 13-11.

This game really gave Brownson House a treat. Both teams played a very fine game, with the point situation changing hands quite frequently as the score indicated.

Rudy "Chino" Macias captured the high point honors for the night by scoring 7 out of the 13 points for the Saints.

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He was a funny looking kid, skinny and frail, bashful and all the kids in school use to call him a fraidy cat. Fed up with the names they caalled him he decided things had gone far enough. It was the year 1937 when he first climbed up those famous Willie Orner steps, to learn the art of self defense. At first the young one was glove shy and every jab meant a trip to the canvas. Gladstone Bell one of the best trainers in these here parts, took to the boy like duck takes to water, because in him he saw the making of a champion. And sure enough, he did become a champion.

He was known as the Main St. gym champ of the lightweights. Ten years later he did fight for a worlds championship. He was pitted against Ray Sugar Robinson ruler of the welterweight crown. A fight which was to be his last.

For now he belongs to the ages; but in the hearts of all fight fans he still lives, and is remembered for his outstanding wins over such greats as Julio Jimenez, and Tommy Bell. I'm glad to say I knew the once funny looking frail kid, respect and admired him. May you rest in peace JIMMY DOYLE!!

PUNCH TWO.

ODDS AND ENDS

My boss Midget Martinez left for Mexicali last night, with his good boy Bobby Montoya to do battle with a good one up there. Al Arenas gunning for action, and ready to go when the bell sounds. Archie Grants training a young white hope.

Fabella Chavez cutting up a few touches with little Richie last Sat. eve. at Yee mee loos.

My pick for Tuesday nite, Bolanos after a hard fought fight. Don't sell Mar too short though.

I'm a little short on dope this week, besides I have a mean engagement this fine Evening, so I'll cut it short right about here.

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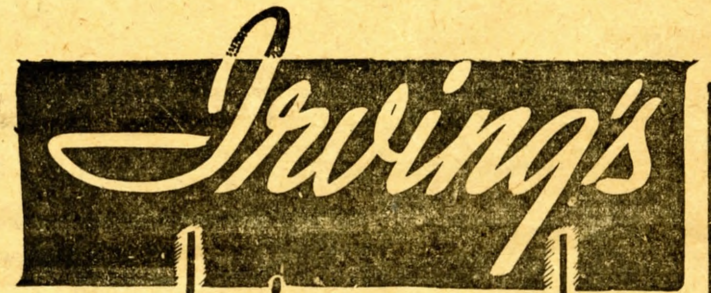
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"If I can't win up there, I can always go back to the Coast League. I think I could win forever back there."

The above statement was made a few months ago by Jesse Sandoval Flores. Not Jesse Flores the San Francisco lightweight boxing ace who Rudy Cruz has whipped twice, but Jesse Flores formerly of the Philadelphia Athletics and now the property of the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast Baseball loop.

Well, Jesse Flores is back. The San Diego club recently purchased the righthand flinger from the Mackmen for the major league waiver price of 10 grand. The Padres hope he will win forever.

FIVE SEMESTERS

In the five seasons he spent with Connie Mack's Athletics, last year was the worst one for the Latin chucker. He won five and dropped 14 for the Mackmen. His best year under the big tent was in 1946, when the dark-haired hurler won nine and lost seven. Seven of these victories were in a row. His winning streak was snapped by the Yanks in September of that year.

Flores was used principally as a relief hurler during his last season with the majors.

Who is a likeable, quiet, and well-mannered gent is 31 years old and was born in Guadalajara. And when he was just a youngster, he moved to California and started playing semi-pro ball.

He wasn't paid when he played. He loved the game so much he didn't care whether he got paid or not. To earn some dinero, Flores started picking oranges in the La Habra district. Many times the field boss on the job would find Flores throwing green oranges at an imaginary plate during the noon hour.

He continued picking oranges for several months. When he heard that Arnold "Jigger" Statz, of the Los Angeles Angels was holding a tryout school at Wrigley Field, he investigated.

MAKES GRADE

He was given a tryout. Flores wanted to play third base, but soon learned that the joint was lousy with caretakers of the hot corner, so he tried out as a hurler. He made the grade and was sent to Bisbee, Arizona for further seasoning.

Arnold "Jigger" Statz, one of the fastest moving ground-covering flyhawks in the league, worked hard with Flores, was patient and understanding and gave the Latin boy every opportunity to make the grade. Flores has never forgotten it.

While playing with Bisbee in the Arizona-Texas league in 1938, the Latin twirler chalked up 24 wins against six losses. In 1939 he was returned to the Angels and played with the Los Angeles club through 1942. He received a tryout with the Chicago Cubs in 1942, and later returned to the Los Angeles Angels, and proceeded to lead the Pacific Coast moundsmen, grinding out 14 victories against five setbacks.

Not including 1947 officials records, Flores had a four-year major league average of 3.11.

Jesse is a modest young man. He doesn't think he is a great guy on the mound at no time. He steps

on the rubber and warms up to his task. If the stuff is there, the guy is hard to beat in any league. He has a nice chance of pace, and depends on his curve and screwball to take him out of hot water.

I hope that the opening statement by Flores rings true. The Latins of this area are pulling for the paisano to come through. One thing is certain. Flores has a legion of friends here in Southern California, and they'll be rooting for the guy from the opening pitch. If you don't know the man, you'll pull for him when you see him work. He's that kind of a fellow. I hope he racks up a dugout full of wins. It couldn't happen to a better guy.

BARRISTED BASKETEER

Recently, I ran into Jose H. Miranda, the eminent barrister from San Diego. The little guy is a man of unimpeachable integrity on all matters except basketball. Therin, neighbors, he sometimes strains the credulity of his audience.

A few seasons back, Miranda played on a great team. And the reason it was great, was because Miranda was on it, and he says it was. However, Miranda is only ribbing when he takes you on a trip about his basketeer days while in college. He loves to talk about it. Builds himself up to a great start, then tells you what a poor man he was on the hardwood floors. "I always messed things up for my team", he said.

As his buddy Charles Molina puts it, "Jose is a grand guy, but when he takes off on one of his basketball games, he makes nothing but baskets and foul throws".

BURTON'S BEST

Miranda, who is a slick looking gentleman, yet since just the most sartorially correct gent in our midst, is visiting friends on east 52nd street and combining business with his short vacation.

The San Diego sportsman-barrister is interested in starting a boxing stable and has been looking around the local cauliflower mart.

When I pinned him down about his dapper appearance and asked him if he had that suit made at some exclusive tailoring salon, he replied, "I dropped in to see Bobby Castro and Cruz Gurrola at Burtons to say hello and before I

realized it I was sampling some of the fine tailoring material they specialize in, and before I could say—I object,— I saw something I liked, had it tailored, and this is it.

"I'm very fond of this suit", said the silver-haired lawyer, as he fingered the red carnation on his lapel. "Before I return to San Diego, I think I'll have another suit made of that gray material I saw there, too".

Burton's of Hollywood, receives a lot of trade from the fight industry. A lot of trade. As I looked around I got a load of a portly gentleman in a brown gabardine getup. The big guy must weigh all of 255 on the hoof, but the tailored outfit streamlined what used to be a big chunk of suet, as the gent who I had looked at was El Gordo also wearing one of Burton's Best.

Miranda talked to several youngsters who are interested in jumping into the fistic pond and they may wind up under his wing. He wouldn't give me nothing definite, as to whether he had inked any talent. However, he promised to do so the minute everything is ironed out.

Jose's favorite scrapper is Enrique Bolanos, and he believes that the sharp-hooking Latin mitt ace will win the lightweight title if he gets a crack at Ike Williams. He also spoke highly of Bert Mendoza, who he has seen in action at the San Diego punch parlor. He likes to watch Bert in action. "The guy is plenty rough when he cuts loose. I like his style of fighting", Miranda said.

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★ **JOEY OLMOS**

(Editors Note.— This is a continuation of the life story of Barney Ross that was started in this column several weeks ago).

In the first place, there was more money than I had ever had. But I quickly discovered that I could never share Ben's attitude toward money. He kept after me to invest it or save it. But I just couldn't see money as something to be put in a bank. It was something you did things with. I suppose it's hard to be sober about money when you're only 24 and a champion.

Harry O'Connell was a wonderful bodyguard. But even a dozen Harrys couldn't have kept away the hundreds of people who came flocking around for handouts. One day O'Connell said to me:

"Barney, if we put a million dollars in your pocket in the morning, I bet you wouldn't have a cent left by supertime".

Worse than the handouts were the ponies and the ball games. Gambling became a sort of outlet for me, a means of letting off steam and emotion. After a while I did most of my betting on ball games, and it wasn't unusual for me to drop three or four thousand dollars on a single game.

Whatever was left after the handouts and the betting, Ben managed to put aside for me. But it was pretty much a losing fight for him all the way. After a while he started coming to me with pleas for all sorts of charities. Much later, I discovered that the charities were strictly for, by and from Barney Ross.

Later in '33 there was a return bout with Canzoneri, my first 15-rounder. I took the decision again and had undisputed control of the title. It was a big year for me. Starting out as a young unknown, I had run up to the top in the lightweight division.

There were other fights, but in between I managed to lead the good life. I always made and kept friends. There was an old Hebrew proverb my father used to quote: "A man without friends is like the left hand without the right". Nothing a friend asked was impossible and I think that my friends felt the same way towards me.

By 1934, I had started putting on a little weight. I was definitely out of the lightweight class and with just a few more pounds I would be eligible for welterweight fighting. Some New York fight promoters got to thinking the same thing at the same time, so they sent up a trial balloon about me having a crack at the welterweight title which was then held by baby-faced Jimmy McLarnin.

Sam Pian didn't think I was ready for McLarnin. But after hours of arguing in New York, I persuaded him to sign the contract. Next morning our New York contact man, Sol Gold, came to us with an interesting deal.

A New York advertising man

had run into Sol and asked him if he would like to get an unusual sort that he represented. Grossinger's, an expensive Catskill resort that he represented. Grossinger's was a favorite summer spot for stage and screen stars. Sol and Pian thought it was a deal, and so a well-known fighter took his training at a well-known resort.

The resort owners liked it because it gave their place publicity; my manager liked it because it cut expenses; the sportswriters loved it because it gave them a chance to get out of the confining atmosphere of the usual training camp. At Grossinger's they built a fine cottage for me and the staff. It's still called the Barney Ross cottage.

I was pretty cocky about my chances against McLarnin because I had studied his style for a long time. McLarnin enjoyed a great reputation as a steady boxer and a powerful hitter, but I told Doc O'Connell: "I've got it all figured out. McLarnin won most of his fights in the dressing room. Most of the guys who came up against

him were scared to death before they entered the ring. I'm not afraid and I know the way to lick him".

I did, but not before he knocked me down in the ninth round. I was able to get up before the referee started counting, but it was the first time I had hit the canvas in a professional fight. Mama came to New York to watch and later told me that her heart skipped a few beats when she saw me go down.

A great deal besides the passing of the welterweight title took place that May night in the Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Is-

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MAU BASKETBALL

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was sure put up a hard fight and this game will long be remembered by all those who were present.

At Richards again played a bang up game breaking up many of Cannon's plays and also controlling most of the rebounds under the basket.

In the finals of the consolation tournament Boyle Height's Royal Athletic Club had to come out from behind to finally win out over Simon's Youth Club by the close score of 37 to 34.

Royal's championship hopes looked pretty slim at the half as they were not able to penetrate the Simon's zone defense and left the court with score of 14 to 7 against them.

But in the last half it was a different story as the fast breaking combination of Ernie Sera and James came to life as they hit the hoop continuously for the needed points.

JOEY OLMOS

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San Francisco. I had become the first fighter to hold the lightweight and welterweight championships at the same time. So when I returned to Chicago I got a hero's welcome. The Governor, the Mayor, a 30-piece band, thousands of Chicago fight fans and Mama were at the station. There was a terrific parade on City Hall. Old Man Alger would have been very proud of me, I'm sure.

As a rule, managers don't like to risk their fighters' titles very often, but I couldn't see it that way. A title had to be defended—

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FLYWEIGHTS

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1. Manuel Ortiz
2. Luis Castillo
3. Manny Ortega
4. Ernie Laterio
5. Len Marquez

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3. Nick Diaz
4. Lauro Salas
5. Billy Herrera
6. Dave Hernandez
7. Georgie Mendoza
8. Rocky Haro
9. Al Sandoval
10. Lou Sandoval

McLarnin asked for a return bout in September, it suited me.

We met at the Polo Grounds and it was Mac's night. He took the decision and I took a shellacking I was badly cut up around the eyes and Doc O'Connell had a real night's work after the fight. Between rounds they had put a styptic solution over the abrasions. Back at the hotel, all this had to be cut out with surgical shears, bit by bit. Doc was always after me to take a local anesthetic for the repair work, but I always held out against it. When I could no longer take the repairs awake, I'd quit fighting.

A few months later I won the welterweight title, back from McLarnin.

(To be continued next week.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1. Enrique Bolanos
2. Rudy Cruz
3. Paolino Montez
4. Mario Trigo
5. Jess Flores
6. Tony Mar
7. Julio Jimenez
8. Buddy Garcia
9. Alfredo Escobar
10. Fabela Chavez
11. Bobby Jackson
12. Lou Bernal
13. Tony Chavez
14. Dario Barron
15. Vince Padilla
16. Freddie Herman
17. Chuey Figueroa
18. Ralph Lara
19. Torito Ramos
20. Ruben Sonorita
21. Al Gonzales

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1. Larry Cisneros
2. Don Lemos
3. Rudy Davila
4. Charlie Salas
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MEDNIK CAFE CARDI

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Park, with a pretty big turnout of about 25 players. Every player is out trying his best to land a starting position on the line up. As it is now Mgr. Chuck Orozco, is very well pleased, for he can change his line up anyways or replace players at anytime and still his team average will be the same.

Players showing rare form Wednesday were:

BABE JAIMES, that little chunk of ball player, showing very smooth form at shortstop. His fielding is good, his batting is superb. I predict, you will see and hear a lot more of this boy in the years to come.

PAUL MINJAREZ, you always find Paul right in there pitching. He is one of the players that Mgr. Chuck, can always depend on. Besides being a good Center Fielder, he is a Utility man, able to step into any position at any time.

PEANUTS GUMBOA, Catcher, "Glad to see you with us Peanuts". Peanuts, if you all recall, played a great game last year. Batting a good 350 and his fielding was excellent.

JOE (CHEMO) AGUILAR &

TOM (OKIE) HAYES, look good to me on the mound. They are in there chucking like big leaguers. Between them they pitched the Lures Packing Team to its Winter League Championship, last year.

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