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#### Salas Underdog in Olympic **Battle Tuesday Against Dade**

est ring idol after his blistering upset win over Manuel Ortiz, and his great battle with Car os Chavez, shoots for more worlds to conquer next Tuesday at the Olympic when he meets fast elusive Harold Dade.

The great Monterrey slugger covered himself with glory in his last two fights at the Olympic. First he upset the apple cart to put bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz on the deck twice to gain the duke. His next was one of the greatest battles ever staged in an Olympic ring against Carlos Chavez. Vivid memories will long linger in the minds of those who saw that second round in a battle that was won by Chavez. Only a few points was the difference of opinion in that scrap, and many fans present that night went home thinking that the boy from Mon- Park Arena, Monday night.

Lauro Salas, little Mexico's new- terrey, Mexico had been robbed of the decision. Fans are stil hollering for the retake.

> Dade, former boss of the bantamweight division, is fast as lightning, and rates as a very dangerous foe for the Latin from old Mexico. Dade already holds a win over the Mexican scored in Sacramento. Those that witnessed the first battle between the pair said it was close all the way. Now that Salas has improved look for an even closer battle next Tuesday. Dade holds a pair of wins over Charlie Reiley, a lad that boasts of a win over new featherweight champ, Sandy Sandler.

Bernardo Ramirez, rugged Mexfeatherweight, will shoot for his fourth victory over Mario Trigo when he tackles the switchhitter in the main event at Ocean

## Hazard and S. F. Lions Tangle

By RAY SANCHEZ

This Sunday afternoon, the fast stepping San Fernando Liohs will engage in their lair an equally fe- main. rocious enemy, the potent Hazard Lions. This fracas has all the earmarks of being a true jungle bar tle, with the outcome depending on the reserve strength of each team to hold a win over the San

As for the favorite squad, your guess is as golod as ours, though

the visiting Lions are a slight favorite to eliminate the San Fernando Lions as Kings of their do-

This conclusion is determined by ball Asse the fact that the Hazard Lions, a few weeks ago, pulled an up-set win over Moctezuma, the only Fernando Lions.

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#### Announcement

We are giving you ample time to get in your Xmas greetings in the SPORT PAGE annual Xmas issue. Send it to the SPORT PAGE office at 424 S. Brodway, or 1623 Brooklyn Ave. If not call Midget Martinez at either TU. 8820 or CA. 7949 for space.

Don't forget that the SPORT PAGE is read by thousands of followers, promoters, boxing matchmakers, fighters, seconds, and coaches. This is the easiest way to reach your friend's in the boxing world. Call this paper for rates on the space. Don't forget that the deadline is only until the 22nd of December. The annual Xmas issue of the SPORT PAGE will be out on the streets on December 24th. Hurry you only have a limited time.

#### '48 Football Highlights

By TOLEDO

The 1948 football season, except for the various playoffs schedules, is juts about concluded, so what do you say we go back thru this year's top contests and hit some of the highlights in a general summariza io Municipal Foot-

re hardest fought most exciting chall game of the '48 billing was last Sunday's Championship tussle between the Lourdes Athletic Club Saints and However, this does not faze the the La Purisima Green and White. (Continued on Page Seven)

#### Famous Boxer and Ball Player To Benefit from Paper Drive

For nine years now the SPORT | such a bad fix, that he will never publication lends a hand to two of our own best known athletes who more than deserve a big helping hand.

They are Richard Maldonado and Perfecto Lopez, blind ex-fighter who many times thrilled us with his great battles against the best of his time. For some time friends of these two boys have approached the publisher of this popular sheet for a benefit for these boys. Since these boys have for long been very well know sport figures in our town the SPORT PAGE has arranged for both to help out in our subscription campaign, and also profit by it.

One of the better known baseball players in Los Angeles is Richard Maldonado, whose friends in the baseball world number many thousands. Richard met with an that left the popular ball player in SPORT PAGE staff.

PAGE'S main policy has been to be able to play his favorite game help out our countrymen that again. He is now attending school are in need, and once again this and plans a journalism career, and it was at his suggestion that we finally agreed to start a SPORT PAGE campaign, and put Maldonado on the staff.

> Perfecto Lopez and Richard have been authorized by Midget Martinez to solicit subscriptions to the SPORT PAGE of which they will receive a good profit. For this reason we argue you to do your part in helping these boys by subscribing to this paper, and getting it mailed to your home.

Fill in the subscripion form below, and give it to either Perfecto Lopez, or Richard Maldonado, with the money and get the SPORT PAGE delivered to your home every week for one year.

The SPORT PAGE asks all baseball players to help out teammate Richard Maldonado make a homer, while all fighters should help Lopez score a quick kayo. accident some time ago, while on Look for special stories next week the way from Tijuana and a game, on the two new members of the

#### Latin Gridders

by Midget MARTINEZ

More than 600 Mexican football gridders, who participated in football this year, will be looking fornual All Latin selection for this vear's eleven. Every year players, friends, fans, and coaches look forward with anticipation for this selection. Now that football is about over Saul Toledo, head of the football committee of the SPORT PAGE, once again pleads with coaches or managers of the different ections.

This committee is composed of will receive a gold football domat-Ray Sanchez, Monico Medina, Ray

Await Banquet

Jauregui, Toledo, and yours truly, To avoid many arguments and discussions like in years past, we ask you to send in your selection, so ward to the SPORT PAGE'S an- that than you may hold your peace. If you fail to do so than, don't blame us if your boy doesn't place on the team.

This year it is very important that you send in your All Latin eleven as the Mexican Athletic Union and the SPORT PAGE are cooperating to stage a football Latins squads to send in their sels banquet at one of the local night spots. Winners of the first team

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"LA OPINION" TROPHY—Pictured above is the basketball trophy which was donated by the Mexican Daily "LA OPINION" to the Mexican Athletic Union to be awarded to the champions of the M. A. U.'s Basketball Tournament. Surrounding the

trophy may be seen the officials of the Mexican Athletic Union and some of the managers of the different basketball teams who will compete for this years' M. A. U. titlePERFECTO LOPEZ & RICHIE MALDONADO

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#### Watts Stage Set For Rival Game

By Jess HERNANDEZ

The "David" of the Municipal league and "Goliah" of the CYO circuit meet Sunday afternoon at Jordan High School. Kickoff is rejevenated Compton gridders, by Moctezuma Indians.

As in the biblical story David rose up to unprecedented heights cident may well take its toll come by knocking over Goliah, just like this weekend. For the benefit of the Compton pigskinners have the betting gentry, Compton is done in subjucating the St. Pedro JV's and tying the Shamrocks. ma. Moctezuma or rather Goliah, finished an abreviated CYO campaign winning three without any setbacks.

history back thousands of decades, gin' Gil Fernandez. Fernandez's but it seems to me that this Sun- passing paw proved to be a poisonday's big game will find Compton acting the part of Goliah and Moctezuma the role of David.

#### COMPTON PICKED

result is that Messers Gonzales lacked, therefore installing them as early favorites for Sundays tilt.

Moctezuma well remembers the year 1946, when Gonzales and Pruder, former Jordan High ace, 2:00 p. m. Playing the role of Da- teamed together with the Raiders vid in the football picture are the to beat the Indians, 21 to 7, after the Mocty's led them 7-6 at halfwhile Goliah will be represented time. The Raiders went on to capture the CYO football diadem.

Shades of that unforgetable inliked by 13 points over Moctezu-

Any aspirations that Coach Vince Nares and his band of fight- ed a backfield berth on 1948's ing Indians have of emerging vic- Muny All-League eleven ..... This torious over Compton, will be This scribe doesn't want to set banked on the magic arm of Slinness prescription to La Purisima, the Indians walloping them 26-13. What effect Gil's arm will take on Compton is something to spe-Due to the fact that Compton culate with. It is very difficult to has acquired the services of Ma- compare both principals as to their

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nuel Gonzales and line star George | potential strength for their com-Pruder, both ex-members of the ing battle, since the pair of rivats Omar Raiders, the Comptonites both engaged varied competition. football stock has ascended. The Against the only common opponent on the rivals slate, the Purithe key combination the squad sima Aztecs, Compton lost to the Aztecs 12-7. Moctezuma on the other hand defeated Purisima 26

> In a game where bitter rivalry is involved, past scores are usually tossed out the window. So in a situation like the Moctzuma-Compton feud, the perennia llegend holds true. However if temptation is persistent and you insist on betting, put your chips on Compton but don't blame this humble scribe if your number doesn't pay off. SHORT NOTES....

According to many of the Sport Page football scribes Perry Harris of Compton has practically clinch-

writer tabs Mike Blanco of Purisima as the top backfield ace in his showing against Moctezuma in the recent battle.....

Coach Ernie Gutierrez of the champion Lourdes A. C. team and Vince Nares of the champion Moctezuma CYO squad, are dickering for a game between the rival loop monarchs.....

Although this writer has failed to mention it before, Joe Ochoa, line mentor of Moctezuma, has doned wonders with the Indians forward wall..... He deserves credit for the fine line work of Dave Aguilar, Louis Hill, Alfredo Avila and Eddie Martinez.....

Ray Negrete of the Mocty's was once a star tackle with the club back in 1944..... The following year he was promoted to a backfield

Al Vasquez is trying to promote a football doubleheader for Jordan High next Sunday ..... Already contacted for the twin bill are the Phalanx Comets, Cardinals and Moctezuma...

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## '48 Football.

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It was played at Jackson High School with the six point favored Saints playing true to form as they nabbed a 12-6 decision. The game was fought on still more even terms than the score indicates what with the victors accounting for only six first downs as compared with eighteen for the losers. The only disappointment of the hairraising battle was the fact that the highly publicized fight for All Lain center honors between big Bill Cota of the Saints and last year's selection Eddie Villa failed to materialize due to an early injury sustained by Cota in the first period that handicapped the ex-Roosevelt High All City star. Villa performed sensationally at the thought of the importance of the game as well as of individual performances.

As was expected "the big Chief" Ben Chore was nothing shy of spectacular. A serious candidate for 1948 All Latin quarterback honors, Chore passed, kicked, and ran exceptionally well for the Green and White. Manuel Ocampo added tremendous stock to his chances for All Latin right half laurels. Toting the pigskin on virtually every other running play for La Purisima, Ocampo was one of the offensive stars of the fracas. George 'Snake' Castruita, was a menace to the Saint's backfield all afternoon and undoubtedly his exhibition will gain candidacy to the All Latin, Mike Kicilinsky, one of those watch charm guards, was probably the outstanding La Purisima lineman of the day. Other noteworthy performances were turned in by Mike Blanco, Tommy Marquez, "Nachito" Ocampo, Mike Garcia, Kato Mendoza, "Mousie" Petralia, Dick Dominguez, and Nick Sadd.

For the Championship Lourdes, Bobby Lopez iced the nomination for All Latin halfback laurels by going wild in the ground gaining department. Eddie Serra, his running mate played his best game of the year. Masropion turned in the most brilliant lineman performances this writer has seen all season. Louie Reynosa was also superb. Fullback Gil Esqueda deserves a a lot of credit for his toils. Lalo Fierro, Al Arenas, Chavez and the Continued on 8.



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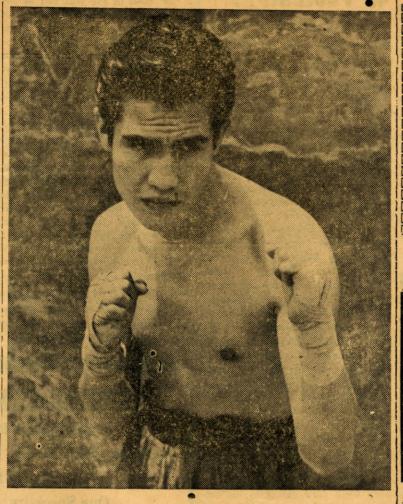
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(Continued from Page One) local jungle Monarchs, who in the tions, which accounted for most of last five weeks have accumulated the 32 points they scored against in their den the carcasses of the the 7 of the Comets. would be invaders; Phalanz Comets, Watts Cardinals, Belvedere's teams, it is evident that the breaks and the Semi Indians.

According to the SPORT PAGE scribes, both teams will be forced lar and have large followings, a reto take to the air, as both lines are cord crowd will be out to witness very evenly matched and to pene- this good and rough game of foottrate through these nearly-stone wall will be a hard thing for either side to accomplish.

In the pass defense we give the edge to the San Fernandos as they have one of the best pass intercepters in Vincent Romeros who

only last week ruined the Phalanz | 48 Football z

Mariana Wildcats, Lourdes Saints, of the game will decide which one will be the winner.

Since both teams are very popu-

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(ontinued from Page Seven) rest of the Lourdes forward wall From the past records of both played magnificent ball for the

#### SHAMROCK DOWNFALL

Credit Lee Hernandez' Compton Reds for having knocked Red Hamrick's Shamrock's out of diadem contention for it was that 6-6 tie between these two elevens that enabled Lourdes to finish half a game ahead of their nearest competitors. Most instrumental for having checked the high riding Shams was Compton's halfback Perry Harris; quarterback Harry Salter; Roy Bonis; Tony Dueñas; Ray Alvarez; "Clown" Rangel; 'Rig" Gonzales; Carlos Martinez; Moses Lechuga; Manuel Gonzales; and "Chickie" Calvillo. Incidently t was fullback Manuel Gonzales who succeeded where most defensive strategies had failed, that of halting the highly toluted scatback John Van Daele. Gonzales was assigned to stopping Van Daele and that's exactly what he did. Now that I think of it, it was a second string Shamrock ball carrier that gave Compton the most concern. That was Bill "Oh-Oh" Jackson. The ex-Slauson Senior Saint had a nifty forty yard gallop to his credit among other accomplishments. E. R. A. C. S. ARE BEST

For the second straight year the Eagle Rock Athletic Club deserves the title of the top team in Municipal Football. Behind the support of Harry Beck, "Heels" Beals, "Mugsy" Walsh, and Moore, the Eagles came through with their first unbeaten, untied, campaign. A VIEW OF THE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Muny Carnival proved to be the most succesful ever. Witnessed by a capacity crowd of 2000 there was only one touchdown scored. Eagle Rock got that one for the North. It "baptized" Gardena, Montebello, and Compton into the Association.

There were two boys who tied for the longest run of the year, they were Perry Harris, the runningest halfback in Municipal football; and Eddie Serra. Harris Compton's Negro flash, ran his 105 yards!) against La Purisima; and Serra, of the Lourdes, chalked his up against San Pedro. This, however, falls two yards short of the Muny record held by Saint Joseph's "Pinky" O'Neil.

The longest pass of the year was credited to Harry "Gilmar" Slater who pitched a 50 yard touchdown pass to Carlos Martinez for Compton against San Pedro. The play was good for 60

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Before we go any further I would like to remind Mr. Toledo and those sending in their selections that only boys of Mexican-American decent are eligible to form this great eleven for the year 1948. One other thing that is important also is the fact that any boy of Mexican-American decent playing for any school, club, or organization is eligible for the 1948 selection. This selection is not duly limited to the Muny and CYO leagues. Boys on high schools are also eligible. So fellows let's all get together and name an All-Latin eleven that merits the honor and respect of all of us-

So hurry and get in your A!! Latin selection, so that the SPORT PAGE football committee can announce the complete lineup before the Rose Bowl game New Years. Read the SPORT PAGE next week for the site or the first annual football banquet put on by the SPORT PAGE and Mexican Athletic Union.

The upset of the year can be either Moctezuma's 26-13 win over La Purisima or the Hazard Lions 14-7 conquest of the powerful Santa Maria Redskins. The Lions can justly be called the giant killers of the year not only for that win but also their 6-0 victory over Mocte-

If the All Latin Selection Board elects an all Latin coach I'll predict that Lourdes' Ernie Gutierrez' name will receive most consideration. The 1947 All Latin tackle developed a championship squad his first year of mentorship. It was also the team's first trophy year. And can you tell me how Gutierrez managed to grab Joe Avila's services? Joe is brother to Ben, the incomparable Fremont Hi, lineman who many feel including myself, has clinched All City honors. Joe holds down one of the end posts for the "48" Muny champs.

Lee Hernandez should be praised for the marveldus job he did of organizing the Compton Athletic Club. Look for this team to impress remarkably next season. The Compton eleven is built around Perry Harris. Many are saying that this boy is the classiest ball carrier in Muny history.

In conclusion to this article I would like to mention the tremendous job turned in by Mr. Tom McDougal of the Department of Playground and Parks. It is the consensus of opinion of the Association manager that McDougal is the backbone of Municipal Football. Almost single handed he has knitted the Association to what it now is.... And believe you me the M. F. A. will continue to grow, and grow, and grow, so long as McDougal is at the helm.

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