

CANZONERI RANKS AMONG ALL-TIME GREATS, JOE SAYS

Italian Placed Little Below Veteran Aces

McLarnin Victory Doesn't Add Much to Tony's Favor, However.

BY JOE WILLIAMS
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NEW YORK, May 11.—Mr. Ed McNamara, the actor man was talking . . . "I see by your column you consider Tony Canzoneri one of the great lightweights of all time. Just how would you rank him? I mean in comparison with Joe Gans and the other old timers."

This presented an interesting problem. Just how would you rank the walloping Italian? In the first glow of excitement as a result of his spectacular victory over the heavier Jimmy McLarnin, a critic might be pardoned for ranking him very close to the top. But analyzing the victory in calmer mood it becomes less monumental.

At the risk of distressing the Canzoneri following, it must be admitted he didn't whip much, though his performance in every respect was strictly first rate. McLarnin was little more than ordinary. The year's layoff made him a fumbling, uncertain, inept opponent. His timing was miserable, his tactics amateurish. Throughout the fight he was a bewildered stooge for every Canzoneri strategem, rising to the lure of every bait.

And yet from the second round on, Canzoneri was in such complete command of every situation that it is quite conceivable he might have won just as decisively if McLarnin had come into the ring in the best possible fighting trim. But this is theory. The established fact is he won over a blurred carbon copy of the real McLarnin—a McLarnin who certainly wouldn't have gone the distance against, say, Barney Ross.

NOW if this is true, how would you rank Canzoneri? You would hesitate somewhat, wouldn't you, before you put him alongside Joe Gans, Kid Lavigne or Benny Leonard, the three lightweights most popularly grouped as the supreme leaders of the division? If you agree, then, that these three are out, would you place him fourth, fifth, sixth or just where?

It's a difficult decision to make because it so happens the light-weight division has produced more really great fighters than any other. Just run the list. Besides Gans, Lavigne and Leonard, there were Jack McAuliffe, Frank Erne, Battling Nelson, Al Wolgast and Willie Ritchie and the aforementioned Ross, who, incidentally, beat Can-

zoneri for the championship. Where does Tony fit in this group?

Playing it safe, I'd say he doesn't belong at the top, nor yet at the bottom. He might have beaten Erne. Over the present-day short route he would have beaten Nelson, and possibly Ritchie. Wolgast might have proved too tough and rough for him, though this, like the others, is mere speculation.

PERHAPS it is sufficient glory for Canzoneri to be named in the same group with these fine old-timers. Admittedly, there have been few better fighters, pound for pound, than the tousled-headed Latin, who came up from bootblack row in New Orleans. And no one can say he hasn't sustained to the fullest the heroic traditions of the lightweight guild.

Shires to Handle Main Go Tussle

Art Named Referee of Mat Feature Tomorrow.

The services of Art Shires have been obtained to referee the wrestling encounter between "Dynamite" Gus Sonnenberg and the "Black Secret" tomorrow night at the Armory. Matchmaker Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A. C. announced today.

Shires, a former major league baseball player, is recognized as one of the most capable mat officials ever to appear here. The tussle is for two falls out of three with a 90-minute time limit and is a "big league" test for the "Secret" who has gone undefeated in eight bouts and has triumphed over such well known grapplers as Tom Marvin, Otto Kuss and Leo Numa.

Sonnenberg formerly was undisputed world's heavyweight champion. Gus scales 210 and the hooded matman, 220.

Tomorrow night's semi-windup pits Big Boy Davis, 240, Columbus, O., against George Koverly, 220, Minneapolis. Eddie Newman, 220, Jewish, heavy from New York, tackles Otto Kuss, 228, in the opener at 8:30.

Local Fishing Club Members to Meet

Members of the Indianapolis Hunting and Fishing Club are to meet tomorrow night on the sixteenth floor of the Washington Hotel at 8 o'clock. Ollie Baus Sr. is to discuss "Expert Bait Casting" while Burkhardt will speak on "Keeping Crawfish Alive" and Homer Connell is to offer piano selections. Other features, including motion pictures, are scheduled.

U. S. POLOISTS TRAIL

MEXICO CITY, May 11.—The Mexican Military Olympic polo team today held a two-game lead in their series with the United States Eighth Corps Artillery School. The Mexicans defeated the United States squad, 4-0, yesterday. Third and final game of the series will be played next Sunday.

His First Major Homer



JOE DI MAGGIO, sensational Italian rookie imported from the Coast League at a cost of \$75,000, is providing many jubilant moments for Yankee fans and particularly Manager Joe McCarthy. So far, young Di Maggio, pictured above, took first place in the American League.

has produced all that was expected of him, proving a valuable spark plug in the Yanks' attack. He cracked his first major league homer in the first inning yesterday as the Yanks defeated the Athletics and took first place in the American League.

Mounts Rolls 300

Fred Mounts of Falls City

Hi-Brus, 1936 A. B. C. champions, yesterday added a 300 game to his list of bowling accomplishments. Participating in the Derby Festival tournament in Louisville, the popular sorrel-top produced the necessary 12 consecutive strikes in the doubles event.

Paired with Ray Roberson, Mounts opened with 213, followed with the perfect game and then tossed a 201, for a 701. Their total was 1246, good for fourth place. Mounts continued his bombardment and cracked out games of 215, 248 and 217 for a 680 in the singles, also landing in fourth place in that event. Coupled with his five-man total of 588, he assumed the all-events lead through a 1932 total.

The team play of the tourney closed Saturday, with Budweisers of St. Louis at the top. Bowes Seal Fasts and Lieber Lagers, Indianapolis teams, finished in eighth and ninth places, respectively. Doubles and singles competition will close on Sunday.

FITZGERALD IN BUSINESS

Ray Fitzgerald, former Indianapolis player and leading hitter in the International League with Buffalo last year, has gone into business and reports he is through with baseball.

2 Teams Gain High Class A Pin Positions

Indiana Wheel and Lagers Crash Top Five in City Meet.

BY BERNARD HARMON

Activities in the annual city bowling tournament, now in progress at the Parkway Alleys, will again get under way tomorrow night, no events being scheduled today.

Although teams in each of the three classes faced the ripples yesterday only two changes were registered among the top five, each occurring in Class A. Indiana Wheel and Rim Co. combined games of 882, 1026 and 955 for a 2863 that commanded third place, while Lieber Lagers, with a 2844, went into fifth. The Lagers had games of 987, 1017 and 930.

Minor events got under way Saturday night, with some classy totals resulting. A trio of 600 scorers top the standings of Class A. Art Rowley being in the lead with 630, Larry Langbien second with 611, and Jimmie Hurt third with 601.

Stark is fourth, with 597, and Pritchard, fifth with 595. Langbien and Johnny Goodwin are first in the Class A doubles with 1113.

Perk Holtman was in fine form, taking first place in the Class B singles with 617 and sharing the lead with Degisher in the two-man event. The pair totalled 1199. Bullock was out in front in the Class C singles with a 573 total, while Putnam and Essary led the doubles with 1096.

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Lawson Little in Field Seeking Entry for Open

More Than 1200 Compete in Trials Today; Former Amateur King Vies in New England.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 11.—More than 1200 golfers from the four corners of the nation teed off in 36-hole matches today in an attempt to win one of the coveted 137 qualifying places for the United States Open golf championship to be played over the Baltusrol course at Short Hills, N. J., June 4-5-6.

The record number of 1278 entrants caused the U. S. G. A. Championship Committee to raise qualifying places from 160 to 170 places, the largest number in history. There were 33 exemptions, leaving 137 places in the field to be won today.

Qualifying tests were held in 28 cities, three more than last year. The U. S. G. A. created three new districts at Birmingham, Ala., Troy, N. Y., and Richmond, Va. There were 84 entries from these three.

The New York district had the largest number of entrants—198 competing for 19 places. Chicago's field totaled 143 vying for 15 places and Philadelphia had 112 contesting for 11 places.

Most prominent of those forced to leave were Lawson Little, amateur champion who recently turned professional; Johnny Revolta, national P. G. A. champion, and Tommy Armour and Willie MacFarlane, both former National Open title-holders.

Little's qualifying attempt was to be made at West Hartford, Conn., in the New England district. The 78 players seeking the eight available places there also included Joe and Willie Turnesa, Jug McSpadden and Willie Hunter.

Eligibles included the 30 low qualifiers in last year's open, two visiting professionals and Johnny Visaloff, Baltusrol pro.

Volleyball Tourney on Schedule at 'Y'

Four Teams to Compete in Round Robin Play.

By United Press

Four teams are to compete in the Y. M. C. A. intra-mural volleyball tournament which begins tomorrow night at 7:30. The tourney will be round robin play, with three games constituting each match. Second round of play will be May 19 and the final on May 26. Rosters of competing teams:

1. Pirates—Capt. Sherman, Ray, Leas, Fisher, Hinman, Widenhefer, Thompson and Gandy.

2. Braves—Capt. Bruce, Sweeney, Richard, Godsell, Valas, Rupard, Powell and Harrison.

3. Indians—Capt. Pray, Sutphin, Pickett, Stork, Mattox, Patterson, Swingley and Steinmetz.

4. Athletics—Capt. Payne, Davis, Weiss, Stork, Mattox, Seward, Parker, Sprague and Rogers.

Schedule Tonight—Teams 1 vs. 2 and 3 vs. 4; May 19, 1 vs. 3 and 2 vs. 4; May 26, 1 vs. 4 and 3 vs. 2.

LEON TAILORS TRIP BONDED TENNIS TEAM

The Leon Tailoring tennis team triumphed over Bonded Cleaners yesterday, 5 to 3, at Scudder's Courts, 7680 E. 13th-st. Sherman, Shuster, Justice (L) defeated Fulton, 6-2, 6-0; Spell (B) defeated Hildegarde, 6-2, 6-0; Spell (B) defeated Makellaparter, 6-2, 6-4; Fulton (B) defeated Hildegarde, 6-1, 6-0; E. Eddinger (L) defeated Arnett, 6-4, 6-0.

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Times Special

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Nate Druxman, Seattle fight promoter, today had signed Babe Risko, middleweight champion, and Fredie Steele, "The Tacoma Tornado," for a 15-round bout to be held in Seattle in July.

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RICOHND, Ind., May 11.—Bud Harvey, crack Indianapolis skeet shooter, defeated Verle VanNus, Richmond champion, in a special challenge match at the Wayne County Skeet Club yesterday. Each drove 48 out of 50 skeet birds, and Harvey won when the local marksman missed in the shootoff.

Platte Wins Twice in Rifle Matches

Tops National Guard Events in Armory Tests.

Sgt. Robert W. Platte captured two rifle championships in the two-day Indiana National Guard championships small bore matches which were concluded at the Armory yesterday. Summary:

Rifle Matches

Standing Individual—Staff Sergeant Robert W. Platte, Indianapolis, 91; Captain Milo D. Snyder, Indianapolis, 91.

Prone Individual—Captain Wayne H. Hackleman, Indianapolis, 100 plus 45 bullseyes; Private Harold E. Cory, New Castle, 99.

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