

# OFF THE FAIRWAY

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Back in the late stages of the 1947 competitive season the news that William D. Richardson, known to the trade as Bill, had been stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while covering the Hambletonian and died a few days later in an up-state hospital, shocked bunkerland... It was only natural that one should suggest some kind of memorial to be staged by linkmen to perpetuate the name of a man who was such a vital force in the sport and certainly, above all, a lover of Long Island golf... As a result, the announcement by Dr. O. V. Wibell of Jamaica, newly-elected president of the Long Island Golf Association, that Bill Richardson will not be forgotten by this district's golfers, came with the same gentle smoothness of a spring zephyr... Actually, Assistant District Attorney Bill Kerwick, who effected the reconciliation between the LIGA and Frank Strafaci, the Pacific war hero, who was given such shabby treatment upon his return and denied a chance to play in the annual four title chase at Hempstead Golf Club through no fault of his own, is behind the movement to set up a Richardson Memorial... Appropriately, Frank Strafaci, too, is working with Bill and if we know Kerwick and Frank as well as we think, the first Bill Richardson Memorial tournament to be held next season will be something that will make Bill get off one of those sly smiles for his mates up in golfing Valhalla.

Kerwick and Strafaci aren't just talking, they have actually planned the event which should turn out to be one of the most important fixtures of the 1948 campaign... The plan seems to be that the competition should be a foursomes play with outstanding players from other sections of the country asked to join in memorializing the name of the famed Port Washington golfer who never forgot his experiences as co-swain of a Wisconsin crew... Of course, foursomes play isn't so popular in this country for several reasons, the most important of which is that everybody wants to play every shot for 18 holes... Another objection is that there is no "security" in foursomes play inasmuch as the players alternate shots on the one ball and the man who makes a shot has no "certainty" to obscure his miss as in four ball play... But, the reason Kerwick and Strafaci decided on foursomes play

## Merchants Cage Circuit Resumes Play Tomorrow

Following a two-week Volkert's Hall layoff, occasioned by the holidays and the recent blizzard, the Long Island Merchants' League returns to its usual Wednesday night basketball doubleheader program tomorrow evening on the Long Island City court.

Opening the Volkert's festivities will be a clash between the league-leading Walters Hardware five and Marblestein's Sports. In the afterpiece, the Bogin Furniture team will take on Edelstein's Pawnbrokers in a game which will decide third place in the league standings. Prior to winning a Walters victory, Walters Hardware and two lost. Because of their previous 56-47 victory over Marblestein's, the Hardware men will be favorites to cop tomorrow night's 8 o'clock struggle. But that hardly precludes a win for the Waltersmen.

In the teams' first meeting, the Sports crowded the Hardware's so closely that it took a record-breaking 26-point performance by Johnny Hughes to assure a Walters victory. Prior to winning an extra point tussle from the Eisenberg five, which is not scheduled at Volkert's this week, Marblestein's had lost four in a row. This, despite fine play by Joe Parker and Frank Donovan, two of the sturdiest players on the Merchants' loop; Jim Sheehan, Elton Hawkins, and other Marblestein courtiers.

After pushing Eisenberg's into undisputed possession of the cellar, and having the large Messers Parker and Donovan in prime shape for tomorrow evening's bout, the Sports are quite capable of pulling an upset. Coach Howard Grohman's hardware men probably will have to contend with the long range heaving that has marked their recent games in view of Donovan-Parker rebound-grabbing proclivities. It will take some sharp and coordinated play if the Hardware men are to retain their fanciful lead at the expense of the resurgent Marblestein courtiers.

**FIGHT RESULTS**  
ST NICK ARENA—Johnny Williams, 140, Montgomery, Ala., outpointed Roman Alvarez, 143, New York (10).  
NEWARK—Doc Williams, 165, Mahwah, N. J., outpointed Buddy Farrell, 159, Newark (10).  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Beau Jack, 140, Augusta, Ga., knocked out Jimmy Collins, 143, Baltimore (2).  
PHILADELPHIA—Livio Minelli, 143, Milan, Italy, outpointed Johnny Britton, 139, Chicago (10).  
HOLYOKE, Mass.—Phil Burton, 143, St. Louis, outpointed Danny Ruggiero, 149, New York (10).  
TORONTO—Arthur King, 134, Toronto, outpointed Phil Terranova, 132, New York (8).  
LEWISTON, Me.—Dave Andrews, 144, Lowell, Mass., stopped Roger Whynot, 147, Halifax, N. S. (6).  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Gene Farland, 157, Cranston, R. I., knocked out Indian Gomez, 166, New York (6).  
BALTIMORE—Sonny Boy West, 133, outpointed Bill Jones, 133, both Washington, D. C. (10).  
CHICAGO—Jimmy Sanders, 147, Louisville, outpointed Jimmy Cone, 148, Kokomo, Ind. (8).  
SAN FRANCISCO—Tony Bosnich, 152, outpointed Pat Valentino, 156, both San Francisco (10).  
WASHINGTON—Jimmy Cooper, 123, Washington, outpointed Orlando Fernandez, 123, Tampa, Fla. (8).

**Entries are Mailed For Speedway Classic**  
With ticket sales continuing at a record pace, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today mailed entry blanks for the 32nd annual 500-mile race on May 31, to all car owners and drivers who have participated in the two International classics held since World War II. At the same time, the Speedway management announced that all supplemental rules governing the race—special regulations which apply only at Indianapolis as an addition to the established racing code of the American Automobile Association's Contest Board—have been simplified and clarified in line with suggestions made by owners, drivers and members of the technical committee.

# Thornton, Flores Even at Sunnyside

## PELLIGGI STOPS DAVIS IN THIRD ROUND OF BOUT

### CYO Clouter Registers Second Knockout at Jamaica

By JACK LANG  
Amateur fight fans at Jamaica Arena have a new kayo clouter to root for these days in the person of Tony Pelliggi, rugged C.Y.O. welterweight from Manhattan's West Side. He debuted at the local club last week, stiffening Alex Sharp in two rounds, and last night came back to put Dan Davis on the canvas for good in the third round.

Pelliggi's style and sock belie his experience. His bout last night was only his third in amateur competition, but all three of his wins have been of the knockout variety. He was even more impressive in flattening Davis than in TKOing Sharp last week.

The punch which felled Davis was a power-packed right to the chin at 1:11 of the third, but the finisher did only part of the damage. Pelliggi set him up for the climax clout with a series of solid socks to the head and body. His efficient lefts raised a large lump over Davis' right eye in the second round and was feared the referee would have to stop it before Pelliggi got in a chance to end the match abruptly.

The decision was incidental in the fight which paired Jimmy Caraballo, C.Y.O., Manhattan, with Ted Harrison, Harlem 140-pounder. It was the "Jersey bounce" antics of Caraballo which had the fans rolling in the aisles. The Puerto Rican lad danced throughout the night, hopping from foot to foot and shaking every muscle in his body in the best thumbs fashion. Nevertheless, Jimmy was aggressive all the way and threw plenty of punches to win the decision.

"Brave of the night" honors went to Joe Michelli, Department of Parks A.A. 140-pounder, who at the East Side, and Otis Hutcherson, Carlton Y.M.C.A. Negro from Brooklyn. It was strictly a rough-house affair, with Hutcherson doing most of the dirty work. The fans began booing him from the first round on for butting and fouling. They never relented and neither did he. Referee Frank Morris warned Hutcherson several times to mind his manners but it didn't god much good.

Michelli got the decision and deservedly so. Besides having to take plenty of unnecessary abuse from Hutcherson, Joe got in enough solid wallops to win on his own.

Young Ray Edward, the Ozone Park featherweight out of John Adams High School, tried desperately to reverse the setback Marcelino Osario of the Teasdale A.C. handed him last week, but caught two many punches on the chin and wound up on the losing end for the second time.

In other bouts, Albert Vallant, Empire S.C. flyweight from Brooklyn, scored a victory over Tony Calca, Weehawken, N. J. youngster, preparing for the Golden Gloves; Joseph Mysliki, a young P.A.L. lightweight from Yonkers making his local bow, got an unpopular win over Miguel Leon, Teasdale A.C., East Side; Ray Bryan, Carlton Y.M.C.A., Brooklyn, won the verdict over Rafael Cruz, Empire S.C. Brooklyn, in a 15-pound hatter; Roger Donoghue, P.A.L. 140-pounder from Yonkers, scored the quickest knockout of the night, kayoing Al Brown of Brooklyn at 1:18 of the first, and promising Willie Patterson, Carlton Y. M. C. A. welterweight from Brooklyn, the boom of Clarence Woods, Harlem Boys Club, in a good finale, winning on a TKO at 1:55 of the second after landing several dozen solid rights and lefts.

**ANGEL TO WRESTLE SINGH AT GROVE**  
Rudy Miller, wrestling matchmaker at the Ridgewood Grove, Swedish Angel has replaced Mip Steinborn of Elmhurst as Nanjo Singh's opponent in the feature finish exhibition at the Golden Thursday night.

The Angel got the match because he is considered a far more formidable opponent on the basis of his impressive string of victories. Steinborn probably will be paired with the winner within the next month.

## \$70,000!



Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees signed his 1948 contract today and although terms were not announced, it was believed that he will receive in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

DiMaggio came to terms after a conference with Yankee President Dan Topping and General Manager George Weiss last night.

While the club clung to its policy of not divulging any salary figure, a spokesman said "DiMaggio signed for about the salary which was being publicized." That figure was between \$70,000 and \$75,000.

**RAVIELE STARS IN PIN LEAGUE**  
Sparked by Anthony Raviele, who rolled games of 192, 187 and 231 for a 610 series, the Sunshine team copped a brace of battles from the Silver Meteor squad in the Pullman League at the Queens Center, Long Island City.

Raviele's third game also copped top honors for the night.

**Weight Factor May Be Difference at Jamaica**  
Weight may mean the difference when Freddie Menna and Mike Santonino meet in the eight-round middleweight muddle at the Jamaica Arena tomorrow night as Promoter Bill Johnston resumes professional boxing at the Archer avenue club. Santonino, who used to be referred to as "Jimmy Carroll's protégé," but now prefers to be publicized as "the Corona middleweight contender," will have an edge of at least 10 pounds on the former diaper salesman from Jamaica.

Menna, winner of all but three of his 26 professional fights, usually scales in the neighborhood of 148 pounds. Santonino, a husky lad with a whacking good wallop, hits the beam at about 160.

## 1948 PROMISES TO BE BANNER ONE FOR FROSH

### Baseball Clubs Touting Rookies Two Months Before Training

By OSCAR FRALEY  
This is going to be one of the biggest years in baseball history for the freshmen and as a tipoff at least 11 major league clubs already are putting a "rookie of the year" bid for one of their first year men.

Spring training doesn't open for almost two months, but already the bugles are blaring the ability of the newcomers who may shake up the standings as the pennant races are run.

The Boston Braves have been praising the ability of Shortstop Alvin Dark, former Louisiana State All-America halfback. He hit .303 and was a defensive gem as he led the Milwaukee Brewers to the Little World Series. But before you hand him the laurels, you'd better look around a bit.

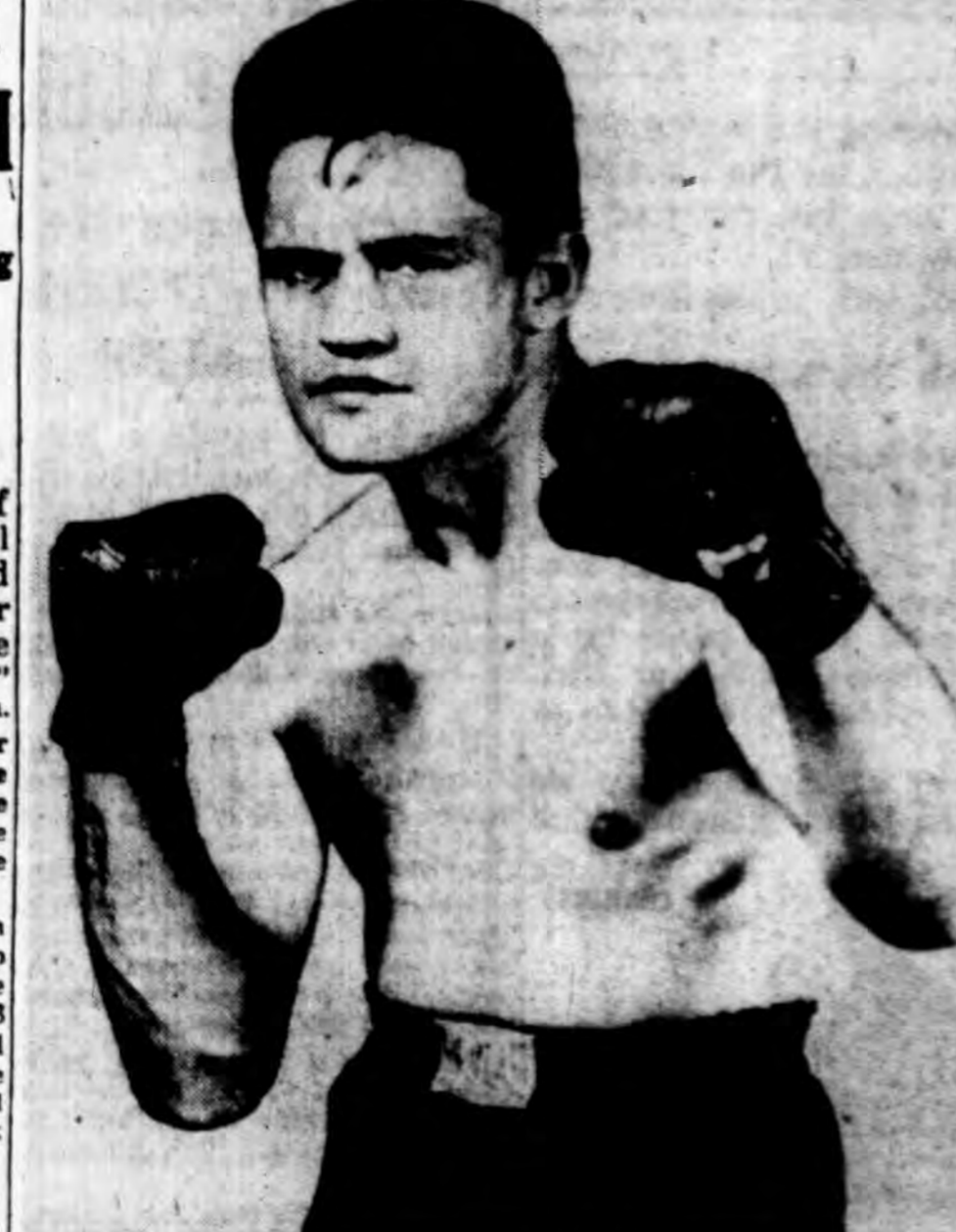
The Cincinnati Reds think they have a shortstop to top Dark in Virgil Stallcup, who hit .340 for Jersey City of the International League. He's six-three, and 185 pounds, and a defensive gem as he led the Milwaukee Brewers to the Little World Series.

And, while looking over catchers, don't overlook Wesley Westrum, 22, of Clearbrook, Minn., for whom the Giants refused \$100,000. He batted .285 at Minneapolis and hit 22 homers, only one behind the American Association leader.

Two potential star outfielders are Ken Wood, coming up to the Browns, and Cal Abrams, up to Brooklyn. Wood, a Charlotte, N. C. boy, goes six-one and the 23-year old flycatcher was second in the Eastern League with 23 home runs and 96 runs batted in.

Abrams hit .345 at Mobile, topping the Southern League in bases on balls and runs scored. A long ball hitter, he once belted a 475-foot round-tripper.

## Fights In Feature



Al Thornton, Rochester, Pa., middleweight youngster, faces the biggest test of his ring career tonight when he climbs through the ropes at the Sunnyside Garden to oppose Freddy Flores of Jamaica in the top-billed eight-rounder. Betting on the fight is all even.

## Hanafin Paces CYO Pin Play at Lowery Lanes

Dan Hanafin stole the spotlight in the American Division of the Catholic Youth Organization last night, at the Lowery Lanes, Long Island City, blasting games of 164, 226 and 188 for high series of 578 as the Corpus Christi Whites shut out the Immaculate Conception team. Hanafin's neat second count mark also won individual honors.

**L. I. Anglers Hook Sailfish in Tourney**  
Bill Burden sparked the Precious Blood Whites to a clean sweep over the St. Stanislaus Blue combine. He hit games of 212, 180 and 178 for a runner-up 570 series.

Charlie Krzemianowski was the only other angler to enter the twin century circle, tossing a 200 count.

**BALLET WRITER BUYS FIGHT RELICS**  
There is a fellow here in town who combines ballet and boxing—he makes money writing about ballet and spends it buying rare mementos of the early days of the ring sport.

He is Paul Magriel and he has assembled the first full-scale exhibition of the history of boxing. The exhibition is on display at the Museum of the City of New York, amid Indian relics and pewter might, wigs and knee breeches from the city's early history, and will remain until April 4.

Most of the collection, which includes a full pictorial history of the sport, rare manuscripts from boxing's earliest days, pieces of sculpture, paintings and literature, is loaned by Magriel, who collected most of it on several trips through England, cradle of the sport.

Beginning with a print of James Figg, the first master of self-defense in the early 18th century, the collection includes a copy of the first printed rules of the sport, drawn by Broughton and purchased by Magriel in a small Welsh shop for \$140.

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS CLASH TONIGHT IN 8-ROUNDER

### DiGiorgio Will Make Pro Debut Against Washington

Winner of 11 out of 12 fights, Al Thornton, promising young Irish middleweight from Rochester, Pa., makes his debut in the Metropolitan area tonight when he meets the veteran Freddy Flores of Jamaica in the feature eight-rounder at the Sunnyside Garden. Betting on the battle is rated even.

Thornton comes here highly recommended. His only defeat was to Pete Mead in a thrilling battle in Mead's home town, Grand Rapids, Mich. The ex-Marine was given little chance against a seasoned performer like Mead, but he staged a brilliant fight, and was voted the winner by one of the judges.

Father of two children, Thornton is anxious to make good in New York as he knows an impressive victory will lead him to many good money shots.

He turned pro in 1946 and ran up a 11-bout winning streak before losing to Mead a few months ago. Among Thornton's victims are Jimmy Campbell, Ben Urso, Bill Stemmer and Tommy Nichols.

Jack Lakin, who handles the fighting future of Chuck Taylor, manages Thornton. Lakin believes he has the best prospect in the middleweight division.

In Flores, the Rochester boxer is facing a severe test. Freddie has met the top men in his class. In his last start, the Jamaica brawler battled to a bruising draw with Pat O'Connor, the Irish, middleweight king.

Flores holds decisions over Joe Governale, Dick Fuller, Freddie Graham and Al Barboza. He also boasts kayoes over Billy Walker and Joey LaMotta. The latter quit the ring after the beating he took from Freddie.

Two promising welterweights are scheduled to meet in the six-round semi-final. They are Carl Touman of Piedmont, N. Y., and Pete Perrone of Greenport. Touman is no stranger to Sunnyside fans. He has performed there several times and in his last outing, stopped Earl Shaw in two rounds.

Leonard Caesar of the East Side and Johnny Johnkin of Harlem meet in a six-round lightweight test.

Considerable interest will be focused in a four-rounder when Carmine (Chang) DiGiorgio of Long Island City makes his pro debut. The local heavyweight will be George Washington of Washington, D. C.

**HEADLINERS VIE ON GARDEN MAT**  
Two of the fastest and most skilled grapplers of modern day wrestling—Tony Martinelli of Brooklyn and Fritz Ziegler of Woodside—will be seen in action at the Sunnyside Garden tomorrow night when they meet in the feature finish exhibition. Tony Martinelli, a former national champion, is a former California matman to Sunnyside fans. He meets Herbie Freeman of the Bronx over the 30-minute route. Christy once battled the famed Ed (Strangler) Lewis to a bruising draw.

Christy makes good use of the hook body scissors and flying scissors.

Rudy Dusek of the Omaha clan, clashes with Fritz Wallick of Manhattan in another of the half-hour supporting trays.

In the remaining exhibitions, Hans Kemper, German star, opposes Chick Garibaldi and Jimmy Auster; tangles with Al Alexander of Lithuania.

**GETS JUMP**  
With Mauri Rose and Bill Holland as two of his regulars, Lou Moore got the jump on the mauler of the racing fraternity by entering a three-car team in the 32nd annual 500-mile classic at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 31.

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