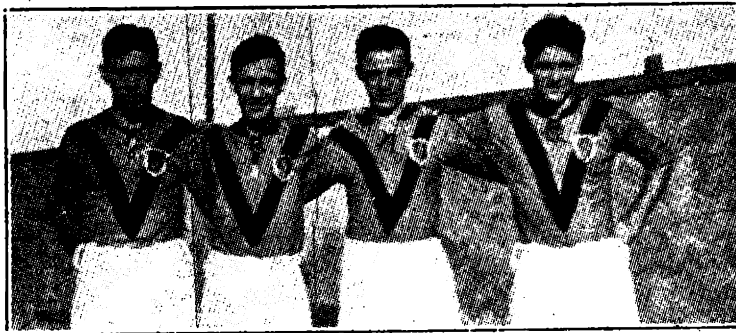


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Left to right: Alberto deceased Fernando, Jose and Angeling, Carlos is not in the photo.

Five brothers, all foot-ball stars; You may not believe it dear reader, nevertheless it is true. The Villareal boys have been for the last decade famous for their prowess on the soccer field. All of them except one were mainstays of the one time champion Bohemian eleven and four of them have been olympic luminaries.

Alberto the eldest and now deceased was perhaps the best known of the four, not because he was better than the others, but because he was the oldest having entered the game long before the others wore the cleated shoes. Alberto was Olympic star in 1919, 1921, 1923, and 1925. In the last Olympiad held in Manila, Alberto was right half back for the national squad. Alberto's foot-ball career was crowned with glory after his playings days were over when he made himself famous as a coach. In 1926 he whipped the Ateneo soccer outfit into a championship aggregation and that year the blue and white won their only national title in foot-ball during the PAAF meet. In 1927, Alberto took over the reigns of the U. P. squad and made of it a creditable team. That same year he was selected Olympic coach and although short of material, his boys made a good showing at Shanghai. Unfortunately the grim reaper took a hand in Alberto's destiny just

when he was in the peak of his career. Jose on the other hand, was a forward, and right out for the red-sashed eleven. He was one time reputed to be the fastest forward in the country. Fernando also played for the Bohemians and although never est quit foot-ball only last year colorful, was very sure in his game. after the Olympics Games at Tok-

yo. He played full-back and left in during the Olympic matches and on his return to Manila was picked to coach the University of the Philippines team. To-day he is among the few listed professionals and although young in years, he is already a veteran of several international encounters.

Carlos Villareal is perhaps the least known in foot-ball circles due to a bad break. He was the only brother not playing for the Bohemian Squad. Carlos was member of the Club Filipino team when he suffered a fractured leg which since then put him out of athletics. It was in 1923, an Olympic year, when the accident robbed him of a berth on the P. I. squad. Carlos nevertheless won his spurs in boxing. He was one of the best known amateur boxers in 1922 and today after nine years out of the game he stated that he will train hard for the 1932, Olympic Games at Los Angeles, in spite of his leg which once in a while still bothers him.

Fernando is an Insurance agent Carlos an Automobile salesmant Angeling employed in a banking concern while Jose or as he is better known, Paping, a traveling salesman. The late Alberto Villareal was working with the Bank of the Philippines Islands at the time of his death.

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