

# FERNANDEZ MAKES \$100,000; RETURNS PRACTICALLY PENNILESS

By R. V. de Mendoza

To have made about \$100,000.00, and let the major portion of this fortune go into the coffers of somebody else, and then have nothing to show for his pains but a bungalow, worth \$6,000.00, situated at Los Angeles, California, and a "Windsor" straight 8 automobile bought for \$1,500.00 and about \$2,000.00 in cash tugged away for a rainy day, is the sad experience of Ignacio Ortiz better known along cauliflower row as Young Fernandez, considered, by boxing authorities as one of the foremost featherweights in the world, and at one time a legitimate contender for the world's featherweight title.

Young Fernandez returned to the Philippines on board

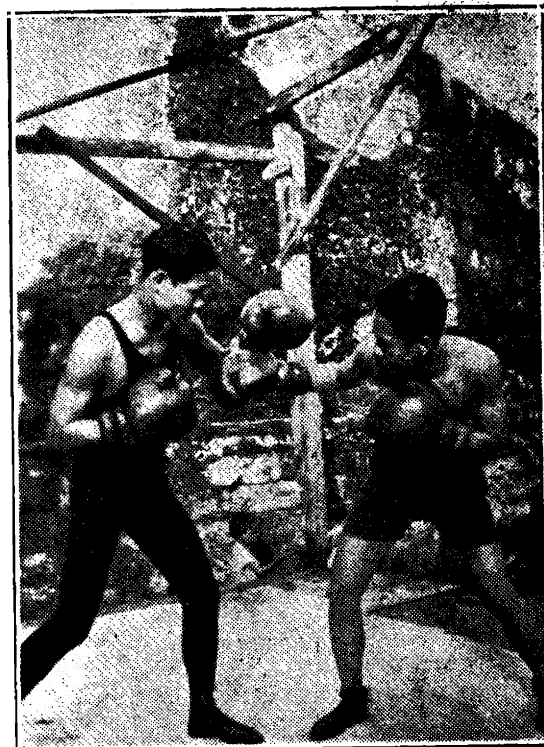
the s/s "President McKinley" on Thursday, April 9th, after an absence of three years and ten months. He left for the U. S. in June 1927, accompanied by Jesus Sto. Tomas Cortez and Speedy Dado.

During his sojourn in the U. S., Fernandez met the best of them, including boys who were later on crowned world's champions including a fight with Battling Battalino, the featherweight champion of the world. Fernandez' record is most impressive in fact, no other Filipino, not excluding the late Pancho Villa could boast of such a record as Fernandez can show. Fernandez reached the Windy City in time to grab off his first engagement in American soils, with Abe Goldstein, former bantamweight

champion.

It was a 10-round semi-final to the Tony Canzoneri-Bud Taylor scrap at

Wrigley Field. Fernandez got off to a flying start by knocking out Goldstein in seven heats. Incidentally, the defeat sent the 118-pound ruler into retirement. Ignacio then defeated Joe Lucas, Johnny Farr and Harry Forbes. Fernandez' first set-back was his defeat by Archie Bell, and this was due to the fact that Fernandez weakened himself trying to make the 118 lb. class, which, he had outgrown. Ignacio's fight with Tony Canzoneri was unanimously pronounced a great one. Tony won the



*Fernandez Sparring with Dado*

nod, but he knew he had been in a real fight. After getting a draw with Gaston Charles and getting a draw with Dominick Petrone, Ignacio fell victim of the flu. His next fight was with Andre Routis who later won the feather weight crown from Canzoneri. Routis bested Fernandez. Baby Sal was Fernandez' next victim via the K. O. route. Sal is the boy who later on gave Tod Morgan a tough argument. His other fights were with Al Singer (twice), whom he kayoed in the first round only to drop the decision in the return encounter, a return bout with

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Tony Cansoneri, to whom he lost again, Kid Chocolate, who bested him, and Battling Battalino, the featherweight ruler, who knocked him out in the fifth round. Incidentally, Battalino was the only boy credited with a K. O. over the tough Filipino boy, and the K. O. was seriously questioned by those who saw the fight.

Although Fernandez could not give the writer the exact figures of his purses in his fights in the States, he remembers the following, however:

Al Singer (second fight) . . . . .	\$ 9,000.00
Battling Battalino . . . . .	\$8,000.00
Tony Canzoneri (return bout) . . . . .	\$7,000.00
Kid Chocolate . . . . .	\$7,500.00
Al Singer (first fight) . . . . .	\$3,500.00

Asked to explained the difference between his actual earnings and what he was supposed to have received for his own



Ignacio Fernandez

end, Fernandez stated that training expenses ran to high

figures. Sparring partners day I got it from the factory cost about \$10.00 each for I had a smash-up and the car two or three rounds, and went to pieces. I bought another one, and I was then more \$300.00 per week. What-careful, and after a few months, I sold this second car paying off such expenses, and bought a Windsor Straight 8, which is the car self and his managers. "And I now have in the States." then" Fernandez smilingly added, "good times cost a whole lot of money over there!"

"Then how do you explain your statement to some local newspaper reporters to the effect that your share of all your purses only amounted to about \$10,000.00" we asked him.

"I was either misunderstood or I did not explain myself correctly" replied Fernandez. "What I meant to say was that \$10,000.00 more or less, is all that I was able to use to good advantage. The rest of my money went out the easy way. You see to begin with, I bought myself a new car, and the same-

"Of course not! I own a nice bungalow in Los Angeles, worth \$6,000.00, an automobile, worth \$1,500.00 and I have some money in the bank in Los Angeles. And then I have enough clothes to wear. When asked as to his reported rupture with his managers in the United States, Fernandez stated that this is not correct. He claims he left the United States with the knowledge and consent of his manager, Jesus Sto. Tomas Cortes, and that his only kick against Frank A. Churchill is the fact that Churchill does not give any con-

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formed for Fort Mills three or four seasons. He has been ground in the ways of the pro league.

But to the youngsters who have just been recruited into the league, Cepeda Acuña Santos and Echem the going has not been entirely rosy. Cepeda, for instance has had off days at the third base position of the Wilson team and the unmerciful razzing from the bleachers which are far more cutting than college razzing has rankled his nature. Cepeda went into the Big Leagues with an enviable reputation as a hitter and as a dependable third baseman. When he left the U. P. team it went on the rocks and he stood out among the shining performers at the last Olympic Games. Yet, he confides playing in the P. B. L. is "different". Some of that high spirit of elation which comes over a youngster which has been catapulted into fame and near-fame by early success and accomplishment has been taken out of him and he is now a more conscientious ball player than he ever was before.

Acuña, who earned a reputation in college as one who never got ruffled, who always kept his head and his temper, has likewise found playing in the professional league "different".

"I tell you, although I can't understand why, playing in the P. B. L. isn't like playing in the amateur leagues. It looks as easy from the grandstand or bleachers but believe me I have found out what that term "fast company" means"

Acuña, was being groomed by his mother and father to be an up and coming abogado but this good-natured youngster stayed in college only two and a half-years just long enough to develop into a first class first baseman. From the U. P. he went to the bureau of customs where he had the opportunity to improve his playing, which he did. Once Bobby Robinson's scouts got a sight of the left handed first sacker and signed him up. Acuña is being kept in reserve for the time—which old ball fans think will come soon—when "Old Man" Regis will crack under the strain of over twenty years of ball playing. Acuña has been given several chances in the outfield and has acquitted



Ramon Echem

himself creditably.

Echem, the colorful and flashy athletic hero of Ateneo, has not fared as well in the pro ranks as either Cepeda or Acuña. In his first game in the league his sharp batting

eyes deceived him and this speedy little ball player struck out three times in a row—the same young feller who was one of the surest batters in collegiate baseball circles.

No sir, playing in the local big leagues is not easy. Yet these college boys like it and they're going to stick until they get kicked out. And it will not be an exaggeration to predict that in the future two or three times more college men will be seen wearing professional uniforms even within the next three or four years. Because even if the professional league offers no great financial inducements the love of the game is strong and the call of the diamond is too enticing to go unheeded by many of the present day youngsters in whose hands lay the future of local baseball.

**FERNANDEZ MAKES**

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cern to the personal welfare of his boys. As an example, Fernandez cites the fact that, Churchill never worries on the outcome of a fight where one of his boys is

concerned and never takes the trouble of looking him up after a bout. Fernandez stated, however, that upon his return to the States, he will have to submit himself to his old contract with his managers, as the agreement ties him for another year.

Asked to narrate his defeat at the hands of Battling Battalino and Kid Chocolate, Fernandez was all of a sudden in an uproar and the best way to describe it are his own words: "When a man is threatened with a .45 'pop-gun', with gansters behind it, and a proposed 'nice ride', unless he agrees to lie down, there is no alternative but to take the safest way out of the mudhole. And this is what happened in my Battalino fight for the featherweight title of the world. In my bout with Chocolate, I was suffering from tonsilitis and one of my blood vessels started to trouble me during the fight. I was later taken to the hospital because of blood poisoning." When pressed for his opinion as to the better boy between Chocolate and Battalino, Fernandez unhesitatingly pronounced himself in favor of the Cuban wonder, and further stated that if they meet on the level, Battalino would not have a show against the "keed".

Fernandez' last fight in the U. S. was against Battling Siki whom he knocked out in the 5th round.

Fernandez, returns a full fledged lightweight, and states he cannot make the featherweight limit any more. In a short workout at the Olympic Stadium's Gym, Fernandez showed wonderful speed, and a terrific kick in each mitt. He looks a very much improved boy and showed some real class in his workout.

Enrique Sto. Tomas Cortes, a local engineer, and a brother of Fernandez' manager in the States, is handling the boxer's affairs in the Philippines.

As to Fernandez' first opponent in Philippine soil nothing is yet known. Efforts are being made by Bebeng Gutierrez, manager and match maker of the Olympic Stadium, to import some good boy from either the U. S. or Australia. Offers have been made to Kid Chocolate and Al Singer, but so far no reply has been received.

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