

A CORNER IN THE SPORTS MARKET

Fortunato Catalon, once upon a time, the greatest sprinter in the Orient is seriously contemplating a comeback in the amateur fold. "Cats" the great "Catron" has confidentially stated that if he could only get a job outside of coaching where at present he is considered a professional, he would ask for a year's reinstatement. In the meantime he would train and when the 1932 Olympic Games role along, Catalon would be one of the boys trying for a berth on the Filipino squad. Just as things stand, it looks like there is no chance whatsoever for the great speed marvel of a decade ago. Charley Paddock, the "fastest human" notwithstanding the fact that he is older than Catalon, is training for the World Olympiad, so why not Catalon?

Alfredo Diy the Sampaloc Net Star has joined the fold of Benedicts when he took unto himself "a bride for better or for worse". We wonder when his partner, Mauring Zamora will follow suit. He seems to be one of those in the brink of falling into the matrimonial sea. Set the date Maurice and do not forget the "invites".

The featherweight division will be very lively pretty soon with the reported return of Young Nacionalista and Fernandez', arrival. With Rough Dumaguilas and Max Tarley to put up the opposition, the local fans ought to have several weeks of first class fights. Rumors have it too that Bud Taylor the Terre Haute, Indiana fighter who is in Australia at present has the intention of visiting these fair isles. If he should decide to

come over, an Open air smoker will be necessary as the Olympic Stadium will not be big enough to accomodate the fans who are willing to pay any reasonable amount to see good fighters cross mitts.

It is a pity that Kid Johnson the ertswile Iloilo Typhoon is already washed out. He ought to draw a big house against his former conqueror Young Fernandez. The Couple of bouts staged by these two boys at the peak of their career are local ring classics. It is gratifying to know nevertheless that Johnson will meet Johnny Hill, former triple title holder of the Orient and now a shadow of his own self. This fight should be a "natural". Both still have the punch, but the legs are not the same as of old. The first man to land will no doubt win by the short route. It will be a brief fight but rip tearing as long as it lasts.

Cristeto Regis "grand pop" of Philippine Base-ball has been the target of a lot of panning of late. Whether he deserves it or not is out of the question, but the fact is that Regis was once upon a time a great player. His sensational catches have been a treat to the eye.

There are quite a few boxers who get away with murder at the Stadium, yet no thing is said about them. Regis is no doubt doing his best, but twenty years in base-ball is enough for any one and though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. Those who claim to be prize fighters on the other hand stage clownish exhibitions but instead of being routed out of the

Stadium, they are given fights consistently.

The Bohemians and the Aurora Booters continued their long standing feud when both outfits met a fortnight ago and tied the score 1-1 after a listless and colorless game. The two teams lined up their players wearing the colors of their respective clubs but the spirit of the players and of the rooters that characterized the games of a decade ago was not there.

In the Bohemian line-up only one old timer, Manolo Nieto is playing on the team although he did not participate in the first games already played. In the Aurora outfit, Jesus Cui and Carmelo Manzano are the only members of the original team.

Lobregal, Chacho Lopez, Manolo Nieto, Loizaga, the Villareals of the crack Bohemian team have already faded out of the picture and so have the Quintanas, Fuentes, Altonagas, Tejadas and Fernandez of the A. A. C.

The last minute dropping of the proposed tour by the Santo Tomas foot-ball team was certainly a blessing for several soccer squads in the Manila foot-ball League.

Rumors have been going about swimming circles that San Beda will be a real menace for acuatic honors in the coming intercollegiate championships next season. Ulka Mangona, Olympic "shark" and mainstay of the champion Santo Tomas squad will enroll at San Beda next year. With him will go other young joloano swimmers to strengthen the already well known Junior team

of the Red White Boys. With San Beda as a potential contender, Sto Tomas and the U.P. the only strong swimming schools in Manila will have to look for their laurels.

Ateneo's crack base-ball squad will be considerably crippled next season with the graduation of Ramon Echem, star moundsman of Olympic fame.

Manny Roa, olympic outfielder and a blue and white "big gun" is another ball player lost via the graduation route.

The stay of the Thomasite booters means that the Columbians will have the services of Emilio Heredia and Emilio Pacheco two men who were slated to go with the Sevilla delegation to Japan and China.

The San Beda Athletic Club can use Gregorio Tudangca and J. Medina olympic half backs, while the Aurora has Arturo Fanlo and Jesus Cui to bolster up its defense and offense. Both were also on the Varsity line up.

The Bohemian crowd gets the real break as Paquito Gutierrez, Emilio Ugarte, Long Ortigas, Mendez, Alegre, and a few others will stay to defend the prestige of the red sashed players.

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