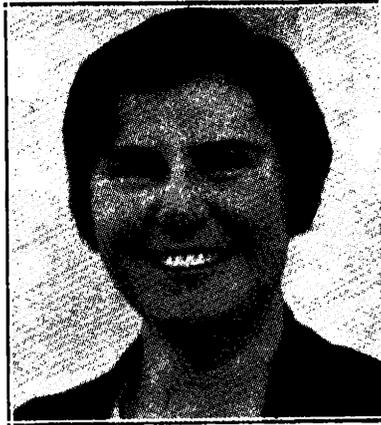


# The Soul Of Golf

**“DISCOURAGED!!!** I deny the imputation.” Those five words broke in on my hearing, poised a moment, then went crashing down deep to strike a mighty and harmonious chord. There was only one place she could have found that line. She had been reading a book I know almost by heart. Instantly I realized I could talk to her in a different language. We had something in common bigger than the love of golf, as big as all outdoors. I interpreted it as an invitation to explore her deeper consciousness. I would not have dared even knock without encouragement, to enter before was unthinkable.

I have read many lives of great men and great women and learned that almost invariably they had a discipline of mind, a faith in the inner self and the knowledge which enabled them to use a great power. I have suspected suc-

cessful athletes of the same use of this belief but never before was able personally to verify it, never even remotely able to approach their sacred sanctuary of deeper than surface thoughts. Though I felt positive that if one might penetrate without offending the deeper consciousness of successful athletes, would show them exercising the faith in their games which success-



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now hold many championships and bid fair to break all existing records. Both had been terribly alone on the sea of life learning “control” by the self—to one who exalts in a conquest what greater appeal can there be than in the high adventure of self mastery—here is no mean battle.”

Possibly the golf course affords as good an object lesson in the futility of unbridled passions as any place on earth.

There is something insidious about the game which leads players into a fatalistic and consequently weak frame of mind, into silent rages completely demoralizing—superstitions which break up concentration. The effort of keeping well poised exerts a constant pressure. The golfer never dares to tear into that ball snuggling so close to mother earth, so in league with old man par in their combined efforts to completely demoralize the unwary.

The golfer must acquire some sort of sane, practical philosophy. Where do they find it or may I say fall into it or deliberately seek it?

The way may be pointed out by interested friends. More than likely it is ferreted out single handed and assembled secretly in a hidden place, than upon the “magic carpet—they rise and scale the heights of achievement.”

The golfing mind, that intricate, illusive delicate and all altogether subtle little piece of anatomy, functions smoothly, in harmony, poise and concentrated, one day giving to its possessor a feeling of blessed relief from the frailties of human nature

then the next golf day finds it a seething whirlpool of unadulterated treachery, full of unpleasant and loathsome thoughts, hate and fear—disgust and discouragement yes, they all enter into this

ful men and women exercise in their big business and their daily lives.

Is it as natural to call on this power to win a game as to win happiness in any other way.

The skillful playing of a game is an art and a science. To win requires more than mechanical skill. Behind every courageous act must be a force of character and a habit of mind as carefully disciplined and trained as the muscles are taught to respond in certain definite actions.

I rather suspect that more than several athletes have gone through the same training and have finally hit upon the same trail, such as:

Taking up at first every suggestion proffered—result general chaos.

Gradual elimination of childish tricks and unprofitable ideas—a general tearing down.

Then a building up of the individual according to his or her special ability to acquire the proper mechanics concentration and self confidence.

A final self mastery.

Two of America’s greatest golfers were fine shot makers, one seven years, the other four years before they won top honors. Even though admittedly more mechanically skillful than their opponents neither had acquired the winning habit of mind. Both

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## Ceferino Garcia Stakes His Welterweight Crown Against Frankie Malinao, Cebu Slugger



Ceferino Garcia, the popular Tondo boy, who after a couple of years in retirement staged a successful comeback a month ago when he bested Buffalo Joe Hall at the Olympic Stadium will be called upon to defend his welterweight crown against the youthful Frankie Malinao of Cebu, Al Kessel's hope for championship honors, at the Avenida Rizal swat emporium to-nite.

On paper Ceferino looks like a sure cinch of coming out on the long end of the fray

as he is no doubt the more experienced battler of the two. Then too, Pering as he is popularly known in, cauliflower row defeated the dusky battler from Buffalo, the same man who gave Malinao his first set-back in the local ring. Malinao's recent victory was scored over poor aging Irineo Flores, the last of the Flores fighting clan. Malinao's victory over the veteran leather pusher was no doubt decessive, but he met in Flores only a shell of the former hard-hitting Neong. Frankie has not got a punch worthy to brag about but he is cool under fire and very effective with his jab. Ceferino on the other hand is clever, with more polish in his foot-work and capable of standing a heavy barrage of fists. His punch is rather ordinary, but his one-two to the face is annoying and if he keeps up his style, will easily defeat Kessel's protegee. The Sports Review picks the champion to retain his crown, although Malinao is expected to give a good account of himself.

Alberto Gretez, Spanish fighter who blew into town last week with the purpose of staging a few bouts in Manila will be on hand to challenge the winner of tonight's fight. The Spaniard is a welterweight and judging by his record in Autralia where he cleaned up with ease he will be welcomed by local

fight fans

A good semi-final between Young Dencio and Dommy Reyes, and a fair card of preliminaries support the championship affair.

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"thing called golf" as much as they enter into life.

Since the troubles of the golfer are all "self-gotten, wounds all self inflicted—and pain self brought"—this very act emphasizes his loneliness and makes it more important than ever that he be fortified and sustained by something. With some it is a faith, with others a philosophy, with most it is simply a calm which comes from being in spiritual harmony with the universe. In no other activity of life is the individual more blessed with scenic beauty than on our golf courses, and this beauty alone, should bring calm and happiness to the golfers' soul.

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

#### Main Event

Ceferino Garcia vs. Frank Malinao  
12 Rounds, 147 Pounds  
Welterweight Championship

#### Semi-Final

Young Dencio vs. Dommy Reyes  
8 Rounds, 112 Pounds

#### Special Event

Joe Eagle vs Kid Bayani  
4 Rounds, 118 Pounds

#### Main Preliminary

Fighting Yaba vs. Ben Antura  
6 Rounds, 120 Pounds

#### Preliminaries

Joe Rigner vs. Strong Corbett  
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