

Chico Vejar To Appear In Garden

NEW YORK — Dramatic student Chico Vejar gets a personal appearance at Madison Square Garden Jan. 4 because he evaded the descending curtain in the second round at St. Nicholas Arena last night and then battered welterweight Carmine Fiore until he was redder than his name.

Chico's unanimous decision victory over Brooklyn's Fiore in their television 10-rounder earned him a main event at the Garden with Enrique Bolanos of Los Angeles.

In the second round it appeared 20-year-old Vejar from Stamford, Conn., would suffer the second de-

Stepping in for Joe



Coach Neyland's Volunteers Take Swell Record To Bowl

By JULIAN GRANGER Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gen. Bob Neyland who learned the soldier's maxim at West Point that the best defense is a good defense is making the reverse pay off with his Sugar Bowl-bound Tennessee football team.

Neyland, who served as an aide at the point when Gen. Douglas MacArthur was its commanding officer, teaches his Volunteers—the nation's No. 1 gridiron machine this season—that the best offense is a good defense.

That strategy has paid off during 20 "Neyland years" with 163 victories, 24 defeats and 11 ties in 198 regular-season games. How well it works against the best ground-gainer the Vols face this season will be determined when

they tackle Maryland in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 1.

Neyland regards the Terrapins—not the Vols—as the nation's No. 1 team. And he thinks Jim Tatum is one of the country's finest young coaches. He said today that the Vols will have to play their best game to win.

TAKING IT EASY

Yet, while the Terps have been undergoing almost daily drills, the general has let the Vols off with only a few workouts. Sad experience in his "grand circle" of the major bowls was taught him that rest often is a better touchdown tonic than constant scrimmaging.

His teams have won only two games and scored 50 points to the opposition's 55 in two trips to the Orange Bowl and one each to the Rose, Sugar and Cotton Bowls.

Neyland's constant strategy is that the other team, bowl-bound or not, will always make mistakes. What's more, he knows that long punt returns in series often can be more damaging than an end sweep by his All-America tailback, Hank Lauricella, or the crunching off-tackle drives of Hank's understudy, Harold Herky Payne.

REALLY HAUL 'EM BACK

Against 10 opponents the single-wing Vols returned 47 punts for 800 yards—the equivalent of eight touchdowns—while their foes got only 144 yards in 18 returns!

This year Lauricella, Payne and

fullback Andy Kozar—with guard John Michels and wingback Bert Rechichar opening the way—ran up the biggest sum of points ever scored in one season by a Neyland-coached team—373 to 82.

Power told for the Vols. They netted 3,068 yards rushing while holding the opposition to 1,077 but their passing fell short, 617 to 1,163.

Hurrian' Hank got the biggest

bite with 881 net for a 7.9 average. Conference in scoring with but Payne led the Southeastern points.



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OUTFIELDER Mickey Mantle holds one of his own shoes in Commerce, Okla., and wonders whether he will be able to fill the fabulous footwear of retired Joe DiMaggio. Yankee manager Casey Stengel tapped Mickey to take over the spot in center field which Joe played brilliantly for many years. (International)

feat in his career of 37 professional bouts; for a left-hook to the kisser dropped him to the canvas.

HAS WHAT IT TAKES

Though badly hurt, Chico lurched to his feet at the count of seven. Then stocky Fiore tore after Chico and staggered him thrice before the gong sounded.

Vejar, a dramatic student at New York University, provided the 1,338 fans with plenty of drama in the third round. He rallied magnificently and with a fiery, but intelligent assault took command and held it throughout.

Vejar gave Fiore a 3-1 underdog, such a beating that Dr. Vincent Nardiello considered stopping the bout at the end of the seventh session because of gashes in both of Fiore's brows, on his left cheek, and his nose bridge and in his lower lip.

PROFESSORS FITCH IN SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. — Dr. John Goulding, instructor in science at Shepherd College, had his hand caught in machinery on his farm, so fellow faculty members decided to help. While Goulding was being treated at a hospital, faculty members and students pitched in to husk the corn crop on the Goulding farm.

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