

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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NEW YORK (AP)—A choir singer and a plasterer, two eager men with bright flatic dreams, were at the boxing crossroads today and only one of them could take the high road.

Don Williams, 23-year-old choir singer, and Gil Turner, 21-year-old former plasterer, meet in a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night. The winner will be in line for a welterweight title fight with champion Kid Gavilan.

For both of them it is a make-or-break engagement. More so, probably, for Williams. Because by breaking the undefeated bubble which Turner has created in 29 straight victorious fights, he could project himself undeniably into the championship picture.

Williams proven recently that winning the title wasn't beyond him when he fought to a split de-

cision with Gavilan in a non-title go. The rangy youngster came off the floor twice to win one judge's nod but trailed in the point scoring by the close count of 289 to 285.

A fighter since 1947, after an 18-month hitch in the Marines, Williams will go into this one as a two or three-to-one underdog who must win. In 67 fights, he has won 56 and scored 32 knockouts. Losing this one could remove him from the front ranks of the challengers.

Yet, young Turner needs this one, too, to prove that his Philadelphia-made reputation is not a home-town product. Gil, boxing only three years, became a sensation in the Quaker City as he ran up an undefeated string which includes such names as those of Beau Jack, Charley Fusari and Ike Williams.

Then he was brought into the Garden, boxing's mecca, last December and failed to live up to his reputation as he scored an unconvincing decision over Vic Cardell. The question was whether he "froze up" in his first big out-of-town fight, and this seemed to be the answer.

There is some doubt as to whether Turner, even if he wins this one in which he is so heavily favored, would accept a shot at Gavilan. He has been brought along slowly, a rare occurrence in the money-hungry fight game, and this caution may be extended even in the event of his victory over the rugged Williams.

But a loss would dull his lustre and set him back immeasurably. So, Turner promises a real fight. Williams does, too. For he knows that he has even less time than Turner and victory would put him right up there at the top. It makes for quite a fight.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Two women golfers were killed today when a Navy fighter plane crashed near the seventh hole of the swanky Timuquana Country Club course here.

They were identified by a local funeral home as Mrs. Brady S. Johnson, wife of a prominent

HIGH SCORER



NORMA SCHOULTE, 6-foot, 4-inch hot-shot of the Monona High school girls' basketball team, broke scoring records all over the place as she poured in 111 points to lead her team to a 132-12 victory over Harpers Ferry, Ia., in a sectional tournament. Norma shows how easy it is for her to adjust drapes in her home in Monona, Ia. (International)

Florida dairyman, and Mrs. Mary Dempsey.

the club, said the two women were playing the seventh hole when the plane crashed. The girls' parents said that there were no other golfers in the party.

Manager Tom Holmes Building Young Team

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BRADENTON, Fla. (AP)—Tommy Holmes' youth movement in his first full season as manager of the Boston Braves appeared on the verge of paying dividends today.

Prospects are that six or seven of the 18 rookies he has in camp will make the club.

"We are, of course, shooting for the works," Holmes said, "but I definitely have decided to go with the kids this year, even if they cost us ball games. We found out last season we couldn't win with what we had, so we decided to rebuild."

"It's 1953 and 1954 I'm thinking more about than 1952, but that doesn't mean we are conceding a thing this season. When you have to go with youngsters, you know they are going to make costly mistakes, and I only hope our fans will stay loyal to us and give the kids a chance to develop. Then we are going to give them a real good ball club."

Holmes refused to single out any of the rookies, claiming "the field is wide open and every one of them has a chance to stay."

The Braves skipper is spending most of his time with the kid infielders, for the Boston inner defense last season was a sieve. "The infield is my big problem," Holmes admitted. "I'm hoping to come up with three kid infielders who can play third, second and short. We are set at first with Earl Torgeson although George Crowe, a rookie, is a mighty fine prospect and is going to give Torgy a good battle for the job."

Two of the most highly touted rookies are third baseman Ed Mathews and Billy Klaus. Mathews is the better hitter, but Klaus, according to Holmes, is a "major league right now so far as fielding is concerned."

"I'm working on Klaus' hitting, and he is showing improvement," Holmes said. He hit 285 at Milwaukee last season and was coming along fast at the end.

Billy Todd, who hit 311 at Milwaukee, and John Dwyer, up from Atlanta, where he hit 334, are crowd-pleasers. Roy Hartfield and Sissy Skel for second base; while at short, Holmes is hoping that John Cusick, acquired from the Cubs, will fill the bill.

Other rookies Holmes lauded included pitchers Dave Cole, Gene Conley, Dick Hoover, Virgil Jeter, Margaret Thiel and Ernie Johnson; catcher Paul Burris and outfielders Jack Daniels, Robert Thorpe, and Tom Whitehurst.

"All have a good chance to make the team," Holmes said. "The competition is so keen that I'll wait until just before the season opens before I settle which of the rookies

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