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(oday's Sports Parade By OSCAR FRALEY United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (P) - Fourteen years ago the mother of 15-year-old Cuban youngster sought out a Havana fight anager and asked him to handle her boy because he anted a career in the ring.

"I want you to take good care of my Nino, my little she admonished. The manager promised and then almost fell over in

a faint.

For the "little one" was a strapping six-footer who lowered head and barn - door shoulders over anything which ever had come out of the sugar cane fields.

Thus "little" Geraldo Ramos Valdes became "Nino" Valdes. And after 13 years as a professional, weary un-successful years in which he once quit the ring in disgust, Nino climbs through the ropes at Madison Square Garden on Friday night with high hopes of eventually winning a shot at the heavyweight championship of the world. Opponent Named

His opponent will be James J. Parker, another beheouth who matches Nino's six feet, three inches and 210 ounds. It is a bout unmatched for sheer poundage by hything since Frimo Carnera fought the mammoth Ray impellitiere in 1935. It also promises to be a better fight than that one because Parker has won 17 straight, 13 by

And because he won't be fighting the Valdes who was kayoed by Joe Louis in a 1950 exhibition and the follow-ing year turned his back on the ring to return to the cane fields.

A new manager and new hope changed all that for

Nino. Bobby Gleason, who piloted Phil Terranova to the Teatherweight championship of the world, picked up Val-des at the end of that year of idleness. His first chore was to build up Nino's confidence and instill a new incentive

Wasn't Easy "It wasn't easy," Gleason admits. "We won a few but then we lost four in a row. We couldn't get heavyweights to fight us and the light heavies moved too fast for Nino after his long layoff." The turning point came when Nino went back to Ha-vana and beat Omelio Agramonte for the Cuban heavy-weight title last July. "Since then," Gleason says happily, "Nino has been a different fighter. He wants to train hard and he stays up in spirits."

The record would seem to substantiate him. In his next bout, Valdes upset Ezzard Charles, although Ezzard admittedly took it easy in training for this "soft ttouch." Mino then won two more before he went to Germany and quickly flattened Heinz Neuhaus, the European heavy-weight king. And, in his last bout, Nino won from Archie McBride to run his victory string to gix in a row. Mino is even convinced that he should have won all 15 fights under Gleason's management instead of having dropped those four in a row. "It was the black trunks," he insists. "In those four fights I wore black trunks, Not in any of the others. Nev-er again will I wear black trunks." To which the elated Gleason responds: "If I can get him into the ring against Rocky Mar-diano, and Nino gets the white trunks, we will win the beevyweight championship of the world."

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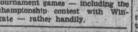


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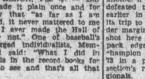


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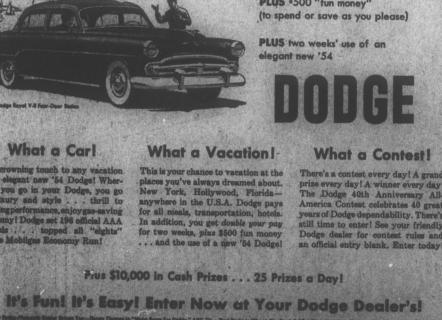
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Coach Everett Case

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VERO BEACH, Fia. (P. - Bill Twirvy made it plain once and for all today that "as far as I am "encemend, it never mattered to me whether I ever made the Holl of Forme or not." One of baseball's most runged individualists, Mem-whis Bill said: "What I did in baseball is in the record books for matters,"

NEW YORE (F) -- Indiana, which parlayed speed, stamina and sharp-shooting to the Big Ten Aile and thus qualified to defend its NCAA dhampionship, today was chosen college basketball's top team for the second straight year by the United Press Board of Coaches. Coach Branch McCracken's Hoos-lers who raced through one of the nation's toughest schedules with a 19-3 record, edged undefested Kentucky for the honor by a mar-gin of 310 points to 263 in the final 1963-54 rankings of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press Board.

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