

sports round-up



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IT MAY COME AS NO SHOCK to Joey Giardello, who defends his world middleweight boxing crown against Rubin (Hurricane) Carter here in Las Vegas on Oct. 23, to learn that he is the oldest of the reigning champions at 34 years of age.

But it could be disconcerting to Pal Joey to learn that Carter, at 27, is just about the same age as four of the eight men who now hold world titles.

Exactly half of the champs are 28 right on the button. They include light heavyweight Willie Pastrano, lightweight Carlos Ortiz, bantamweight Eder Joffre and flyweight Pone Kingpetch.

Youngest titleholder is Mexico's Vincent Saldivar, the virtual unknown who startled the boxing world by stopping Sugar Ramos for the featherweight crown recently. Vince is 21.

Heavyweight king Cassius Clay is 22 and welterweight champ Emile Griffith is 26.

Four fighters who have appeared in Las Vegas shows, three of them quite recently at the Castaways, get top billing on tonight's card at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Heavyweights Amos (Big Train) Lincoln and Chuck Lealie go in one half of the double-main. The other featured attraction brings together featherweights Mercer Smith and Larry (No Longer a Schoolboy) Flores.

John Hall of the Los Angeles Times reveals that Leslie, who whipped our own Jim Fletcher at the Castaways not so long ago shortly after Fletcher had stopped Lincoln here on cuts, was subjected to the ultimate indignity last week.

Leslie was knocked cold by sparmate Joey Orbillo, a young and comparatively inexperienced boxer, during a workout for tonight's bout with Lincoln!

ALL THOSE CALAMITY-HOWLERS who were claiming last spring that the United States track and field team was due for a shellacking in the Olympic Games at Tokyo this fall because our boys figured to be "burned out" by the time they reached Japan are now strangely quiet.

The way we man-handled the Russians at Los Angeles this summer and the superb performances of the American team candidates in the final Olympic trials would seem to indicate that the prophets of doom were 'way off base.

Ralph Boston's great exhibition in the trials was especially heartening after his long jump failure in the U.S.-Soviet meet. And our steady improvement in the distance runs could produce some startling upsets in the 1964 Games.

We may be wrong, but from where we sit, it looks like the Yanks will sweep the field at Tokyo.

DAVIS CUP HOPE—Arthur Ashe, first Negro ever named to United States Davis Cup squad, is shown as he lost to Australia's Fred Stolle, 6-3, 6-4, in quarterfinals of recent Pacific Southwest tournament at Los Angeles. Great future is predicted for young UCLA student from Richmond, Va., who is expected to reach peak next year in time to help United States regain Davis Cup won this year by Australia's Roy Emerson and Stolle over Chuck McKinley and Dennis Ralston of U.S.



OLYMPIC CHAMPS HERE—Taking part in Eddie Fisher's recent benefit show for the United States Olympic team at the Desert Inn were many former and present athletic greats. From left: Fisher, Bob Mathias, twice Olympic decathlon champion; Jesse Owens, sprinter-broad jumper who won four gold medals in the 1932 Olympics; Donna de Varona, swimmer who was youngest member of 1960 team; Wilma Rudolph, a double gold medal winner in track four years ago, and Pat McCormick, twice an Olympic champion in diving. Receipts from show will help defray expenses of U.S. team in 1964 Olympic Games at Tokyo, Japan.



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