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Cornerman Lewis always seems to be in trouble

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CARLOS 'PANAMA' LEWIS has drooped yet curts, a gold earring, and a gold front tooth that gives him a wicked cast. He waits in a bored slouch, and talks in a practiced Caribbean patois.

Over the past few years Lewis has worked as a trainer/handyman for his renegade Roberto Duran, "The Anchofero" Aaron Pryor and Ayub Kalule, among others.

A couple of years ago, Panama Lewis was traveling Antioquia for his rematch with Marcus Marvin Hagler. I walked into Antiofero's gym at Kumbier's resort and introduced myself to Lewis.

"Get out of here," he said fatly. "You are a spy for Hagler."

The next day Lewis let me watch the workout, concluding that I didn't know enough about boxing to be a spy. After the workout he invited me to his room, and we

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talked for a couple of hours. One of the things we talked about was Hagler's bold head, which is considered as worrisome as his fists. To "Vito," with skin like ancient parchment, it was a lethal threat.

"We are not worried," Lewis said. "Why not?"

"Before the fight the two camps had a rules disagreement over cut solutions. The Hagler camp insisted that Lewis and Freddie Brown, Vito's cutman, abide by the legal standard for cut solution — admission.

Everybody's worst fears were confirmed in the fight. Hagler bled "Vito" — accidentally, he said — in the first round and opened a bloody ravine on Vito's forehead.

In Antiofero's corner, Brown and Lewis probably applied a clear granular substance to Vito's face.

"That's side grime," Coach Peteroni, Hagler's trainer, screamed at referee Davey Pearl.

Whatever the grime was, and Petrov will never know, it didn't help Antiofero. Pearl stopped the bout after the fourth, and Lewis — who insisted that Hagler be disqualified for head butting — skulked away.

The next time I saw Lewis he was working Aaron Pryor's corner at the Orange Bowl. Same gold teeth, same wet curls, same gold earring. Alexis Argüelles was Pryor's opponent.

Television microphone caught Lewis' act that night. After the 13th round, which Argüelles rocked Pryor, Lewis asked for the "special mix" in four down Pryor's throat. In the 16th, Pryor put Argüelles to sleep.

Asked about the "special mix," Lewis said it was Perrier water for Pryor's upset stomach. But cutman Artis Curley said it contained peppermint schnapps. The Miami boxing commission never took it any further.

Lie a bad nickel, Lewis turned up at Madison Square Garden June 16, in the corner of junior middleweight Luis Riestra.

Riestra, a 187 journeyman, dethroned Billy Collins Jr., who was 14-0. Riestra's punches raised purple welts on Collins' face. Not known as a strong puncher, Riestra backed up Collins with jabs, even though he's not known as a strong puncher.

Recently, the New York State Athletic Commission explained why Riestra's punches were so destructive that night.

Lewis had cut pills on the inside of Riestra's gloves and removed the padding over the knuckles.

As a result, the New York commission revoked Lewis' license permanently, as well as that of Pedro Alvarado, a corner-

man. Riestra's license was revoked for at least a year.

Nobody could remember a cornerman being caught for a violation so mean. Jack Dempsey was suspended of using plaster in his gloves when he knocked out Jess Willard, but it was never proven, even though Dempsey's manager, Jack Keenan, admitted it before he died.

There have been unproved lifetime conspiracies — in Rocky Marciano's first fight with Joe Walcott and Muhammad Ali's first fight with Sonny Liston. Both Marciano and Ali were supposedly blinded by liniment smeared on their opponents' gloves. Both still managed to win.

Teddy Brenner reminded me that Ray Leonard complained about Duran's gloves after their first fight in Montreal. His face disfigured by the 16-round war, Leonard said, "His gloves felt like they had rocks in them."

Duran's third cornerman that night? Oh huh.

COMING FIGHTS

Tonight: At Osaka, Japan, Bruce Curry, Las Vegas, vs. Hiokura "Rocky" Aka, Japan. 12 for Curry, WTK super lightweight title.

At Atlantic City, Kenny "Bang Bang" Collier, New York, vs. Ed Green, Houston, N.Y., 11, lights.

At Los Angeles, Sports Arena, Nicky White, England, vs. Martin Tine, Phoenix, 11, junior middle.

Tomorrow: At Los Angeles, Uppinger Auditorium, Armando Urasa, Mexico, vs. Candido Tellez, Mexico, 10, mini fly.

New York, Pelt Forum, Pedro Vial, New York, vs. Ed Green, Houston, 10, welter; Juan Ramon Cruz, New York, vs. Edwin Luis Rivera, Jersey City, 10, light; Roberto Vinas, New York, vs. Dennis Cruz, New York, 10, junior light.

Sunday: At Atlantic City, Casano, Thomas Hearn, Detroit, vs. Murray Bathrand, Bay City, Mich., 10, middle.

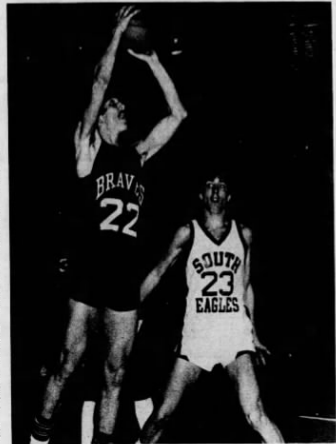
Rowing kicks off 'Games'

By ELLIOTT DENMAN Press Staff Writer

LONG BRANCH — For nine months of the year, Rick Stimpson is a teacher and track coach and Kevin Muller a college student, weight lifter, runner and soccer player. When summers come, both turn to boating, and allied sports.

Competing for the Long Branch life-guarding team, they made a high-velocity turn to rowing yesterday, training to win three races and dominate the 15th annual River Races staged by the Surf Life-saving Association on the Shrewsbury.

First held in 1966, those races were incorporated into the Garden State regatta this year and thus became one of the first final stages in the multi-sport event designed as "New Jersey's own Olympic Games."



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Some 300 rowers, paddlers and scullers took part and the first three finishers in each of the 12 events on the program were rewarded with the Olympic-style Garden State Games medals.

Looking like a pair of latter-day Mark Spitzes, gold medals draped around their necks, Stimpson and Muller also became the first celebrities of the Garden State Games.

"These races were just super," said Muller. "The competition was great. They were the best they've ever been."

Stimpson, 31, teaches at Maler Del High School and is assistant coach of the girls track team at Red Bank Catholic. Muller, 21, is a former varsity soccer player at Red Bank Regional now a senior at York College in Pennsylvania.

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The Van Dyke-Deane boat is their specialty and they muscled their way to victories in the races at one and three miles, and then the sprint finale. Three different competing pairs finished second behind them.

The rowing competition was staged in varying-class boats of Henkins and Van Dyke-Deane, weighing between 30 and 60 pounds, and sleek racing class boats, of less than 50 pounds.

Closest thing to an Olympic-style event was the one-mile race in Alden racing shells. New Jersey Rowing Club members Andy McNabb, Charles Gross and Neil Hughes placed 1-3 in this one.

Cheering them on was two veterans of major competition — Thomas Price, the postmaster of Eatontown, a gold medalist in the pairs-without-oarsman at the 1952 Olympic Games, and Betsy Barlow of Fair Haven, just back from a gold medal performance in double sculls at the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs.

THE FINAL TUNEUP for the Garden State Classic July 10 will be this Saturday's tripleheader at Wall Stadium featuring modified, sportsman and modern stock cars.

On Saturday at Wall Stadium, Tommy Comerford, Ray Everham and Gil Chesterfield will race, and Jerry Currier of Chesterfield will win the 10-lap feature. Don Stives was the condition winner.

"I rowed sweep oar as a freshman at Penn back in 1953-56," said Goodman. "But I got away from it and didn't pick up an oar until five summers ago."

"I'm a teacher of languages at Essex County College, in Newark, but I can hardly find words to describe the pleasure of this sport."

"Let me just say that when you get that perfect glide, you feel on top of the world."

Goodman's workouts are on the Passaic River, with other members of the New Jersey Rowing Club. "Once upon a time, the Passaic was one of the great centers of rowing. There used to be 10 different rowing clubs."

Auto Racing

Tommy Collins, Tony Crocino and Kevin Cramer took best races in the sportsman division, but Jerry Currier of Chesterfield won the 10-lap feature and the 10-lap consolation. Steve Spagnuolo, Jerry Carroll and Harold Danerly III won best races in the

Young spends his Knights watching incoming recruits

By TONY GRABAM Press Staff Writer

NEPTUNE — Rutgers University basketball coach Tom Young believes in getting the most he can out of his summer Knights.

The Knights in the Rutgers team of freshmen recruits, seniors and post-graduate students competing in the Jersey Shore Summer Basketball League.

"This gives us a chance to see our recruits for 12 games this summer rather than in a high school situation," said Young.

"Playing here gives them (Rutgers freshmen) an idea of what their teammates are like, and they're playing against good people," said Young.

With Rutgers losing four starters from last year's 23-4 Atlantic 10 regular season champions, Young is looking at more recruits than usual.

"I've had the second time we've brought in as many as six players," said Young.

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He's joined by 6-7 Mark Petersen from Oak Hill, West Va., 6-6 Mike Brown from Williamsport, Del., 6-7 Eric Higgins, who played at Passaic Tech High School and greyhound-like guard Steve Brown, who played at McCurtain.

"I can evaluate the players very easily out here," said Young who makes the trip almost any time the Knights play.

Before last night Zacker was leading the Rutgers recruits in scoring, averaging 24.4 p.p.t., and was second in total rebounds to Petersen, 27-36 (with 28 off the offensive boards).

But the slender forward was shooting just 37 percent (25-61) in the night air.

"It's a new beginning, you've got to adjust to the way the veterans play and you get nervous," said Zacker who scored 1,088 points and grabbed 987 rebounds at Mansfield.

"You get nervous as to what the veterans think of your performance," he said.

"I talk to Roy Hinson and he says just what we should play and don't worry about what we think."

Roy is trying to help out the young kids and he's helped me out a lot."

"I should take the jump shot. I can shoot the ball," said Zacker, who his in-stead been driving into the teeth of more physical play than he's accustomed to.

"It's just that I'm so accustomed to driving, I have to adjust my game," Zacker said.

"Zacker wants to drive all the time and he's too good a jump shooter to drive all the time," Young said.

"Steve (Brown) wants to come down (the court) and when he gets into the offense and when not to get into it."

"These are the corrections we have to make in the summer time as we watch them play."

"These freshmen are talented," said Young. "They need to play and get to know each other and this is one of the advantages they have playing down here."

NOTES — Hinson is in Cleveland visiting officials of the Cavaliers who made him their No. 1 selection in the NBA draft.

Mark Collins, former Rutgers player, is the Knights bench coach. NCAA rules prohibit college coaches from coaching their players in summer leagues.

Young indicated this Knights team may be a one-summer shot and that it exists mainly for the benefit of this year's large number of recruits.

Stuart and Ellen Silverman of Lakewood, both Rutgers students and basketball statisticians, attend all Knights games and provide Young with a Knighthood update statistical report.

"They're doing a great job of keeping track of what we think, they don't make mistakes," Young said.

Brown, who may have been as quick a high school player as he was in the state last season, leads the Knights in steals and assists.

"I don't know if having this team is a physical advantage (over other colleges) but it can't hurt," Young said.

Wall drivers tuning up for Garden State Classic

modern stock division while Bob Cranbrook took the 10-lap consolation and Jim Mize of Cliffwood Beach garnered the victory in the 25-lap feature.

Billy Courtwright of Washington won the 10-lap feature in the three quarter midgets division. Tom White and Courtwright won best races.

Street Stock CARS make their debut at the East Windsor Speedway tomorrow night along with the small blocks and late models.

A special Wednesday night racing event featuring the best of the National Small Block Modified Championship Series, is scheduled July 13.

THE MIDGETS LOCK up in a 40-lap 15-lap pay-off 200 in the winter tomorrow at Bridgeton Raceway.

Court won't allow Tose to sell Eagles

MEEDIA, Pa. — Lawyers for owner Leonard Tose and his daughter, Susan Fletcher, accepted a temporary injunction yesterday prohibiting them from selling the Philadelphia Eagles.

The court order was issued Friday on behalf of a group that holds a memorandum of understanding with the NFL team.

Judge Howard Reed continues the injunction, which prevents Tose and Fletcher from negotiating or selling the Eagles to any one he sides the group which now holds the memorandum. The case was continued in Delaware County court until Tuesday.

Attorney Robert Curran told Reed that he had discussed the terms with John Mulligan, who represents the group seeking permanent injunction, and Tose and Fletcher had agreed to accept the order.

Mulligan confirmed the agreement and said that Tose and Fletcher had been served with the court papers. The case had been continued from the previous day because Tose and his daughter both were in California and had not yet received formal notice of the injunction.

Curran said Tose was on the West Coast to talk with his banker, Crocker National Bank.

Tose and Fletcher returned to Philadelphia yesterday, Curran represented them and Fletcher's attorney was Patricia Jenkins.

Curran asked the judge to increase the \$25,000 security payment that accompanied the preliminary injunction since a sale of millions of dollars was involved, he said, and more reasonable amount ought to

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