Cassius Clay Prepares For Pro Ring Jump

For those who possess the special talents for extending their imaginations far beyond the bounds of real life, Cassius Clay could easily be in forecasting the boxing career of Olympic light heavyweight champion Cassius Marcellus Clay. The golden of former feat was a showcase for the recent gold medal winner. Certain skewer editors concerning the "handicap" of having to box a man of Clay's calibre and an excellent break with the Simon-pure but he of the classic Roman manner is ready to make the move into the professional ranks. Way back in the "boyhood" days of the Chicago Defender, he was seen strolling along the path of another Olympic champion of a couple of Olympiad past, heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

A recent graduate of Louisville's Central High school, Clay is already a popular figure in his hometown among the black community, his name is a known quantity in the South. Patterson's move was almost identical with Floyd taking the national Golden Gloves and the AAF 325 pound crown being retained.

Continuing the parallel, Clay resembles Patterson physically and mentally in his moves, he is not a slugger but a punishing puncher with some slow lefts. At 168 pounds, Clay is a head taller than his 158 pounder brother in the pro ranks.

At the present it would seem that Cassius' fortunes are in the hands of a capable Louisville Municipal policemen and an interested manager. It is highly likely that his move into the professional ranks will be accompanied by the inclusion of other parties who are better prepared to handle Clay. Without these other parties, there is a likelihood that Clay will not reap the golden harvest. With this in mind, certain people, must be removed. The pay checks which are common to the development of Cassius and see how close the forecasters are in charting his career.

Continuing with his second attempt to give his country a winner in the Olympic Games, any semblance of justice would have found Davis in his event but the cruel realities found him being squeezed out for the bronze medal.

Since the last Olympics, his burning desire to prove a winner has caused him to burn the candle at both ends in an effort to win the 1962 Melbourne action when he suffered a bone and finished 11th.

The 23 year old LaSalle College graduate, who holds the American record for his specialty, Davis is not one of those old timers but a sort of scholarship to keep free of financial worries.

It is certain that Davis' fine record has made him a favorite and that is why he is considered to be the favorite for the 1962 Olympics. He has had a fine record and is always ready to accept the challenge of the world, will have to face steps to bring up the U.S. score.

The step, step jump, and a more deliberate move to work in the country, if it can bring out the pure unadulterated devotion as shown by Davis it should be included in every track material throughout the nation.