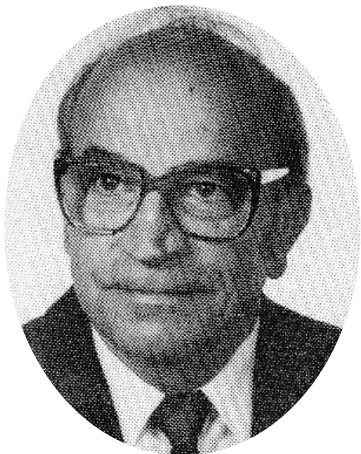


Dom Christopher



Dom Christopher was a shortstop on the Laurel baseball team right after World War II, but he probably is better known as an amateur boxer in the Chick Dorsey stable in the middle 1930s.

A featherweight, Dom boxed on a team that included heavyweight Eldridge Eatman, the Fuller brothers, welterweight Joey Cone, and Walter Horlick.

He won 17 of his 23 bouts over that period. One loss that stands out in his mind is a close decision to Joey Ianotti, who was state featherweight at the time.

Earlier in his career, in his second fight at the old Norwalk Armory, he was matched against his good friend Jimmy Dorta, whom he kayoed in the first round. Suddenly, as he watched his friend fall to the canvas, his eyes rolling back, fear struck the heart of the young boxer who had just learned of the death of another fighter

elsewhere in the country. But his friend recovered and Dom went on to fight again.

As a ball player, Dom concedes he played in the shadow of his older brother, "Rinky," a Laurel great, but he handled himself well in his short three-year career under coach Lou Racy.

Earlier, he played for Harlic Bag, and he recalls one game in which all four Christopher brothers played, two on each side. Dom was at short for Harlic Bag with his brother Quint at third. Opposing them for the Laurels were brothers "Rinky" at shortstop and Phil at second base.

A retired carpenter with the T.J. Riordan Company, Dom spends his time with two loves in sports — fishing and the Norwalk High School basketball team. In 20 years he has attended virtually every home game of the Green and White, including all of the games in which Calvin Murphy played.

Born in Ridgefield, Dom moved with his family to Norwalk at an early age, attending Norwalk schools. He married the former Ann Carrione and the couple has two sons and six grandchildren. They live at 3 Overbrook Road in Norwalk.