

Olympic boxing regional in Birmingham

By JOHN BOZZO

More experienced boxers better suited for international competition will participate in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Regional Olympic Qualifying Tournament, 7:30 p.m. May 20 at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln.

That's the view of Chuck Davey, a Birmingham resident and a former Olympic champion and successful professional

boxer. Davey once fought Kid Gavilan for the welterweight title of the world. He is still active in boxing circles as the Michigan Boxing Commissioner and a member of the Detroit Committee to Promote Olympic Boxing Trials.

"I won't say the boxers today are any better than when I was fighting, but the number of good fighters is greater now," Davey said. "Back in my day, there was one good fighter in every weight class, but

now there are a lot of good fighters in each class."

Although Davey believes his contemporaries were more mature as amateur boxers, because they were in the armed service during World War II, today's amateurs have more boxing experience.

"There are more amateur fighters now because there's not much money in professional fighting, except for the heavyweights," Davey said. "In my day, if a guy won the nationals one year, he usually was hired into turning professional. Today, it's not unusual to find an amateur with 100 fights."

In the 4th and 5th, Davey was the exception to the rule, having fought 100 amateur fights. Back then, colleges had boxing teams, and there was an NCAA championship at Michigan State University. He also boxed in the armed service. Since then, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has banned college boxing.

TODAY'S AMATEUR begins boxing at 11 or 12 years old in a Junior Olympic program, and by the time he's old enough to get an AAL license, at 16 and become a so-called sub-pro, he's an experienced fighter.

There are sub-province, novice and open class amateur fighters. All the contestants in Birmingham are open class fighters with a maximum of 12 fights or a major tournament championship on their records. Youngsters have more of an opportunity to get their experience early because there

are more gyms open for more hours now, Davey said.

This larger number of amateur fighters are now trained more in the international style of fighting.

"There used to be a lot of difference in the rules because Americans placed a lot more emphasis on the big punch, whereas international placed more emphasis on boxing style and self defense," Davey said.

"The popular pros were good punchers, and the amateurs emulated them. The kids today that represent the country are more the boxing type, rather than the punchers."

"Our boxers now tend to do more slipping of punches and more bobs and weaves," he added.

SPECIALIZATION is also creeping into the sport.

"Boxing, like other sports, is getting so you have to specialize," Davey explained. "Athletes in the 30s and 40s could play football and baseball. Now, to be a good athlete, you have to play basketball all year round. The same is true with boxing."

More amateur boxers than ever are competing in the sport, and Davey said it's not the Olympics or professional fighting that spurs interest.

"Boys naturally want to see who can handle their fists better," he said. "If you handle yourself well in your own gym and you do well elsewhere, you'll probably wind up in a tournament sometime."

There will be a lot of chance to see who can handle his fists better when the quar-

terfinals come to Birmingham after two preliminary events in other cities.

Birmingham Recreation Supervisor Roger Fauch said ticket sales are slow. The 85 ringside and 82 bleacher seats will probably be available at the door.

Fighting will be done simultaneously in two rings, with additional spectator seats being placed on the arena floor. About 1,000 seats will be available.

Tickets are on sale through the Exchange Club of Birmingham and at the Parks and Recreation office on South Eton. The Exchange Club is sponsoring the tournament, and all profits will go to support community activities, said Robert Kelly of the Exchange Club.

Those boxers who qualify from the quarterfinal will go to the semi-final rounds Friday, May 21, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena. They will be Saturday and Sunday May 22, at the Cobo Arena in Detroit.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A Special Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 10, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John H. Richardson, RML, C.M.L., Bennett Richardson, Tupper Yoder, Present.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Deedman, Director Byrnes, Clerk Viane.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1976-77

City Manager Deedman at the request of Mayor Richardson reviewed the expenditures and revenues of the proposed budget briefly and stated it had been necessary to propose an increase of 1.25 mills from last year's tax rate of 9.75 mills to 11.00 mills for the 1976-77 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Richardson opened the Public Hearing to the audience. Judge Michael J. Hand addressed the Council on behalf of the 47th District Court and requested consideration of additional funds for their operation.

Judge Margaret G. Scheffer, also representing the 47th District Court, asked consideration of a pension plan for court employees not presently covered by any pension plan.

Deedman followed.

5-78-183 Motion by Yoder, supported by Tupper, to adopt the following resolution: BE: IT RESOLVED:
That the Farmington City Council hereby grants an increase of \$1,428.00 to the 47th District Court 1976-77 Fiscal Year budget, to be funded from the unappropriated Fund Balance.

AYES: Bennett Richardson, Tupper Yoder.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Hartsock.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED May 10, 1976.

NEDRA VIANE, CITY CLERK

Mrs. Nanes Leonard, Farmington Historical Commission member, requested consideration of additional funds for the Historical Commission. City Manager Deedman stated that an adjustment had been made in the Community Promotion Account for the Commission increasing their total budget to \$700.00.

Mr. John Campbell, 2270 Cass, representing the Farmington Democratic Club pointed out that the budget allocation for recreation was somewhat below the recommended level suggested by the State. Mayor Richardson pointed out that each year the recreation program has progressed and that it was hoped it would continue up to do so in future fiscal years.

Commissioner Bennett stated that with reference to the funding of the Youth Assistance and FAU organizations, he felt they should be funded at the level indicated this year, that it was apparent we do need youth and family counseling services as has been shown by these two agencies, but he felt it very unfair to begin to talk about funding these agencies in April for the proposed budget. He would recommend that the two organizations be funded this year and that a nine-month study prior to the budget coming up in another year be made so that we are ready to go with some definite recommendations.

5-78-184 Motion by Bennett, supported by Tupper, that the City Council instruct the City Manager to pursue with the City Manager of the City of Farmington Hills the merging of these two youth services Farmington Youth Assistance and the Farmington Area Advisory Council—under one Administrative Head with a goal of offering equally effective or increased services for youth and family counseling with the goal of saving tax dollars under one Administrative Head, and that this be a consideration for next year. Motion carried, all ayes, Hartsock absent.

5-78-185 Motion by Yoder, supported by Bennett, to close the public hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 1976-77. Motion carried, all ayes.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET GENERAL FUND AND WATER & SEWER FUND FISCAL YEAR 1976-77

5-78-186 Motion by Tupper, supported by Yoder, to adopt the following resolution: **BE: IT RESOLVED:**
That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for operation of the City of Farmington, Michigan for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977:

GENERAL FUND:	
General Government	1,300,968.00
Public Safety	807,480.00
Public Services	411,180.00
Miscellaneous	208,345.00
Employee Benefits & Insurance	308,390.00
Other Expenditures	53,990.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,770,373.00
WATER & SEWER FUND:	
Operating & Maintenance	\$518,175.00
Capital Improvements	26,000.00
Debt Administration	1,000,000.00
Operating Balance June 30	13,397.00
TOTAL WATER & SEWER FUND	\$657,572.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,427,945.00

BE: IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay all claims and accounts properly chargeable to the foregoing appropriations provided that the said claims and accounts have been lawfully incurred and approved by the Council Board Commission, or other officer authorized to make such expenditures.

AYES: Richardson, Tupper, Yoder, Bennett.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Hartsock.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED May 10, 1976.

NEDRA VIANE, CITY CLERK

5-78-187 Motion by Tupper, supported by Yoder, to adopt the following Resolution: **BE: IT RESOLVED:**
That the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976 in the amount of \$2,381,848.00 as adjusted be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

BE: IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That to meet a portion of the budget cost, the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to spread taxes upon Real and Personal Property in the amount of \$11.00 per thousand of State Equalized Assessed Valuation.

AYES: Tupper, Yoder, Bennett, Richardson.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Hartsock.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED May 10, 1976.

NEDRA VIANE, CITY CLERK

There were no matters brought up before the Council of a Miscellaneous nature.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Bennett, supported by Tupper, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

JOHN H. RICHARDSON, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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