

# Olympic boxing quarterfinal a success

By JOHN BOZZO

The Exchange Club of Birmingham is holding the Eastern Regional Olympic Boxing Trials Thursday at the Ice Sports Arena has been a success from all quarters.

"The program was good," said Dick Nunley, Birmingham Fire Chief and a member of the Exchange Club which sponsored the event.

"There were some excellent fights. In fact, there were two knockouts right in a row," Nunley added. "If you like boxing it was a beautiful show."

Nunley estimated that after the Exchange Club paid expenses including \$250 arena rental to the City of Birmingham and split 30 percent of the profits with the Olympic Committee, it made \$900 for local charities.

"It was also the first attempt by the arena to put on something like this," Nunley said. "It was a real success for them. Now they think they can do it over and over again."

Darrell Middleton, supervisor of the parks and recreation department in Birmingham, agreed that the event was also a success for Birmingham.

Those who attended said they were good fights. Middleton said there was good attendance and it gave the arena some exposure that we might not otherwise get. It also gave us a chance to participate in the Olympics.

Peter C. Harlow, general chairman of the Detroit Committee to Promote Olympic Boxing, estimated that 2,000 people attended the quarterfinals.

Art Mahlebashian, Michigan Golden Gloves director, added that the spectators in the Ice Sports Arena were "the most lively crowd" he's seen in 10 years of watching Detroit area boxing.

Fans attending watched boxes from all over the Eastern half of the United States compete for a berth on the 1976 Olympic boxing team. Participants ranged from the 108-pound to heavyweight.

There was only one ring in operation during the quarterfinals, instead of the two expected.

"We didn't have as many fighters as we expected," Has Holak, of the Olympic committee headquarters, said. "A lot of people backed out before the start, it's the nature of the sport. There will be someone in each of their weight class and know he's going to go all the way through the tournament so there's no one in going in and taking a lot of punishment."

Those who stayed fighting and won their bout are:

In the 108-pound class, Tyrone Stewart of Washington, D.C. won by decision (four) Thigpen of East St. Louis 111, won by decision.

In the 112-pound class, Ivan Marder won by decision (four) Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, won by decision (four) Shaw Thomas of Kalamazoo won by decision.

son, Anthony Collins of Miami, Fla. won by decision.

In the 125-pound weight class, Ernest Winchester of Columbus, Ohio, won by TKO. Benny Trusel of Detroit was by decision. Robert Curry of Stewartsville, Minn., won by decision. Fernando Ramirez of El Paso, Texas, won by decision.

## Harrison nips Redford

# Falcons outslug PNH

Farmington High's batters had their eyes peeled in an Inver Lakes League double-header against Eureka Northern last week.

Farmington scored out a total of 27 hits in the two games, and the hitters by rounds of 17-1 and 11-3.

In the first game, Farmington scored five runs in the first inning thanks to a three-run homer by Dan Maren and a two-run homer by Rick Milbrer. Terry Hall a sophomore catcher, helped the Falcons by getting three hits in three trips.

Winning pitcher Kevin Delip collected his third straight victory. Delip also helped out with his bat, going three for four.

In the 135-pound division, Fred Lebrer of Keosauqua won by a third round TKO. Jay Leonard of Palmer Park, Md., won by a first round TKO. Anthony Jones of Elizabeth, Tenn., won by a first round TKO.

In the 156-pound weight class, James Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio, won by a third round TKO. Mickey Gowdin of Mel-

vonde won by decision. Dennis Stanley of Washington D.C. won by decision. Dave Braxton of Detroit won by decision.

In the heavyweight division, Window Clark of Miami, Fla. won by decision. Presnell Davis of Detroit won by decision. Johnny Tate of Nashville, Tenn. won by decision. Tony Tubbs of Cincinnati won by decision.

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# OU recruits top talent

By GLENN BUNTING

Oakland University's second year wrestling program was given a healthy boost this week when it announced the signing of eight prominent matmen to national letters of intent.

Four of the eight athletes are junior college transfers, with high school graduates comprising the remaining half. Coach Mike Haves is pleased with the caliber of the recruits and added that they will fill last year's student weight classes.

Rochester, Minn. wrestler Mike Mays and Dan Maskill head the list of out-of-state recruits, which has a strong local base. As selections to the Observer & Eccentric all area team and Rochester High most valuable wrestler, both Mays and Maskill are expected to see a lot of varsity action this fall.

Mays wrestled at Schererville, Ind. in his freshman season, before transferring to Oakland Community College for the winter semester. A sophomore, Mays will fill the heavy-weight spot vacated by brother John's departure.

Mike was a member of the 1975 Junior World Team and placed second in the Oakland A League. He was one of two recruits to receive attractive athletic scholarships.

MASKILL, WHO received a Student Life scholarship will be one of five OU wrestlers having in-camp. Rochester's captain last season, Maskill will compete at 142 pounds with Daniel Parks's Herb Hutnagel.

Haves's top recruit was Phil Laebing, a 98 pound senior from East Detroit High School. Laebing finished third in the Class A meet in February and has compiled an impressive list of achievements.

Among them are an Eastern Michigan League championship, a selection to the Maumee Circuit all area team and a regional crown. Laebing broke nearly every East Detroit wrestling record ranging from the quickest pin to the most individual fall points.

Steve Spanzola, Gary Abel and Vic Karras are Oakland's other junior college transfers. Spanzola graduated from Urea Eisenhower and wrestled at Maumee Community College last year. He placed fifth in the state meet in '75 and was in all courts, once.

Abel is a transfer from Schererville and OU and graduated from Walled Lake Western. A two-time Western Six champion, Abel is expected to compete at 190 pounds, a class where Oakland was extremely weak last year.

KARRAS IS a promising junior from Grand Rapids Junior College, who will compete in the 142 pound weight class. A Troy resident, Karras is a graduate of Howell (aka Kimball).

Mike Eble and Bernie Fratt round out the Pioneers recruiting list. Both graduating seniors, Eble attends Urea Eisenhower while Fratt is a Rochester student. Eble will receive a Student Life scholarship and wrestle at 118 pounds.

Fratt, who qualified for the state meet and was Oshkosh's most valuable wrestler this year, was actively pursued by Saginaw Valley and Ferris State.

Haves's wrestling team, which already numbers 19, will not have a senior on its roster next year. Returning will be a host of lettermen from OU's first-year squad.

Among them are standouts Chuck Seymour, Paul Cornelli, Buford, Dean Waldrup, Bob Cananough, Dennis Kaproncz and John Whitfield. Cornelli and Whitfield are Rochester. Adams graduates, Eble and Haves, are expected to return and will add to the Pioneers' depth.

LAST YEAR Oakland vied for the 177 and 190 pound weight classes during the latter half of the season. With the acquisition of Abel, the return of Whitfield and Hartig and possibly a pair of additional top notch recruits, Haves's upper weight competition will be solved.

In only its second year of wrestling competition, Oakland has lured several out-standing athletes to its campus. Coach Haves is looking to add four more graduates to the already attractive list of matmen.

The Pioneers have increased their number of home appearances this season to six, which includes a pair of collegiate wrestling meets. They are NCAA Division III champion, Montclair State and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference-GLIAC, opponent Northern Michigan University.

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