

# Farmington fighter defends Gloves crown

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Garry Martin successfully defended his Detroit Golden Gloves featherweight title Saturday night at Cobbs Arena and quickly reset his sights for

another, bigger goal — the national Golden Gloves championship.

Martin, a Farmington resident, ran up a big edge in points during the first two rounds of his three-round title bout with Jimmy Cole. But Cole came back



Farmington boxer Garry Martin survived a third-round knockout to retain his featherweight title in the 1980 Golden Gloves tournament last Saturday. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## in the pocket/W.W. Edgar

Judging by the attendance figures at the national championships being sponsored by the Pro Bowlers Association at Sunnyside Lanes in Sterling Heights this week, the Detroit area will play a major part in all future schedules and the area can be assured of at least one outstanding event each year.

Last year, the pros attracted more than 5,000 to Sunnyside even though it is only on 17th Street. This year's interest in the event, at least for the first few days, is almost certain to eclipse last year's figures.

In the past decade, the Detroit area has hosted the national event at Continental Lanes, several major competitions at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park and the national championships at Sunnyside.

And the fact that the finals are national television makes the Detroit area the big name of the pros' appearances. Few other cities in the country can match the Sunnyside figures.

THE WOMEN'S was a bit of stark drama in women's city meet over the weekend at Drakeshire Lanes when Imee Held's team from Beacon Recreation almost swept the top rung in the team event. The girls piled up games of 899, 846 and 992 for a 2,737. This count plus a spot of 489 pins, gave the team a handicap score of 3,226. This gave the team the lead in the handicap division and the actual total was only 12 pins short of the actual leadership.

MIKE LEE the southpaw who has been bowling quite well at Westland Bowl for the past month, put on a one-man show last Friday night.

Bowling from the port side, he struck games of 236, 259 and 259 for a 754. It was the only 700 barrier-breaking score of the week and it left his closest rivals very far behind. In fact, Gary Zorick, who conceded for a 269 game, was the only bowler to score a 700. While this gave him second place, he was 86 behind the leader. And Ken Anderson had a 667 for third place.

On the ladies side, Leandra Stawski showed the way with games of 234, 243 and 243 in 630. In the other Westland Leagues, Bob Karter fashioned a 279 in the All-Star and Joe Nicholas had a 270 in the Sunday Sleepers.

KEN JACOBS had an unusual experience at Plaza Lanes. Taking him in the men's league, he opened with 11 strikes. Then, of all things, he left 11

strong in the final round, sending Martin to the canvas to almost put out a victory over the defending champ.

Martin, fighting out of Johnson-Laskey gym, was much quicker and the aggressor during the final part of the fight. Cole failed to land a punch during the early going, as Martin's quick jabs kept him at bay.

The champion continued to roll up the points with a variety of combinations until the late stages of the second round. At that point it seemed Martin started getting tired and Cole, the stronger of the two fighters, began to work his way inside.

Martin rallied briefly in the early moments of the final round, but with 1:30 to go in the fight, Martin again appeared to tire and his quick jabs, which early in the fight had left Cole's eyes red and swollen, lost their effectiveness.

In the late stages of the fight Cole finally tagged Martin, knocking him to the canvas. The Farmington fighter was stunned but managed to get to his feet for the mandatory eight-count. He regained his senses and fought Cole evenly for the final 30 seconds.

HIS EARLY scoring kept Cole from

overtaking him, as Martin rolled to the victory. Jubilant supporters from the Johnson-Laskey gym carried their hero from his corner to the dressing room.

Martin had no time to celebrate his championship. Early Monday morning, less than 36 hours after his victory, he left for transport, LA, for the national

gym.

Brett Lally also attacked for three straight rounds, but his decision was much closer. Lally, a Livonia police bantamweight, just did outscore Terry Hills of King Solomon in the Police Athletic League (PAL) for the victory.

Lally's brother, Brad, was involved in the most controversial fight of the night. He battled Robert Tyus, the defending Golden Gloves champ in light middleweight, for the last two rounds but ended up losing a split decision to Tyus.

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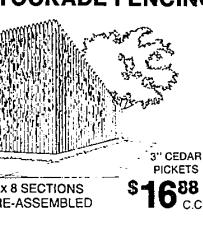
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