

Farmington fighter defends Gloves crown

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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 knockdown to retain his featherweight title in the 1980 Golden Gloves tournament last Saturday. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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

Martin, fighting out of Johnson-Leskey gymnasium, was much quicker and the aggressor during the first 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 still 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-Leskey 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 Shreveport, La. for the national tournament.

Three boxers from the Livonia Boxing Club were also involved in championship bouts Saturday and two won titles. Ronald Rothley, a novice flyweight from the Livonia club, was the aggressor all the way in winning a decision over Antione Bell of Kronk

gym.

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

Lally's brother, Bradd, 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.

in the pocket/W.W. Edgar

Judging by the attendance figures at the national championships being sponsored by the Pro Bowlers Association at Sunnybrook 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 15,000 to Sunnybrook even though it is out on 17 Mile Road. 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 Sunnybrook.

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

THERE WAS a bit of stark drama in the women's city meet over the weekend at Drakeshire Lanes when Imez Heid'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, coupled with 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 strung 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 connected for a 269 game, could do no better than a 668 series. While this gave him second place, he was 86 behind the leader. And Ken Anderson had a 662 for third place.

On the ladies side, Leandra Stawski showed the way with games of 231 and 243 in 630. In the other Westland Leagues, Bob Barker 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 his turn in the men's league, he opened with 11 strikes. Then, of all things, he left un-

the nine pin and had to settle for a 299 and a 654 series. You don't see the No. 9 left up very often.

THERE WAS some fancy shooting at Garden Lanes and Mark Hefner, bowling in the St. John BScoco loop, missed membership in the 700 club by three pins.

In the ladies classic Pat Lisowski showed the way with 648. Right behind her came Georgian Samuel with 625 and Mary Molacsi had a 595. In the St. Linus League, Ray Goganic had a 627 to top the list. Other double century shooters included Don Gavin with 611, Andy Stan with 613 and Charles Palmer with 607.

THERESA DERUS made good use of a 184 spot to win the weekly Livonia Ladies Classic. She didn't win a game but finished with 454-184 for 638. In the individual games, Pat Reid won the opener with 190-29—219. Marion Heath took the second with 194-29—223 and Shirley Schwartz took the third with 172-56—228.

ANN TROKE was the only one to better double century figures in the team event. She posted a 615 to beat June Buck by 19 pins. In the Golden Eagles loop, Wolf Nickerson was high with 634.

AT WOODLAND LANES Bill Wilson had one of his better nights as he registered a 688 on games of 234, 223 and 231. Art McCullough was next with 649.

Much of the spotlight was focused on Larry Gaultier in the Kings and Queens loop, when he rolled nine strikes in a row and then settled for a 265.

In the youth league, Mike Strak, 12, with a 124 average posted a 214. Ray Chamberlain, with a 162 average, paced the Gay 9's with a 616 and Gordie Staff had 214 in 575.

IN OTHER good performances, Buzz Hansen paced the civic league at Farmington Lanes with games of 266, 236 and 188 for 691. Right behind came Kevin Holmstrom with 253 in 688. In the mixed league, Jean Bembeck was tops with a 245 in 620 and Neil Beckman had a 235 in 648.

In the men's junior house league at Super Bowl, Bob Cole landed on top with a 255 in 670 and June Eckles had a 256 in the Strike and Spare loop.

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