

Kronk fighters bow out of Gloves tourney

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Paul Soucy, the director of the Livonia Boxing Club and franchise operator for the Detroit-area Golden Gloves Tournament, would just as soon put politics aside for the time being.

But on the eve of Saturday night's Golden Gloves finals at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, a longstanding feud continues to plague the tourney. (See attached box).

Amateur fighters from the famed Kronk Center in Detroit, which spawned the likes of Tommy Hearns and Milton McCrory, are boycotting the tournament again.

Problems stem from the 1982 tournament when Lonnie Bates, executive administrator for the Detroit Recreation Department, complained about the way the tournament was handled by Soucy and his associates.

Bates charged that the fighters were never treated to a banquet, failed to receive trophies or were never awarded customary gifts such as warm-up suits.

SOUCY ADMITTED the 1982 tournament was poorly run only because of low attendance, which cut severely into gate receipts.

"We didn't have enough money to buy trophies or hold a banquet," Soucy said. "I never took a penny from anybody. We didn't make a profit."

"The (Kronk) people have done everything in their power to kill the show. Emmanuel Steward (Kronk's director) has played the power game, and Mayor (Coleman) Young wants to stop the show."

"In 1982 we sent our best team ever from Detroit to the nationals. We had five winners (including Livonia's Craig Payne), and we won the team trophy."

Despite the continued Kronk boycott, Soucy is pleased that a number of other Detroit-area clubs are participating.

"There should be some good bouts last weekend," said Soucy. "We had 13 good bouts last weekend." The Livonia Boxing Club director said he broke even on preliminary fights April 5 and April 12 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

TO HELP DEFRAY costs, Central Distributing of Romulus is adding financial support to Saturday's show.

"I'm hoping for a capacity crowd Saturday night," Soucy said. "We've drawn 3,000 fans before at Schoolcraft and we hope to do it again."

Saturday's card features five Open Class bouts, including Todd Vickers, a 22-year-old truck driver from the

WHAT: Detroit-area Golden Gloves Boxing Finals.
WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Schoolcraft College in Livonia, on Hagerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. Seating capacity: 2,600.
NOTE: Some of the top amateur fighters from the Detroit area will be vying for berths in the National Golden Gloves Finals.
TICKETS: Available at the Livonia Recreation Department, Showmen's Party Store and Video Service in Livonia (\$7 ringside and \$3 general admission).
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 478-7875 or 625-1367.

Livonia Boxing Club.

Vickers will be seeking his second straight berth to the nationals in the 165-pound class. Sporting a 10-7 record, Vickers will take on Detroit's Willie Smith.

Last week in the semifinals, Vickers defeated Duane McKissic of Johnson Recreation Center in Detroit. In other Open Class bouts, Detroit's Aaron Pulliam of the Spiritu-

al Israel Center will take on Arnold Bell of Johnson in the 119 final. Pulliam is 14-3 as an amateur, while Bell is 10-6.

In the 132 final, unbeaten Jerry Henderson (8-0) of Detroit Club Strive takes on Chris Stewart (16-6) from Detroit's Butzel Center.

AT 139, Tim Young (18-8) of the Crowell Center in Detroit, meets Wallace Fort (40-13) of Detroit PAL. The 176-pound final features Ann Arbor's Kevin Van Riper (9-0) against Andre Nelson (34-12) of Butzel.

Going unopposed Saturday night and gaining a berth in the nationals are Junior National champ Boyd Gardner Jr. of Butzel, 125; Ike Hogan of Detroit Considine, 147; Michael Brown of Detroit Wheeler, 156; Kevin Banks of Butzel, 200; and Kermit Fitzpatrick of Detroit (unattached), super-heavyweight.

A number of Novice and Senior

Novice bouts have also been scheduled to complement the Open Class fights.

Wayne native Rodney Hudson of the Livonia Boxing Club will take on Jimmy Felder in a 125-pound Novice matchup.

Hudson was beaten last week by Jimmy Parton of the Eighth Street Gym in an exhibition bout. "He (Hudson) gave a good account of himself and I thought he had won," said Soucy. "But the decision went the other way."

Paul Dillon of the Livonia Boxing Club is scheduled to face Kady King of Detroit PAL in a 165 Novice final. Last weekend, the 19-year-old Dillon knocked out Steve Carter of Crowell.

"He's an up-and-coming fighter," Soucy said. "He has lots of potential."

A third Livonia member, Chris Curran, will take on John Bray in a 139-pound Senior Novice bout.

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● TIPPING THE FENCERS

William Goering of West Bloomfield finished sixth in the recent North American Fencing Circuit's New Orleans Mardi Gras tournament at Tulane University.

Goering is a member of the Fencing Academy of Michigan located in Southfield.

In other fencing news, the fencing academy took first place overall at the recent Botterell Memorial Tournament in Cincinnati.

Birmingham's Rob Tripp was first in men's foil and third in epee. Southfield's Jon Zelkowski was second in foil.

Waterford's Jackie Dolin took the women's foil event and was fifth in women's epee. Southfield's Ann Ezell was third in foil, first in epee and third in sabre. Lucinda Tripp of Birmingham was fourth in foil and epee and fifth in sabre.

Beginning classes at the fencing academy are getting under way with Maestro Istvan Danosi as instructor. Classes will be held two nights per week at the McIntyre Elementary School.

For further information, call 358-0273.

● FLYERS ROAD RACE

The Farmington Area YMCA Flyers are sponsoring a road race scheduled for Saturday, May 8, beginning at Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

There will be five-mile and one-mile runs in seven different age brackets designed for men and women. Entry fees are \$5-\$10, with T-shirts optional. Refreshments are included in the entry fee.

For further information, call 553-4020.

● WOMEN'S GOLF NEWS

The Michigan Sectional Committee of the U.S. Women's Public Links has announced the dates and sites for all three of the 1988 Sectional Qualifying Rounds.

The Detroit Sectional will be held at Faulkwood Shores Golf Club near Howell on May 29. The Northern Sectional will be at the Hidden Valley Golf Club near Gaylord May 30, and the Western Sectional will be

June 2 at the Candlestone Golf Club near Grand Rapids.

These events are open to all women who are amateur, public golf course players.

As in 1985, the committee will be holding its annual Women's Age Group competition in conjunction with each of the Sectional Rounds. The \$25 entry fee includes 18 holes of play and the USA fee.

Prizes will be awarded for low gross and low net scores in six age groups. The overall low gross winners will represent Michigan at the 10th annual U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship at Sentry World in Steven's Point, Wis. June 18-June 22.

Entry forms for the tournament will be available at area public golf courses. The entry deadline is May 7. For additional information, please contact Sara Wolf, 2730 Golfside, No. 315, Ann Arbor 48104, or call 572-1519.

● SELLS NAMED AD

Dave Sells, former coach at Southfield Christian High School, recently was named athletic director at Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill.

Sells was hired in 1984 to take over Trinity's basketball team, which had three consecutive 3-23 seasons. Last year Trinity was 13-12, registering its second winning season in the past 11 years.

Players from the Detroit area who have made the 24-man Trinity roster include three from Southfield Christian High School — Mike Routledge of Farmington Hills, Brian Packer of Southfield and Jon Lambert of South Lyon.

Sells spent 10 years at Southfield Christian High School.

● ADULT SOFTBALL

The adult Co-Ed Softball League sponsored by the Birmingham Family YMCA will begin its 10-week season June 1, according to program director Dana Pink.

The league is open to members and non-members of the YMCA who register prior to the May 16 deadline. The Birmingham Family YMCA services the communities of Birmingham, Bloomfield, Southfield, Franklin and Troy.

Games will be played from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays at Howarth Park located at the corner of Emmons and Cummings streets. Businesses can contact the YMCA regarding team sponsorship.

● TOP THOROUGHBREDS

Bandwagon Harry, owned by Kerry Magel of West Bloomfield, ran away with the 1988 Thoroughbred of the Year award for the second straight year.

Bandwagon Harry is the leading Michigan-bred thoroughbred cash winner with 1985 earnings of \$336,038 and lifetime earnings of \$607,030.

Three other horses won honors in the third annual Michigan-bred Horse of the Year awards sponsored by the State Racing Commission.

According to racing commissioner William L. Cahalan, the awards were made on the basis of the horses' achievements during 1985.

● NATIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Amateur Basketball Association (ABA) of the USA is seeking a national girls select team which will travel to Barcelona, Spain, for a tournament June 21 to July 3.

Ten players will be selected to the team. Tryouts are under way for girls ages 14 years or younger.

Marcy Jodway, head coach at Sterling Heights Henry Ford, is the team sponsor. Mark Faoro is the team coach.

For further information, call 739-7530, Ext. 74.

● CANCER GOLF BENEFIT

The third annual American Cancer Society Golf benefit will be held Monday, May 19, at the Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

Last year, \$24,087 was raised for the cancer society. Tournament officials are hoping to surpass that figure this year and are looking for corporate support.

Indianwood is the host course for the 44th U.S. Women's Open Championship in 1989 and is home to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

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