

Speed And Steaming Punches Climax Tenth Golden Gloves



5300 See 8 Open Champions Crowned as Willard Reed Wins Fourth Title in Row

Earl Paul, James Sherron Keep Their Diadems; Hill C. C. Takes Team Hbors; Two T. K. O.'s

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Although knockouts were a scarce article in the Times-Legion Golden Gloves finals staged before almost 5300 sports goers in Butler Field House last night, the young gladiators pitched loads of leather and the majority of bouts furnished speed galore and a lot of furious punching.

The paid attendance was 4568. Boxers were admitted to the show without charge and sailors, marines and "talent" tickets to the tournament's boxers accounted for an approximate additional 200.

Champions were crowned in eight divisions of the Open class and eight divisions of the Novice. Thirteen battles went to a decision over the regular Golden Gloves three-round route, two matches ended in technical knockouts and one—the Novice heavyweight—was a default.

Fifteen of the scheduled 16 bouts were held as only one of the 32 finalists failed to find his assignment.

The popular Willard Reed of Northeast Community Center didn't let his public down and carried off the Open heavyweight crown by giving George Prather, Leeper Boxing School, a decisive thumping. However, Prather displayed plenty of courage and refused to hit the deck as Reed pounded him with lefts and rights for three heats.

Willard's Fourth Crown

It is Willard's fourth Indianapolis Golden Gloves crown. The former Tech High School football and basketball star won the 160-pound championship in 1939 and the 175-pound wreath in 1940 and 1941. This is a new high and a record in the 10 years of Times-Legion amateur boxing competition.

Earl Paul, Leeper Boxing School, and James Sherron, Washington Athletic Club, successfully defended their titles in the Open class, Paul at 126 pounds, Sherron at 147.

Hill Community Center won the team championship for individual clubs in the Open bracket by taking down three titles, Frank Tunstill, 118 pounds; William (Buster) Miles, 135 pounds, and James Stone, 175 pounds.

Leeper Boxing School annexed two Open crowns, Don Gwin, 112 pounds, and Earl Paul.

Washington Athletic Club captured an Open crown, by James Sherron; Northeast Community Center, one, by Willard Reed, and Fayette Community Center, one, by Lee Carter, 160 pounds.

In the Novice Bracket

In the Novice class Police Association League No. 3, Penny Ginn, collected two titles, Willis McCoy, 126 pounds; and Kirk Skinner, 175 pounds. Leeper School annexed two Novice titles; Glen Northern, 118 pounds, and Buddy Maxwell, 135 pounds.

Both local Indiana Conference representatives, Butler and Indiana Central, play return engagements tonight, the Bulldogs at home against Marquette and the Greyhounds away, at Ball State.

It will be the 15th straight victory of the season and the 26th since they've lost a game if Coach Harry Good's boys at Indiana Central win.

—126 Pounds—

Willard Reed, Northeast Community Center, decisioned George Prather, Leeper Boxing School, three rounds.

—135 Pounds—

James Stone, Hill Community Center, decisioned Leroy Reed, also of Hill Community Center, three rounds.

—147 Pounds—

James Sherron, Washington Athletic Club, decisioned Don Gwin, Washington Athletic Club, three rounds.

—160 Pounds—

Lee Carter, Fayette Community Center, decisioned James Glenn, Washington Athletic Club, three rounds.

—175 Pounds—

James Stone, Hill Community Center, decisioned Leroy Reed, also of Hill Community Center, three rounds.

—Heavyweight—

Willard Reed, Northeast Community Center, decisioned George Prather, Leeper Boxing School, three rounds.

NOVICE CLASS

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Patrick Kelley, South Hill Community Center, decisioned Don Henry, English Avenue Boys Club, three rounds.

—118 Pounds—

Frank Tunstill, Hill Community Center, decisioned Leroy Reed, also of Hill Community Center, three rounds.

—124 Pounds—

Glen Northern, Leeper Boxing School, decisioned John W. Johnson, Washington Athletic Club, three rounds.

—130 Pounds—

Robert Givens, English Avenue Boys Club, decisioned Clarence Bell, Washington Athletic Club, three rounds.

—140 Pounds—

Kirk Skinner, F. A. L. No. 3, decisioned Fred Johnson, Rhodius Community Center, three rounds.

—148 Pounds—

Buddy Maxwell, Leeper Boxing School, decisioned Frank Johnson, Washington Athletic Club, three rounds.

—154 Pounds—

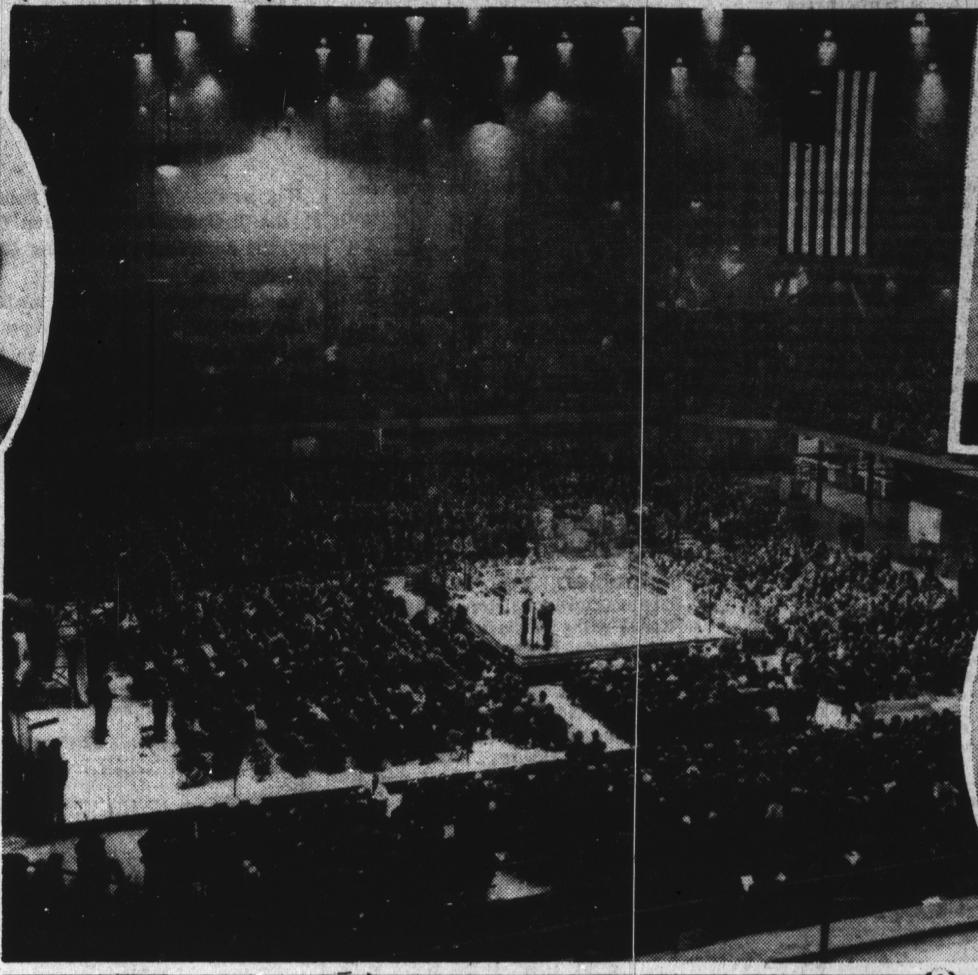
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Jack Carter, Fayette Community Center, decisioned John W. Johnson, also of Hill Community Center, by technical knockout, out first round.

—Heavyweight—

Al McKinney, Rhodius Community Center, decisioned John W. Johnson, Leeper Boxing School. The tournament committee reported that Al was unable to box on account of an injury.



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It was dull, gun-shy in the

later rounds and as full of fight as

a soft cushion. Zale was willing,

rugged and unable to get close

enough to his opponent to do real

harm.

In the seventh Conn had every-

thing to himself—except a punch.

He hit Zale with jabs, uppercuts

crosses and hooks. He hit him on

the chin, on the head, on the ears

and in the belly. He could have

hit him with his stool or with his

manager's bucket and it wouldn't

have made any difference. What-

ever it takes to knock Zale down,

Conn didn't have. Before the round

ended he had been staggered him-

self.

He went to work again in the

ninth and it was a repeat perfor-

mance of the seventh—except that

this time Zale smacked over the

hardest head he landed all night

and he took all the steam out of

bigger Billy for the ensuing min-

utes. The fans started to boo then

and they were boozing at the end.

Of course, Conn was at a dis-

advantage here because in this

fight he was the big boy—not the

small-fried lad who had walked in

against LaRue and walked out again

with a grin on his cocky face.

As well, he hadn't fought often since

last June and his timing was poor.

New Haven the next night, 4 to 4.

They began the road trip Jan. 25,

beating the Providence Reds, 6 to

4. They lost to Springfield, 8 to 5,

the following Wednesday, but on

Jan. 29, whipped Hershey, 7 to 1.

It was in this game that Red Heron

made a new all-time scoring record

for a single game of six goals.

They beat Philadelphia the follow-

Saturday, 8 to 5, and then tied

last Saturday, 8 to 8.

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