

Speaking on Sports

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They share towels, singlets, trainers and handlers, and occasionally the water for washing out mouth pieces. Ribbons are tied around the fighters' waists to tell them apart.

The dressing room is a stage, shared by one and all—boxers and spectators alike. The ring looks like it is held together by tape. It's taken down after every card and then put up for the few training sessions a week.

The fighters are out of shape, but scrappy. They give it everything they have. No glass jaws here, they take as much as they give. The longest fight is only three three minute rounds. Occasionally the fighters are mismatched, they don't mind though, it's a challenge.

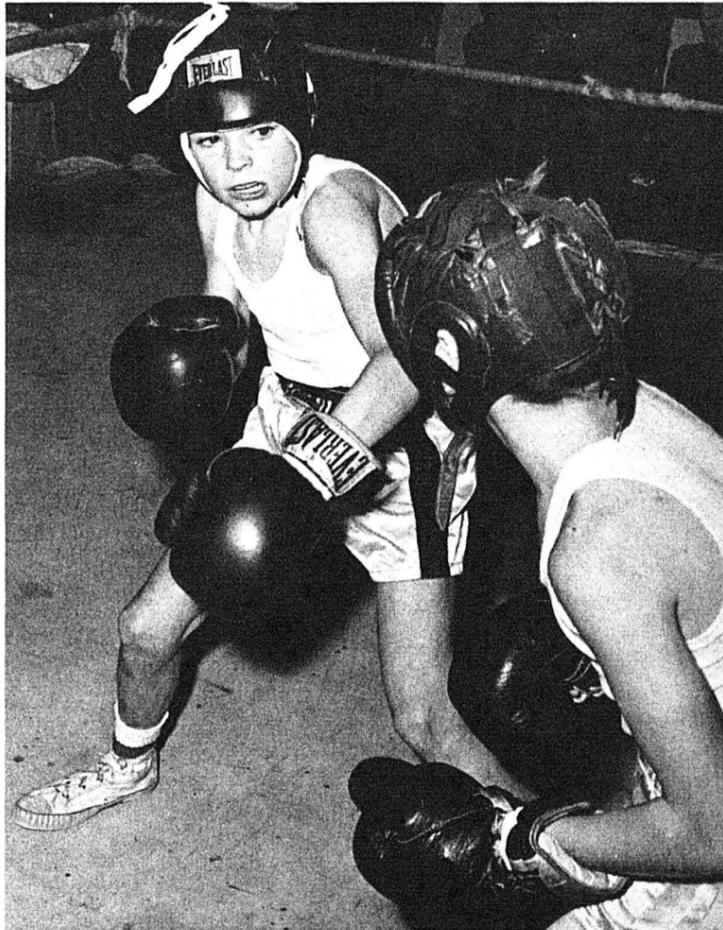
It's more of a fun thing than a serious undertaking; the fight is only a momentary thing. After winning the City Junior Championship, Miles Patton, an 11 year-old, 75 pounder, approached the concession area clutching his trophy under one arm. Finding the concession closed he muttered, "Jes, why did I have to be one of the last fights" and wandered off to join a few friends.

A 'unique' atmosphere to amateur boxing

The crowds have their favorites too. They come from across town to be crammed into a small stuffy auditorium to watch more than two and a half hours of amateur boxing. Every seat is ring side, no more than ten feet from the ring, and it costs only a buck. Kids run through, over and under the crowd knocking over pop bottles adding to the "unique" atmosphere.

And it goes on and on—usually 10 to 12 fights a card, sometimes as many as 14 in one night. They're held once a month at the various Legions in town (Kingsway, South Side, Jasper Place) and at the Elks Club. But it's not enough.

Then again the men of the Legion have taken an interest



—Neil Driscoll photo

in kids and boxing and are attempting to bring the amateur fight game back to the high level it enjoyed a decade ago when the Sales Pavilion was packed every Friday night.

The whole amateur boxing program is being aimed at producing a Canadian Olympic contender. It starts on the local level with a club or maybe a city championship, then a district and then a provincial title. Then a Golden Gloves title. And then the Olympic trials.

Edmontonians will have all of this action at their fingertips this year. Watch for the local fight cards and support them. In March the Provincials are being held in the City and in May, the Olympic trials. Two or three of the city fighters should be in the trials, you'll probably be able to catch them in action before that.



—Ken Voutier photo

COME ON GUYS, SMARTEN UP

... coach Mitchelson pleads, but Bears still lose

Golden Bears dead last in WCIAA but on top of heap in senior loop

Although the Golden Bears share last place in the WCIAA with the University of Saskatchewan with a 1-5 record, they are 9-8 overall. They lead the Alberta Senior League with a 3-1 record.

Warren Champion, the leading Bear scorer, has averaged 18 points a game. Bruce Blumell follows with 12 points per game.

Center Larry Nowak is the leading rebounder with 129, ten more than Champion. Dave Swann has the most assists, nine. Champion has been called for the most fouls, 41.

University of British Columbia

U of A leads mail-o-graphic bowling league

The University of Alberta is the Western Canadian University Bowling Mail-o-graphic League leaders after the first half of the 1967-68 schedule. Results released by Mail-o-graphic president Rick Nowosad of Calgary show the Alberta squad with a slim one-point lead over second place University of British Columbia. The University of Calgary is in third place and University of Victoria is last.

UBC continues to hold down top averages with Harry Preece and Dennis Swonnell having marks of 274 and 267 respectively. Colin Matheson is the top Edmonton bowler with a 262 clip and is closely followed by Dwight Anderson, also of Edmonton, with an average of 259.

ONE-TWO

Preece and Matheson are one-two in the high triple department with marks of 889 and 878 respectively. Anderson continues to hold down the high single game of 385.

The league schedule contains ten weeks altogether and the second half has already begun. There is also a women's competition but results are unavailable at this time.

STANDINGS	POINTS
U of A	28
UBC	27
U of C	22
U Vic	13

and the University of Manitoba lead the WCIAA with identical 6-0 records. Calgary Dinosaurs are 2-4 for the season.

Terry Ball of Manitoba with 114 points and Tom Gosse of Saskatchewan with 99 are the leading scorers.

The Bears have eight conference

games remaining. Their schedule for the second half of the season is:

Jan. 26, 27	U of C at U of A
Feb. 2	Chieftains at U of A
Feb. 3	Mount Royal at U of A
Feb. 9, 10	U of A at U of S
Feb. 16, 17	U of S at U of A
Feb. 23, 24	UBC at U of A

Intramural Scoreboard

Lower Res hangs on to first place at half-way mark

The men of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity swam away with first place in Division I Waterpolo finals held before Christmas.

The winning team defeated St. Joes by a score of 1 to 0 and Theta Chi by a similar 1 to 0 score. Both goals were scored by Wayne Howard.

Other members of the winning team were Larry Lund, Rob Blaker, Byron Traynor, Bob Ferguson, Dave Green, and Bob Kerr.

Theta Chi managed to finish in second spot by overpowering St. Joes 5 to 0.

Jim Morris potted 3 goals with singles going to Beauchamp and Dunn. The Phi Delta Theta 'B' team won Division II by finishing first in League D play.

Following DKE and Theta Chi in total points were St. Joes, Medicine, Phi Delta Theta, Physical Education, Lower Res, Kappa Sigma, Upper Res and Delta Upsilon.

Lower Res still maintains a grip on first place in total points with 938½.

St. Joes have moved into second place with 901 and Upper Res has dropped to third followed by Engineering and Phi Delta Theta.

Most of the games have been completed in Division II and III hockey with the following teams leading.

League E—Arts and Science 'B'
 League F—St. Joes 'B'
 League G—Phi Delta Theta 'B'
 League H—Dutch Club 'B'
 League J—Phys Ed 'D' and Upper Res 'D'

These results are far from final as many of the teams have games in hand.

Basketball is also nearly over for the season with playoffs coming early in February.

League leaders to date are:

League A—Dutch Club 'A'
 League B—Medicine 'A'
 League C—Delta Upsilon 'A' and Phi Delta Theta 'A'
 League D—Dentistry 'A'
 League E—Medicine 'B' and Upper Res 'B'
 League F—Dutch Club 'B'
 League G—Agriculture 'B'
 League H—Latter Day Saints 'D'
 League J—Upper Res 'E' and St. Joes 'C'
 League K—Medicine 'C'

There is still plenty of opportunity to participate in intramurals as many sports have not yet started.

January 23 has been set as the deadline for the second swim meet and also for entry into Division I hockey. Anyone who is interested in these sports should contact his unit manager.