



Jackson, Manbeck, Sitterly Victors Via Kayo Route

Seymour Johnson Field's own little Madison Square Garden fluttered with excitement, brought about the sixth boxing card held at the Sports Arena last Wednesday night. The American spirit and ability to fight were tangible when both colored and white fought hard even when the chips were stacked up against them.

Popular Pvt. Jimmy Jackson, colored ace, won his fourth straight victory in the series of shows thus far. He outclassed, outpunched and literally knocked Bernard Mauser out of the ring during the outstanding bout of the evening. Jackson felled Mauser four times in the first round and would have scored a clean knockout, but Mauser was saved by the bell as he lay on the canvas bleeding. He was unable to come out for the second round, and the referee awarded Jackson a TKO.

Macknick Gets Nod
The first fight of the evening brought together Pete Macknick and Waldo Ensminger. They sparred evenly for a short time, then Pete came through with a hard right which dropped Waldo for nine. However, he was far from licked and came back to score heavily, with both rights and lefts which had Macknick hanging on at the bell. They traded very hard blows to start the second, and Macknick was looking very well, until Ensminger suddenly came through with a short hard right which dropped him for four. Waldo kept coming in but couldn't catch Pete with anything solid. Ensminger started the third with a rush, but took a plenty of punishment, going back and was floored for nine again. His nose was bloody at the conclusion and the decision went to Macknick.

Game Bet Green
A game bet who didn't know to quit caught the crowds fancy but took it on the chin in the second fight. Thomas Layton obviously green and nervous, put up a good fight, and showed a willingness to mix it, but his opponent, Gordon Sitterly, was on the ball and wouldn't be beaten. The referee stopped the bout, Layton, bloody and hurt was beaten. Sitterly won on a TKO.

Ring Around The Rosie
A game of ring around the rosie followed and kept the crowd well amused and also on edge as Thomas Monacelli took a hard fight from Ken Fowler. Monacelli's tactics of walk and stoop forced Fowler into many leads and had the mob roaring. Fowler showed a willingness to force the fight, but was out-fought on the ropes several times during the first round. Disdaining the use of a chair, Monacelli was cool and fresh during the wild second round which saw Fowler follow for nine with right and left. But Ken came back and they mixed. Twice during this round both men slipped to the floor, but not as a result of punches. Fowler hit the deck again, but was out-fought on the ropes several times during the first round. Disdaining the use of a chair, Monacelli was cool and fresh during the wild second round which saw Fowler follow for nine with right and left. But Ken came back and they mixed. Twice during this round both men slipped to the floor, but not as a result of punches. Fowler hit the deck again, but was out-fought on the ropes several times during the first round.

Farrells Came Back
John Farrell was given a vicious comeback in the second round, and, although bleeding from the lip, took a close fight from Donald Kiloran. Both men were looking for a quick kill, and though they were both staggered several times, there were no knockdowns. The first round was all Farrell as he out-fought Kiloran on the ropes several times. He was leading the second when Kiloran suddenly burst back with rights and lefts, cutting Farrell, and driving him across the ring. But John came back to take the third and the fight.

Shops Outboxed Romano
Shops good boxing match, with two fast featherweights was next on the program. Curtis Shops outpointed Joseph Romano in a very close contest. They started fast and exchanged several hard blows. Shops forced the fight as he seemed to be waiting for an opening. But Shops was wary and was boxing coolly at the bell. They kept it up in the second, exchanging several hard blows. Shops taking a little the worst of it. But he calmly outboxed his man in the third to take the fight.

Simon On Victory Road
Ray McChesee saw his winning streak frustrated by August Simon, who finally got back on the winning road after losing two straight. They fought evenly through the first, trading hard shots. But Simon went in front in the second and was never headed. The third was hard, but Simon was just too fast as they mixed it and roughed it for the remainder of the fight. Both were

Novel Twist Added For Triple Header

A novel twist — one squadron team engaging in two contests instead of one — will be added to the tripleheader of the baseball league this Sabbath Day at the Medical Detachment diamond. The nine pulling the iron man stunt is from the Technical School Squadron.

The first contest is slated for 1100 and the second starts at 1315. It is a crucial set of games that the 79th will participate in, too. If they can manage to take both of the franchises, they will climb into the league leadership as their opponents are the first position 801 and the second place 12th Mess Squadron.

The hopes of the 79th are pinned on their PFC Fay DePrist to clinch the second struggle with the spiced stars of the 801st school. Ken Herman, soldier alunger for the rival team, figures to give De Priest and his teammates a "doozy" of a time during the nine innings. The 12th Mess Group has a strong man in Herman Kiel who will be out to get the scalps of the threatening 79th.

The third and final game pits the scrappy underdogs, the 79th up against the favored 79th. 1200 is "play ball" time for this battle. One of the outstanding stick seasons of the week should be the Wednesday night conflict at 1830 between the 801st sluggers and the 79th T. S. S. It's a replay of a game of the week, only to the game of two weeks ago and has all the earmarks of a thriller.

This weeks' series of hardball clashes will complete the first part of the season.

Wrestlers Wanted
There has been a demand for wrestling students lately at the Sports Arena. Cpl. Arthur R. Greener who has wrestled professionally in the New England states and would like to encourage the use of grunt and groan at the arena. Any one interested in wrestling and gaining a workout in that direction was invited by Greener at the arena. A list will be available on which to sign up.

looking for a key as the fight ended, with Simon taking the decision.

Demol Work Needed
The shortest fight on the card was the semi-final bout which ended in twenty seconds of the first round. Ridgeway faced the first Armond Larivee slugged wildly for about fifteen seconds, then Larivee clipped with a hard right which knocked out a tooth and referees Cutney was forced to stop the bout, awarding it to Manbeck on a TKO. The final event was little Herb Ridgeway vs his second straight bout by outpointing Frankie Zolless, who entered the ring on the second round. Zolless fought all the way, stayed on top of his man, and soundly beat him. To his credit, Frankie never stopped trying, but Ridgeway was just too fast for him. Both men boxed well and were still going strong at the final bell. The only damage done, was a slightly red nose of Zolless. JB-JJR.

Sports Sparks

By Sarge

With the opening song of this week, the old sarge comes out swinging from this corner pounding a one-two from the typewriter. With the field aroused in boxing these days, one must be prepared to duck out the one-two — even from a swivel chair.

A reliable source has whispered in our ear that a mighty good boxer is in this field. But we are holding the news in ourselves until next week's edition of the Air-O-Mech so as to give the full details to that Mr. (Sgt.) Jim Williams. Who said that Mr. (Sgt.) Jim You wouldn't believe it, but the boxing has aroused so much interest that the GIs are even betting on their favorites — not much, but they are nevertheless betting. Pvt. Jimmy Hearns, former scribe of the Ring Magazine has daily arguments with the sarge about who is the best pugilist on the post. Ho picks Zolless, but yours truly picks another young man by name of Vocel. Vocel had it ain't in the same weight — unless they were we might be able to settle it that way.

Incidentally, the Sports Arena location is the Stadium in Coney Island, New York. (Largest boxing gym in the world) Hundreds of soldiers, craway, brawny and otherwise mingle around the ring, hitting the bag, exercising and sparring. They say in Washington that Baseball is the leading sport in the armed services—Boxing on this post is pretty popular. I wish Washington.

Oh Sarge just can't keep out of arguments. The other night 8-Sgt. John Brothers of the Physical Training Department argued the point that weightlifting makes a fellow muscle-bound. Yours truly thinks it makes a fellow just as flexible as the kind player. So then, we'll leave the answer up to the weightlifters. Take Tony Florio, now a Sarge in the Para-troopers. His won International Training Award for being the best in Germany, as a weightlifter for the United States. But then switched to muscle control and hand-balancing. He is plenty strong, but definitely not muscle bound. He still lifts in the army at Fort Benning where he is stationed.

Hey, who is going to stop the 911th Guard Squadron in the softball league? The ME's and guards have won 11 in a row and nothing seems to be stopping them. They are the best of the rest of the squadrons, that it looks like the boys can rest on the laurels of their past victories. Course when the umpire has a decision to make, — who will argue with an MP?

The Physical training boys who have been named "PT" (pleasantly tough) by the GIs are doing a wonderful job of conditioning the school course. The Ranger Course, although plenty tough, is coming along fine — so are the men, who happened to slip. — JB.



Conditioning in the "hardest" degree is demonstrated by PFC. Albert Ovanauagh who instructs boxing at the Sports Arena. Al leaps from the boxing ring at a full run to dive in this manner to the floor six feet below.

All-Star Boxing Show Thursday

The day after the all-important payday, the Sports Arena will hold forth with its first afternoon boxing show at 1600 sharp. Six all-star bouts are on tap and will commence about an hour's time—just on time for evening meals.

Proboscis prodders from most of the squadrons on the field will have their boys showing their style.

801st Takes League Lead

In the feature game of last Sunday's tripleheader, the 801st S. S. triumphed the 12th Mess. Op. 3 to 0, to take undisputed possession of first place. Pfc. Robert Hooper, the 801's new pitching find, flummoxed the messmen to four hits while striking out 11.

In the other two games, the 79th nosed out the Medics 4 to 3 in a thrilling ball game and the 79th came through with a last inning five run rally to beat the 80th Aviation 5 to 1.

The 801st, which looks stronger every time out, refused to be stopped by the Mess Op's ace hurler, Pvt. Herman Kiel. Three big innings — the 4th, 5th, and 7th — in which the victors slammed out 8 hits for 3 runs did the trick. Hooper did a lot of hitting besides pitching and collected 3 safeties to lead his team's attack. Other hard hitters for 801 were Sgt. Ken Herman, Sgt. Al Sedotti and Joe Hartz.

The 79th G. had a tough time fit and needed every break to win, with a rejuvenated Medic out. All three of their victories have been called by Pfc. Fay DePriest. The latter held the docs to four bingles while his teammates were cracking out eight hits.

In the last game of the day it appeared that the 80th was going to capture its first victory. But the 79th came from behind in its last turn at bat and lashed out seven hits for five runs and the ball game. Figuring in this outburst for the victors were Pfc. LeRoy Flannigan, Sgt. Fred Hill, Sgt. Bruce Bushire, Pfc. Luther Jordan and Sgt. Geo. Collins.

913th Heads Loop

Johnson Field thumpers of the softball are staging a 24 karat simlar of a race in their league. Topped off by the 913 Guard Squadron which has had yet to feel the sting of defeat and closely followed by ever-dangerous school and detachment aggregations, the sport really gets a fine and savage play here.

The Guard Squadron has humbled eleven opposing groups, so far, and their two closest rivals are the 36th School Squadron and the 79th lady. The former have dropped one scrap and taken their ten other games. The 79th has also won in ten contests while losing a pair of games.

The 79th, the 96th Students, the 33rd Air Base and the 506th Q.M. Detachment follow in the wake of the leading three teams and have averages well over .500.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, June 22, 1943	Dismissed
927th Q. M. vs. 11th Academic	1
12th T.S.S. vs. 802nd T.S.S.	2
36th Av. vs. 12th Mess	3
913th Guard vs. Medics	4
Tuesday, June 23, 1943	
79th T.S.S. vs. 79th T.S.S.	1
913th Guard vs. 10th Academic	2
96th Q. M. vs. Medics	3
33rd T. S. S. vs. 80th Students	4
Wednesday, June 24, 1943	No games
Thursday, July 1, 1943	
36th T. S. S. vs. 801st T. S. S.	1
927th Q. M. vs. 10th Academic	2
802nd T. S. S. vs. Hq. & Hq. Sq.	3
36th Av. vs. 12th Mess	4
Friday, July 2, 1943	
80th Aviation vs. 11th Academic	1
927th Q. M. vs. 9th Academic	2
79th T. S. S. vs. 79th T. S. S.	3
80th T. S. S. vs. 79th T. S. S.	4

BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 27	
1100-12th Mess vs. 79th	3
Sunday, June 27th	
1215-790 vs. 801	2
Sunday, June 27	
1780-797 vs. 793	3
Tuesday, June 29	
1960-797 vs. Medics	3
Wednesday, June 30	
1492-801 vs. 793	2
1850-80th vs. Medics	2

Softball Standings

Team	As Of June 22	W.	L.	Per.
801		4	0	.000
12th Mess		4	1	.800
793		3	1	.750
913		2	2	.500
902		2	3	.400
797		1	4	.200
Medics		1	4	.200
80th Avn.		0	5	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Per.
New York	22	22	.500
Washington	20	20	.500
Boston	20	20	.500
Cleveland	20	20	.500
Detroit	20	20	.500
Chicago	20	20	.500
Philadelphia	20	20	.500
St. Louis	20	20	.500

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Per.
St. Louis	20	20	.500
Brooklyn	20	20	.500
Pittsburgh	20	20	.500
Cincinnati	20	20	.500
Philadelphia	20	20	.500
Boston	20	20	.500
New York	20	20	.500
Chicago	20	20	.500

PFC Al Singer, former world lightweight boxing champ, is now a member of the Camp Flannigan (Va.) Special Service office. Singer, who lost his lightweight title in 1936, is still in fighting trim. He weighs but 150.