

AYA Pugilists End Season With Final Eight-Bout Win

The local AYA's battling Bruins closed out their 1962 boxing season in fine style last Sunday afternoon at the BB Sport Center by grinding their way to victory in all eight of their bouts with the Berlin Boxing Association representatives.

The clean sweep gave the Bruins an undefeated season in their first year of boxing.

Some 500 German and American fans were kept on the edge of their seats as the young fighters put on a show that would have done justice to New York's Madison Square Garden.

Wommack Starts Sweep

The Bruins' Jack Wommack started the AYA's eight-man team in the right direction by belting his way to a split decision over the Berlin Police Club's Gregor Weber.

Caution dominated during the first few moments of the first round as both fighters exchanged light jabs.

Counter punching with his right hand in the second round, Weber brought blood to Wommack's nose with a sharp jab.

However, the 70-pound Bruin delivered some artillery of his own, forcing the Police Club fighter to retreat to a neutral corner.

In the remaining four minutes of boxing, Wommack forced the fight all the way to gain the nod of the judges.

Second Victory

Roaring out of his corner, Manfred Path, representing the Wedding District of Berlin, threw a flurry of rights and lefts in the opening seconds of round number one, but the bobbing and weaving tactics of the Bruin's Joe Alcala rendered the flying fists harmless.

The second round of their scheduled three-rounder saw the local AYA fighter throwing every type of punch imaginable trying to keep the counter-punching Berliner from landing his explosive right.

Staying on the outside, Alcala managed to use his longer reach to keep Path at a distance. Landing several good jabs and crosses, the AYA puncher gained a split decision.

In one of the more surprising bouts of the afternoon, the Bruins' Willie Ng had his hands full in deciding Charlottenburg's Wolfgang Tekes.

Barreling in with both fists flying, the slighter yet taller Tekes traded blow for blow with the stronger Ng.

Landing several resounding blows to the face of a bewildered Ng, Tekes kept his pressing tactics in the second round, forcing Ng to fight inside, thus rendering the Bruins' long-range power harmless.

The third round, however, proved to be a completely different story as the Berliner began to tire. Ng planted a continuous string of power-packing lefts and rights, belting Tekes around the ring. Ng's final flurry gave him the edge in the judges' books.

Slugfest

Two strong sluggers squared off in the fourth bout of the afternoon with the Bruins' Richard Wommack pounding tremendous lefts and rights to the head of his Kreuzberg opponent, Claus Bowert, in the opening round.

The second round, however, was a toss-up. Bowert unleashed a delayed-action left hook that sent Wommack reeling into the ropes.

Momentarily stunned, Wommack threw a wild right cross that caught Bowert on the chin and sent him staggering into a neutral corner.

Taking advantage of this sudden reversal, Wommack pounded Bowert with two more rights and a left before the bell sounded ending the bloody two-minute battle.

At the outset of round number three, Bowert planted another left to the chin of Wommack that sent the Bruin boxer back on his heels.

Recovering quickly, however, Wommack came back and at the end of the round was plastering his Berlin opponent with sharp crosses and hooks which earned him the split decision victory.

Nannie All the Way

The AYA's Harold Nannie, after landing one solid right to the chin of Moabit District's Buddo Hoepfner in the first round, spent the remaining two chasing the fast-peddling Hoepfner.

Nannie dropped his Berlin opponent for a mandatory eight count at 1:35 of the second round and then stopped Hoepfner at 1:15 in the final round to gain the fifth straight victory for the AYA Bruins.

Displaying good boxing movements and a sharp jab, the Bruins' little Randy Scruggs gained a three-round decision from his Charlottenburg rival, Claus Jacobs.

Unanimous Decision

Fighting out of a slight crouch, the AYA's Roy Wommack nailed Norbert Bauske of Charlottenburg to the ropes three times in the first round with one-two combinations and three uppercuts.

Wommack continued his explosive barrage in the second round, plastering Bauske with every type of punch imaginable.

In the final round, Wommack belted his outclassed opponent around the ring to earn the unanimous decision of the judges.

In the main event, the southpaw style of the Bruins' Steve Simpson proved too much for Frank Reische of Kreuzberg as the dynamite punches of Simpson found their mark time after time.

Blasting home with furious left and right combinations, Simpson won a unanimous decision over Reische to make it a clean sweep for the local AYA battling Bruins.



PAPERWEIGHT BATTLE—Berlin AYA Bruin Richard Wommack unleashes one of his tremendous rights to the head of Kreuzberg's Claus Bowert while his Berlin opponent misses with a right cross during their three-round slugfest last Sunday afternoon at the BB Sport Center. Wommack won the bout by decision.

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