

# **Local Area Sports – Boxing**

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Weirton, W. Va., Nov. 6.—Leonard Karabinos, 135, Ayella, Pa. scored a technical knockout over Matt Zazell, 134, Weirton, in a fast bout of an amateur boxing show here Monday night. The bout was halted after 25 seconds of fighting in the second round.

Other results included: Bill Shary, Weirton, West Virginia champion, decisioned Benny Malone, Washington, Pa., in their 125-pound scrap, and Luko Smith, Wellsburg, scored a technical knockout over Paul Swaneck Burgettstown, in 1:30 of the first round of their 175-pound battle.

**Amateur Boxing**  
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## **Amateur Boxing Match**

A new ring, presented by the American Zinc and Chemical company will be used for the first time at the Amateur Boxing show sponsored by the Langeloth Union Amusement Fund Committee in the Community Hall at Langeloth on Tuesday, April 28. Future announcement will be made of the card which is now being made up. Tickets for the show went on sale through Union members this week.

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### **ARRANGE BOUTS FOR YOUNG BOXERS**

Local boxing enthusiasts, led by Jake Schneider, president of the Burgettstown Athletic Club have received such a big response to the call for amateur boxers and young men who desire scientific training in Boxing, that they have decided to promote a series of benefit boxing bouts to secure funds with which to purchase equipment to be used in training local youth.

These bouts will be held in the Burgettstown Italian club each Friday evening, beginning February 9, Local boys will participate and a small admission will be charged to defray expenses and to purchase equipment. Twenty would be boxers responded to the first call sent out by Jake and the list is increasing each week.

## **BURGETTEERS WIN IN IMPERIAL BOUTS**

Burgettstown lads showed up to fine advantage and carried off plenty honors at the Boxing Matches sponsored by the Imperial Baseball club in the high school, at Imperial last Friday evening. These bouts marked the first appearance of Jake Schneider's proteges, since he organized a training school, about three months ago, which has been held each Wednesday and Friday nights in the Italian club.

Benny Maxwell, 130 lbs. won every round by decision in his fight with John Bartley of Imperial.

Doc Davis, 130 lbs. won every round from Marty Schultz of Imperial.

Bruno Rossi, 147 lbs. fought John Ceyolles of Imperial and got the decision by a close margin.

James Brown, 150 lbs. won by a technical knockout in the first minute of the second round from John Sinosna of the Trimmer A. C., McKees Rocks.

Tex Adams, 150 lbs. lost to Donald Plance of Imperial by decision.

# *Burgettstown Ball Club Sponsors Amateur Bouts Fri. Night At Ball Field*

Highlighting the current outdoor sports program for Burgettstown Community will be the annual outdoor amateur boxing bouts, sponsored by the Burgettstown Athletic Association and to be held Friday evening, July 26 at McCormick Ball Field.

President Jake Schneider, assisted by Claire Repole, well known fighter from this district has arranged a card that will present some of the finest amateur fighters from the Tri-State Area. Tickets have been on sale the past week and reports indicate a sell-out. An arena before the bleachers is being erected, with adequate lighting, assuring all patrons a fine view of the bouts.

Schneider has engineered amateur matches in the past and has the reputation for giving the fight fans of this section a good clean show and their money's worth from the fight angle. The proceeds will be used for Baseball expenses. In the first bout on the card

## THE CARD

Benny Maxwell, 135 lbs. Burgettstown, vs Tommy Rucker, Bronson House, Washington.

John Sinosna, 147 lbs, Trimmer A. C., Carnegie vs George Thomas, Bronson House, Washington.

Ken O'Brien, 118 lbs. Cecil A. C., vs Benny Halaka, Bronson House, Washington.

Jack Kyle, 155 lbs, Trimmer A. C. Carnegie, vs Eddie Hecker, Bronson House, Washington.

Jimmy Kurtz, 147 lbs., Trimmer A. C. Carnegie vs Joe Miller, Cecil A. C.

James Brown, 147 lbs., Burgettstown vs Thomas Malcolm, Bronson House, Washington.

Benny Kovach, 165 lbs., Imperial A. C. vs Mike Harris, Langeloth.

Julius Walt, 126 lbs., Cecil A. C. vs Henry Pratt, Superior A. C. Diamond Belt Champion Pittsburgh.

John Ceyrillis, 135 lbs., Imperial vs Tony Smith, Bronson House, Washington.

Luke Jordan 147 lbs., Burgettstown vs Tommy Williams, Trimmer A. C., Carnegie.

Rudy Mussinni from Washington meets Benny Maxwell of Burgettstown. Benny has had two fights and won both by decisions.

James Brown, another local boy will fight Tommy Malcolm of Bronson House. Brown has had three fights, two of which he won by decision and one by a technical knockout.

Luke Jordan, the other Burgettstown boy on the program meets Tommy Williams of Carnegie in the feature bout of the evening. Jordan has had five fights, three of which he won by knockouts, one he won by a decision and one he lost by a decision.

Julius Walt, 126, meets Henry Pratt of Superior A. C. Pittsburgh. Pratt has twice won the Diamond Belt championship.

Dundee, of the Cecil A. C. fights Benny Halaka of Bronson House in the lightest battle of the evening, both weighing 118.

Mike Harris, from Langeloth, will fight Benny Kovach of Imperial A. C. in the 165 class. This is Mike's second fight. He won his first by a technical K.O.

Ceyrillis of Imperial fights Tony Smith of Bronson House and Jack Kyle of Trimmer A. C. meets Eddie Hecker of Washington.

The first fight begins promptly at 8:00 P.M.

## Slovan Soldier Boasts Great Boxing Record



Pfc. Samuel G. Matesic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Matesic, of Slovan, who is with the 83rd Engineer Battalion based in Chinon, France, for the past seventeen months, has been recognized for his outstanding ability in the sport of boxing. With his action in the lightweight class, he has placed his battalion on top in the sport.

Pfc. Matesic has boxed in seven different counties in France, with nineteen bouts. His record is seventeen KO's and two TKO's. He competed with his opponents at Chaumont Air Force Base, with four bouts, three resulting in KO's and one TKO.

He also carries the Presidential Citation, and was awarded the expert badge for outstanding marksmanship in the 200 to the 500 yard line. His total was 224 hits out of 250. He will soon be competing in Germany against other top firing marksmen.

He was trained in the field of Heavy Equipment and is an operator of a 75-ton Rock Crusher.

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#### SCHOOL FOR BOXERS

Burgettstown youth who are interested in boxing are invited by Jake Schneider, president of the Burgettstown Athletic club to meet at the B.I.C. hall on Friday evening, January 26 at six o'clock to discuss the organization of a Fighter's club. Coby Orrick will be on hand to train the boys in the principles of scientific boxing. Jake announces that boys, 17 and 18 years of age will be eligible to membership in the club.