



BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1988

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A packed house at the Sports Centre witnessed a lively evening of boxing dominated by the large Cambridge entry. Kent were successful at Light Heavyweight when Roys Poyiadjis won the gold medal with a second round stoppage of Peter Joy (Cambridge). From the first bell Poyiadjis looked the stronger and better technically equipped boxer. The Cambridge student started confidently behind a stiff left jab and seemed undeterred when Poyiadjis slipped inside to score with solid punches. Joy rallied well at the end of the round and may well have evened the scoring.

Round two saw the Kent boxer step up the pace to set Joy back on his heels with a series of sharp left jabs followed by a right to the body which seemed to drain any aggressive intentions from the Light Blue student. It came as no surprise when the game Joy was felled near the ropes by a hard chopping

right which left him visibly shaken. The referee stepped in immediately to stop the contest in favour of a delighted Roys Poyiadjis celebrating his first major University Championship success.

Kent light welter Richard Riley failed to find his best form in losing to the strong but limited Simon Farris (Cambridge) in the final. After an even first round the Kent student tired dramatically in the second and continually found himself trapped in the corners to take punches that could have been avoided. A standing count in the second half of the round was the signal for a brave two fisted rally from Riley and although Farris wobbled ominously he finished the round both boxers were desperately tired as they bravely swung the bout their way. Despite looking the more skilled boxer Riley could not offset the dogged persistence of Farris.

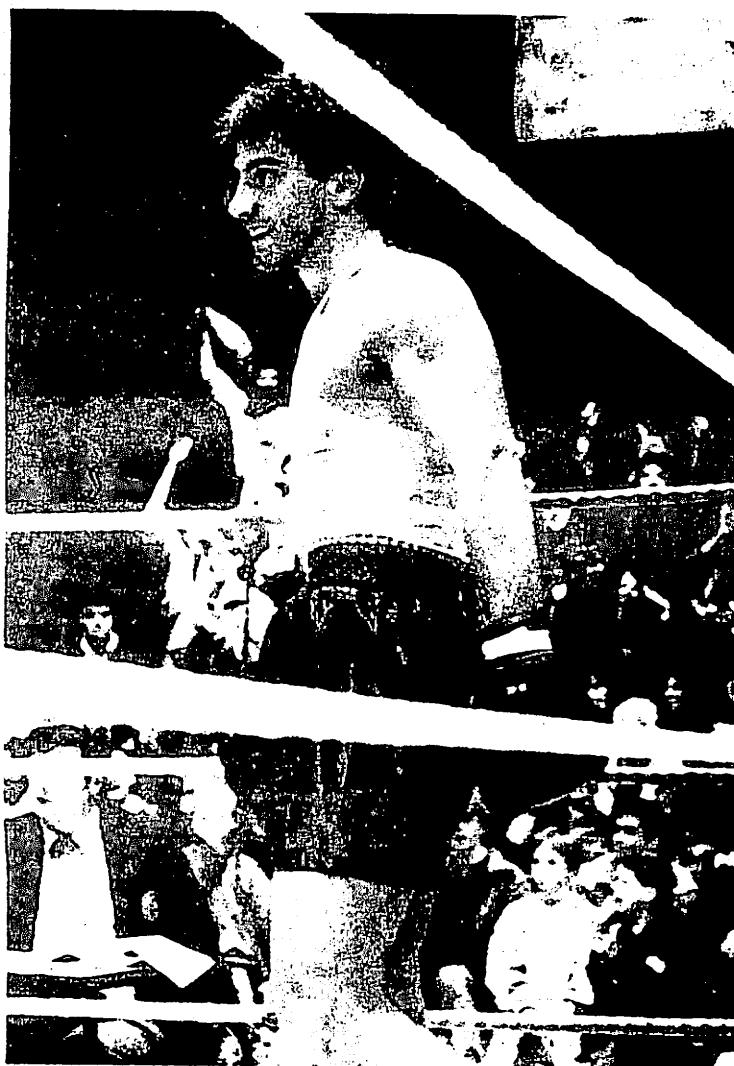
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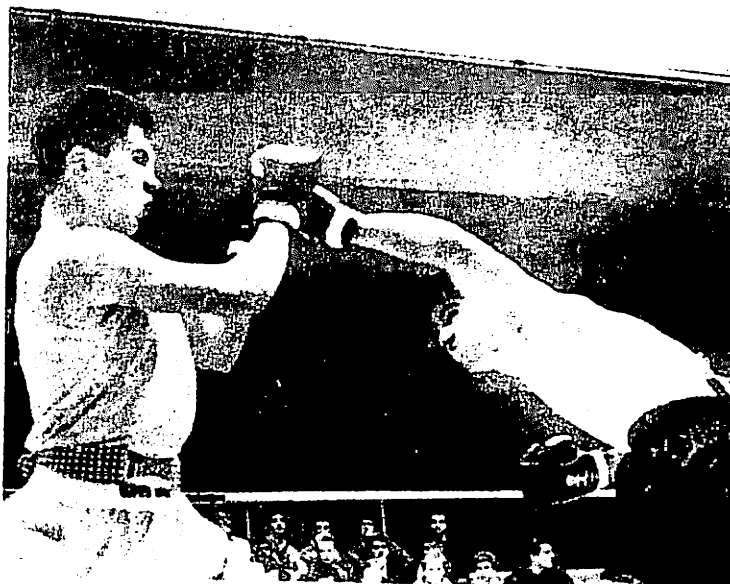
FARRIS FINDS RILEY

In the lightweight final Eddie Carter of Kent had the misfortune to meet talented Eliot Giwalarocca (Oxford). In possibly the best contest of the evening the physical maturity and experience of the Oxford boy enabled him to gain a close decision over Rippingale. The Oxford boxer fresh from a first round win in the semi finals started fast but was staggered by a Carter right hand as he swept forward. Carter gamely followed up but that were Giwalarocca rallied to shower in trade. There was little in Carter with a variety of punches forcing the decision but any doubt about the decision was removed when the Oxford the Kent boxer never really recovered. Now under a hail of punches the Carter defence was starting to crumble when the referee Cannell wisely stepped in to halt proceedings.

The tournament was the first outing of the season for all the boxers on view who now look forward to the Universities promise in losing a close and Hospitals Championships Featherweight semi final to be staged in London on 28th eventual champion Robert January.



POYIADJIS TRIUMPHS!



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