

SPORTS EDITION - SPECIALINTERNATIONAL BOXING

Flyweight "Skeets" Gallacher, in white shorts battles into Frenchman Angèle Olivatti in the opening fight of the French-Britain Amateur Boxing International at London's Wembley arena. Round Two, and Olivatti goes down with a jaw-shaking right hook. He's almost out but he's gone. He's up against tough opposition in Scots flyweight champ Gallacher, whose open south-paw stance recalls ace professional Jackie Paterson. The Frenchman's in a bad way - and who wouldn't be with Gallacher's ship-yard punch working overtime.

Measuring up for a knock-out, Gallacher can't beat Olivatti's double-glove cover-up. The ringside camera pin-points every wallop as Gallacher batters his way to a win, the referee stepping the fight before round two was out. It's a night out for the 10,000 crowd, an amateur show that packs a two-fisted thrill.

Best fight of the night produced an early knock-down - British Army champion Ryan in white shorts put down Frenchman Le Parc in the welter-weight class. Le Parc never got over his opening shaking - at 26 (the eldest man in the tourney) Sergeant-Major Ryan gave a classic exhibition of ice-cool ring-generalship. Le Parc was a fighter and always game - but he just couldn't make the grade against Ryan's bobbing and weaving tactics.

The Press boys had a busy time, with knock-downs keeping things at top-heat. The Frenchman got a breather before coming up for more punishment - but come up he did - every time a fighter.

Deputizing for French welter-champ Humets, 21 year old Le Parc took terrific punishment - but he wouldn't stay down.

The Frenchman's just about out on his feet and Ryan comes in for the kill with a lightning-speed upper cut.

With a score of five wins to three Britain comes out on top. And helping up a game fighter, Ryan wins an extra cheer from a crowd delighted with a grand display rounding off the first post-war battlers' international.