

# 2,000 WATCH ST. GEORGE BOUTS

Two thousand people attended St George Leagues Club late in July and saw three excellent bouts between six professional Aboriginal boxers.

The fighters gave a stylish exhibition of boxing which drew loud applause from the large crowd.

The large ballroom at the St George Club was converted into a boxing arena and the ringside crowd read like a page from the boxing world's Who's Who. Jackie Bruce (former flyweight champion), Taffy Hancock, Tommy Burns and George Barnes (ex welterweight champs—now successful in their own businesses), Rocky Gattelari and his manager, Vic Fiorelli, were all keen spectators.

The main bout between Teddie Rainbow and Lionel Rose (from Melbourne) was won by Rose on a points decision.

The bout ran the full distance of 12 three-minute rounds. Teddie Rainbow, who has been fighting professionally for over 15 years, kept walking up to Rose and carrying the fight to him, but Rose gave an exhibition of class boxing and rarely looked like being in difficulties at the hands of the redoubtable Rainbow. The fighters made Ron James' refereeing job an easy one.

Francis Roberts, formerly Australian amateur welterweight champion, had his first professional fight at the St George Club. He showed the truly excellent style that took him as an Australian representative to the 1964 Olympic Games in Japan. Francis beat Bobby Little, who has had 45 professional fights, on points over 10 two-minute rounds. Ray Mitchell refereed the bout and had no hesitation in awarding it to Francis Roberts.

The first preliminary fight between Johnny Carrol and Jimmy Brown, brother of the famous Billy Brown, was won by Carrol when the fight was stopped in the second round.

During the night Mr Baden-Wales, representing St George Leagues Club, presented a cheque for £20 to Mr Tranby of the Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College.

**Lionel Rose (left) and Teddy Rainbow wish each other well at the weighing-in ceremony at the Club. Rose outpointed Rainbow and is expected to make a big name for himself in the boxing world**

**Francis Roberts' strong left lead earned him a points decision over Bobby Little (left). Roberts is a class boxer who can fight heavily when required**

**Mr Baden-Wales (left) represented St George Leagues Club by presenting Mr Tranby with a cheque for £20. The money will be used at the Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College**

*(Photos courtesy St George Leagues Club)*

