



Winner Jose Vidal, left, trades punches with Delio Palacios in a junior lightweight bout

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## McGirt Wins Decision, But Injures His Hand

By George Willis

Buddy McGirt is hopeful of a world title bout before the end of this decade. And he should be more than ready after the long workouts he's been getting lately.

McGirt, the former IBF junior welterweight champion, went 10 rounds last night to earn a unanimous decision over Edwin Curet of Puerto Rico at the Felt Forum. It was the second straight outing in which McGirt (41-2-1, 34 KOs) has gone the distance.

Perhaps the extended work will help him in a future title bout, but after 44 fights, McGirt doesn't need many more prolonged battles. Nor can he afford a serious injury, which he might have suffered last night.

McGirt said he hurt his right hand in the second round, and fought one-handed the rest of the way. "Even when I threw a left jab, it [the right hand] hurt," he said. "I just pray to God it's not broken, because I want to fight again soon."

Despite the injury, McGirt dominated Curet, easily winning on all three judges' scorecards: 10-0, 10-0 and 9-1.

McGirt, who was less than crisp in winning a 10-round decision over Willie Taylor Feb. 17 in Poughkeepsie, looked better last night as he established himself in the first round by landing two solid left hooks.

He continued to press the action in the second round, adding stiff rights that twice rocked the slower Curet (23-8-2). The third, fourth and fifth rounds also belonged to McGirt, who landed several three-punch combinations.

By the sixth, seventh and eight rounds, the assault began to take its toll. Curet had light swelling under both eyes.

McGirt, ranked No. 2 by the IBF and expected to be No. 1 soon, was making a record 19th appearance at the Felt Forum. Apparently, he's growing weary of the non-title bouts. "When people fight Buddy McGirt, they get up for it," he said. "I'm not always sure I do."

In the other featured bout, Edwin Rosario won by technical knockout after the fifth round when the ringside doctor determined Larry Benson should not continue because of bleeding in his right ear.

Rosario, although clearly ahead in the bout, wasn't as dominant as expected against Benson, who entered with a record of 17-12. After pawing his opponent for the first two rounds, Rosario (33-3, 29 KOs) picked up the pace in the third when he landed a solid uppercut that sent Benson to the canvas. The two then battled toe-to-toe until the fight was stopped.

Gino Gelormino of Levittown, L.I., had an easy night of it against Manuel Rodriguez of Boston. Gelormino, a junior lightweight, stopped Rodriguez (9-5-1) with a right to the head at 1:28 of the first round. The knockout blow was the last of three rights Gelormino (28-1, 20 KOs) landed over Rodriguez' low left hand.

In a grueling 12-round battle, Jose Vidal (29-7-2) of the Bronx earned a unanimous decision over Delio Palacios (26-5-1) of Fort Worth to capture the WBA Americas junior lightweight championship.

Other winners were: Roosevelt Walker (6-1) of Newark; Jake Rodriguez (3-0-1) of Brentwood, L.I.; Willy Wise (2-0) of Westbury, L.I.; Kevin Kelley (6-0) of Flushing, and Ricardo Salazar of West Orange, N.J.

Bobby McCarthy (6-0-1) of Cliffside Park, N.J., and Bruce Flippins (3-0-3) of Denver fought to a six-round draw.

## The Giants' Ingram Testifies

The Associated Press

Chicago — Giants receiver Mark Ingram testified yesterday he tried to back out of his contract with sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom (on trial for fraud, extortion and racketeering), but they threatened to expose his improper signing. He said Walters called him and told him "I had signed a legal document and it was binding and if I did not honor it, that he would send a copy of it to the NCAA and the Big Ten and it would bring the entire MSU program down."

Ingram, who played at Michigan State from 1983-87, testified in U.S. District Court he signed the contract in 1986, before his college eligibility had expired, in viola-

tion of NCAA regulations. He said Walters told him he would postdate the contract to Jan. 2, 1987, telling Ingram "Michigan State would always be there and I need to look out for Mark Ingram."

Defense attorney Dan Webb pressed Ingram on his conduct at the university. "Long before you ever met Norby Walters or Lloyd Bloom, you had already engaged in criminal misconduct that should have resulted in your being off the team," Webb asked.

Ingram said he served 30 days in jail for breaking and entering into a dorm room, but he said MSU officials decided not to revoke his scholarship because they thought time in jail was punishment enough.

## Seguso Is Ejected, Giving Agassi Win

Third seed Andre Agassi survived the third round of the \$702,500 Champions Cup tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., last night, winning by default when his opponent, Robert Seguso, was ejected for yelling at an umpire in the third set of their match.

Jay Berger upset top-seeded Boris Becker, 6-1, 6-1, and teenager Michael Chang knocked off No. 2 Stefan Edberg, 6-3, 6-2.

Agassi was ahead 1-0 in the set after losing the first set 5-7 and winning the second 6-4.

The Agassi-Seguso match ended after Seguso yelled at umpire Richard Ings during the side change following the first game of the third set.

Ings, who had warned Seguso during an earlier outburst, first assessed him a one-point penalty. Then, after Seguso continued to yell, Ings awarded the second game to Agassi and called tournament official Thomas Karlberg, who gave the match to Agassi by default.

"I didn't think I'd be defaulted," Seguso said. "It all happened in a matter of 10 seconds. I never talked to the supervisor."

"He just came out and said, 'Game, set and match.' Everything happened so quick. I've seen a lot worse. It's not fair."

## Canadian Wins; U.S. Skater 2nd

Canada's Kurt Browning put on a dazzling display of jumping, including a trademark quadruple, to edge Chris Bowman of the United States for the men's gold medal at the World Figure Skating Championships in Paris. Poland's Grzegorz Filipowski upset Alexandr Fadeev of the USSR to take the bronze.

## Young Skiers Pace U.S. Meet

Kyle Wieche led a youth movement that swept the top three places in the men's giant slalom, the opening event of the U.S. Alpine Ski Championships in Crested Butte, Colo. Wieche, 21, recorded the quickest second run, charging from third place after the first heat to win with an aggregate time of 2 minutes, 31.72 seconds. Joe Levins, 20, was second in 2:32.09, and 19-year-old Tommy Moe took third in 2:32.81.

## Wrigley Groundskeepers Strike

Groundskeepers at Wrigley Field went on strike yesterday, citing 50 percent pay cuts and setting up picket lines that were honored by workers building skyboxes for the Cubs' home opener on April 4.

Team officials said they were "very surprised" by the job action and assured fans "that this will not disrupt operations at the ballpark this season."

## Johnson's Doctor May Hold Key

Ben Johnson's doctor may have given the sprinter, without his knowledge, the steroid that cost him an Olympic gold medal, sprinter Angella Issajenko suggested as a federal inquiry in Toronto concluded its third week of testimony. Johnson's coach, Charlie Francis, has testified that Johnson took the steroid Estrogol in preparation for the Olympics. Francis said he could not figure out how another steroid, stanozolol, turned up in Johnson's urine test at Seoul. Issajenko suggested Johnson's personal physician, Dr. Jamie Astaphan, may be able to clear up the mystery.

## Giants Sign 49ers' Cox

The Giants claimed their second unprotected free agent, signing safety Greg Cox, formerly of the 49ers. Cox, 24, played primarily on kickoff and punt coverage, seeing action in 15 regular-season games and all three playoff games as a rookie. He could contend for a starting or backup job with the Giants, who could lose unprotected veteran Kenny Hill to free agency. Earlier this week, the Giants signed nose tackle Mike Lambrecht from the Dolphins. . . . The Jets will play their entire preseason schedule on the road, opening Aug. 12 against Green Bay at Milwaukee; against the Eagles at Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 19; as the visiting team at Giants Stadium Aug. 26 and at Kansas City Sept. 1.

## Furthermore . . .

Martha Nause made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to complete a 6-under-par 66 and open a one-stroke lead over Missie Berteotti and Penny Hammel after one round of the \$300,000 LPGA Tucson Open. . . . Bob Dukiet was fired as Marquette basketball coach after two consecutive losing seasons and several conflicts with players. He compiled a 39-46 record, including 10-18 two years ago and 13-15 last season.

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