

BOXING



MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE boxing team which won five of the seven divisions in the Asian Games competition. From left, Alex Villacampa (assistant coach); Ernesto Sajo, flyweight; Alejandro Ortouse, bantamweight; Celedonio Espinosa, lightweight; Mauro Dizon, welterweight runner-up; Ernesto Porto, light-welterweight; and Celestino Enriquez (Coach).

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT of the Second Asian Games drew thirty eight entries representing nine countries, namely: Burma, Ceylon, China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

In the first Asian Games at New Delhi in 1951, Burma, Ceylon, Japan and the Philippines, the minimum number of participating countries required before an optional event could be included in the program, wanted to compete in the boxing tournament. But the event was not held at New Delhi because the Organizing Committee was afraid that there might be a repetition of the disagreeable incidents which occurred in the London Olympics in 1948 due to poor officiating. The Organizing Committee believed that because of lack of competent judges and referees, the boxing competition may only create bad feelings and ill-will among competing nations.

In the Second Asian Games, however, boxing was definitely included in the program when seven nations present at the general meeting at Helsinki in 1952 voted in favor of including the event. Later the number of participating countries was increased to nine.

The boxing program of the Second Asian Games was originally scheduled for four days. However, the entries for each category were few — only seven in the flyweight, eight in the bantamweight, six in the featherweight, six in the lightweight, three in the light welterweight, five in the welterweight, two in the light-middleweight, and one in the light-heavyweight. Consequently, the tournament was reduced to three days.



PHILIPPINES' ERNESTO SAJO, flyweight boxing champion, (center) with 2nd and 3rd place winners Lee Chung Kiyo, Korea, (left) and Aye Kho, Burma.

The Filipino boxers swept five out of the seven final bouts at the Rizal Open Arena.

The Filipino winners were Ernesto Sajo, flyweight; Alejandro Ortouste, bantamweight; Celedonio Espinosa, lightweight; Ernesto Porto, light-welterweight; and Vicente Tunacao, light-middleweight.



PHILIPPINES' ALEJANDRO ORTOUSTE, bantamweight champion, is flanked by Henry Jayasuriya, Ceylon, (left) and Kichio Miyake, Japan, who placed 2nd and 3rd.

Tunacao who represented the Philippines in the Helsinki Olympics, scored a 3rd-round technical knockout win over Japan's Yutaka Kobashi in a bloody one sided contest.

It was acclaimed by the estimated 9,000 ring fans to be the best fight of the evening.

Sajo took a unanimous decision over his Korean opponent, Lee Chang Kiyo, in the flyweight. He centered his attack on his foe's abdomen to win by a unanimous decision.

Ortoste, another Olympian who was one of the Filipino favorites to win a gold medal, took a 3-1 decision over Ceylon's Henry Jayasuriya.

Espinosa outclassed his Chinese adversary, Henry Wong, to annex the lightweight, while Porto took an abbreviated bout over Lee Sam Yong, Korca, to cop the light-welterweight title.

Korea and Japan had one gold medal each in the boxing tournament. Korea's Pak Kum Hyum pocketed the featherweight title by decisioning Mauro Dizon of the Philippines, while Japan's Fujimoto Kazuma won the welterweight.

There was no untoward incident in the whole tournament, although some of the decisions were questionable, especially in the semi-final and final rounds. But there was good fellowship among the contestants, and the spirit of sportsmanship prevailed throughout the tournament.

RESULTS

Flyweight

CHAMPION—ERNESTO SAJO, PHILIPPINES

1st ROUND

Manzano Idehara, *Japan*, d. Nguyen Traug, *Vietnam*, 3-0
Lee Chang Kiyo, *Korea*, d. Suwan Somebunserm, *Thailand*, 3-0
Aye Kho, *Burma*, d. Abdul Halim, *Singapore*, 2-1

2nd ROUND

Ernesto Sajo, *Philippines*, d. Manzano Idehara, *Japan*, 2-1
Lee Chang Kiyo, *Korea*, d. Aye Kho, *Burma*, 3-0

Ernesto Sajo, *Philippines*, d. Lee Chang Kiyo, *Korea*, 3-0

FINAL STANDING

1. Ernesto Sajo *Philippines*
2. Lee Chang Kiyo *Korea*
3. Aye Kho *Burma*
4. Manzano Idehara *Japan*

Bantamweight

CHAMPION—ALEJANDRO ORTUOSTE, PHILIPPINES

1st ROUND

Alejandro Ortoste, *Philippines*, d. Kang Joon Ho, *Korea*, 3-0

Kichio Miyake, *Japan* d. Than Xuan Nhai, *Vietnam*, 3-0

2nd ROUND

Henry Perera Jayasuriya, *Ceylon*, d. Austin Dunsford, *Singapore*, by TKO after 2:27.5 in the 3rd round
Alejandro Ortoste, *Philippines*, d. Kichio Miyake, *Japan*, 3-3

3rd ROUND

Kichio Miyake, *Japan*, d. Austin Dunsford, *Singapore*, by default.

FINAL STANDING

1. Alejandro Ortoste *Philippines*
2. Henry Jayasuriya *Ceylon*
3. Kichio Miyake *Japan*
4. Austin Dunsford *Singapore*

Featherweight

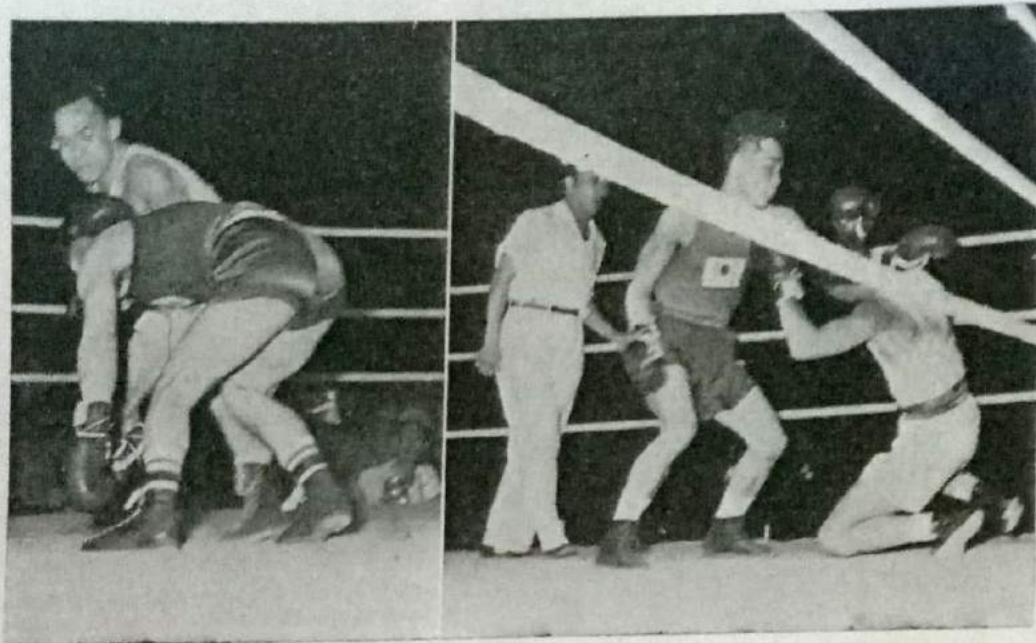
CHAMPION—PAK KUM HYUN KOREA

1st ROUND

Chandrasena P. Jayasuriya, *Ceylon*, d. Hiden Wada, *Japan*, by KO after 2:09.0 in the 1st round

Pak Kum, Hyun, *Korea*, d. Chune Pattapongse, *Thailand*, by KO after 2:37.0 in the 1st round

2ND ASIAN GAMES



KICHIO MIYAKE (Japan) staggers from the terrific blows inflicted by Alejandro Ortouse (Philippines) who eventually won the bantamweight class.

PAK KUM HYUN of Korea who was previously subjected to heavy punishment by M. Dixon (Philippines) now takes the upper hand in the finals of the featherweight over his Filipino opponent shown in defensive position.



PAK KUM HYUN, Korea, (center) wins the featherweight class. Mauro Dixon, Philippines, (left) placed 2nd and Chandrasena P. Jayasuriya, Ceylon, 3rd.



THE REFEREE TRIES TO BREAK up Celedonio Espinosa and opponent Henry Wong, protagonists in the lightweight championship, which was eventually won by Philippines' Espinosa.

2nd ROUND

Mauro Dizon, Philippines, d. Teng Pao Cha, China, 3-0
 Pak Kum Hyun, Korea, d. Chandrasena P. Jayasuriya, Ceylon, by split decision, .. 2-1

3rd ROUND

Pak Kum Hyun, Korea, d. Mauro Dizon, Philippines, 3-0



ERNESTO PORTO, Philippines, KO's Chen Sheng Hong of China in the light-welterweight final.

Chandrasena P. Jayasuriya, Ceylon, d. Teng Pao Cha, China 3-0

Final Standing

1. Pak Kum Hyun Korea
2. Mauro Dizon Philippines
3. Chandrasena P. Jayasuriya . Ceylon
4. Teng Pao Cha China

PHILIPPINES' CELEDONIO ESPINOSA, center, tops the light-weight class. Henry Wong (left) was runner-up while Japan's Hiroshi Iwabuchi places third.



2ND ASIAN GAMES



JAPAN'S FUJIMOTO KAZUMA TKO's Bulat Bin Ismail (Singapore) in 2:07.0 to win the welterweight title.



VICENTE TUNACAO (Philippines) heads for the neutral corner after flooring lone light-middleweight opponent Yutaka Kobashi (Japan).

Lightweight

CHAMPION—CELEDONIO ESPINOSA, PHILIPPINES

1st Round

Henry Wong, *China*, d. Suh Byong Nan, *Korea* 2-1
Hiroshi Iwabuchi, *Japan*, d. Dennis Lazaro

Singapore, by KO after 1:55.0 in the 3rd round

2nd ROUND

Celedonio Espinosa, *Philippines*, d. Sub Chunda Kowsolaya, *Thailand*, 3-0
Henry Wong, *China*, d. Hiroshi Iwabuchi, *Japan*, 2-1

3rd ROUND

Celedonio Espinosa, *Philippines*, d. Henry Wong, *China*, 3-0
Hiroshi Iwabuchi, *Japan*, d. Sub Chunda Kowsolaya, *Thailand*, 3-0

FINAL STANDING

1. Celedonio Espinosa *Philippines*
2. Henry Wong *China*
3. Hiroshi Iwabuchi *Japan*
4. Sub Chunda Kowsolaya . *Thailand*



ERNESTO PORTO, center, garners another boxing triumph for the Philippines with his victory in the light-welterweight division. Korea's Lee Sam Yong was 2nd, and Hisao Inoue, Japan, third.



WELTERWEIGHT WINNERS, Fujimoto Kazuma, Japan, (center), 1st; Bulat Bin Ismail, Singapore, (left), 2nd; and Kim Yoon Suh, Korea, 3rd.

Light-welterweight

CHAMPION—ERNESTO PORTO, PHILIPPINES

1st ROUND

Lee Sam Yong, Korea, d. Hisao Inoue, Japan, 2-1
Ernesto Porto, Philippines, d. Chen Sheng Hong, China, by KO after 2:25.3 in the 3rd round
Ernesto Porto, Philippines, d. Lee Sam Yong, Korea, 3-0
Hisao Inoue, Japan, d. Chen Sheng Hong, China, 3-0

FINAL STANDING

1. Ernesto Porto Philippines
2. Lee Sam Yong Korea
3. Hisao Inoue Japan
4. Chen Sheng Hong China

PHILIPPINES' VICENTE TUNACAO (light-middleweight), the host country's 5th gold medalist in the boxing competition, bested his lone opponent, Yutaka Kobashi of Japan. Awarding the medals in the boxing victory ceremonies was Asian Games Federation Council member Phya Chinda Raksh of Thailand.



Welterweight

CHAMPION—FUJIMOTO KAZUMA, JAPAN

1st ROUND

Kim Yoon Suh, Korea, d. Vichiam Chaiyapa, Thailand, 3-0
Fujimoto Kazuma, Japan, d. Pablo Manique, Philippines 3-0

2nd ROUND

Bulat Bin Ismail, Singapore, d. Wing Yeung Yau, China, 3-0

3rd ROUND

Fujimoto Kazuma, Japan, d. Bulat Bin Ismail, Singapore, by TKO in 2:07.0 of the 2nd round

Kim Yoon Sun Korea, d. Wing Yeung Yau, China by default.

FINAL STANDING

1. Fujimoto Kazuma Japan
2. Bulat Bin Ismail Singapore
3. Kim Yoon Suh Korea
4. Wing Yeung Yau China

Light-middleweight

CHAMPION—VICENTE TUNACAO, PHILIPPINES

1st ROUND

Vicente Tunacao, Philippines, d. Yutaka Kobashi Japan, by TKO in the 3rd round

(NOTE: Kobashi failed to answer the bell for 3rd round).