

on the **MOVE**



Kory Schramm warms up before his elimination bout with sophomore Paul Gangarossa March 10. Kory won the match.

# MISSION BOUTS



Trainers Nick Santillo, foreground left, and Mark DiRaddo, both Aquinas graduates, check an injury to Kory's face during preliminary competition March 10 at Aquinas Institute.



Kory, left, congratulates fellow senior Scott Amering on Scott's win over Kory in the Mission Bouts.



Kory contemplates his just-completed fight in the last Mission Bout of his four-year boxing career.

“It teaches you to have confidence in yourself and your abilities”

- Kory Schramm



Kory jabs at opponent Scott Amering during the Mission Bouts March 12.

Staff photographer Greg Francis recently followed Kory Schramm, an Aquinas Institute senior and one of 26 boxers who took part in the 67th Aquinas Mission Bouts.

The bouts were held March 12 at Aquinas Institute. According to Dom Arioli, Mission Bouts coordinator, this is the only high school-based boxing program in the country.

The bouts began in 1932. Proceeds from the annual event are donated to the Basilian Fathers Missions.

All Aquinas students are eligible to try out for the bouts, including females. In fact, freshmen Bridget Chadwick and Asante' Shipp, squared off in the night's opening match on March 12.

Each bout consists of three rounds lasting two minutes each. Boxers prepare for their matches by training for more than two months, and then taking part in preliminary matches the week of the Mission Bouts.

Arioli acknowledged that boxing is a controversial sport because of the violence involved. However, he said that Mission Bouts participants wear headgear and they box with 14-ounce gloves, whereas 12-ounce gloves are the norm. The heavier gloves, he explained, reduce the impact of the blows being delivered. Arioli added that he matches up boxers not only by weight class, but also by experience level.

"If you don't run it right, it could get out of hand," said Arioli, in his 19th year as coordinator.

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