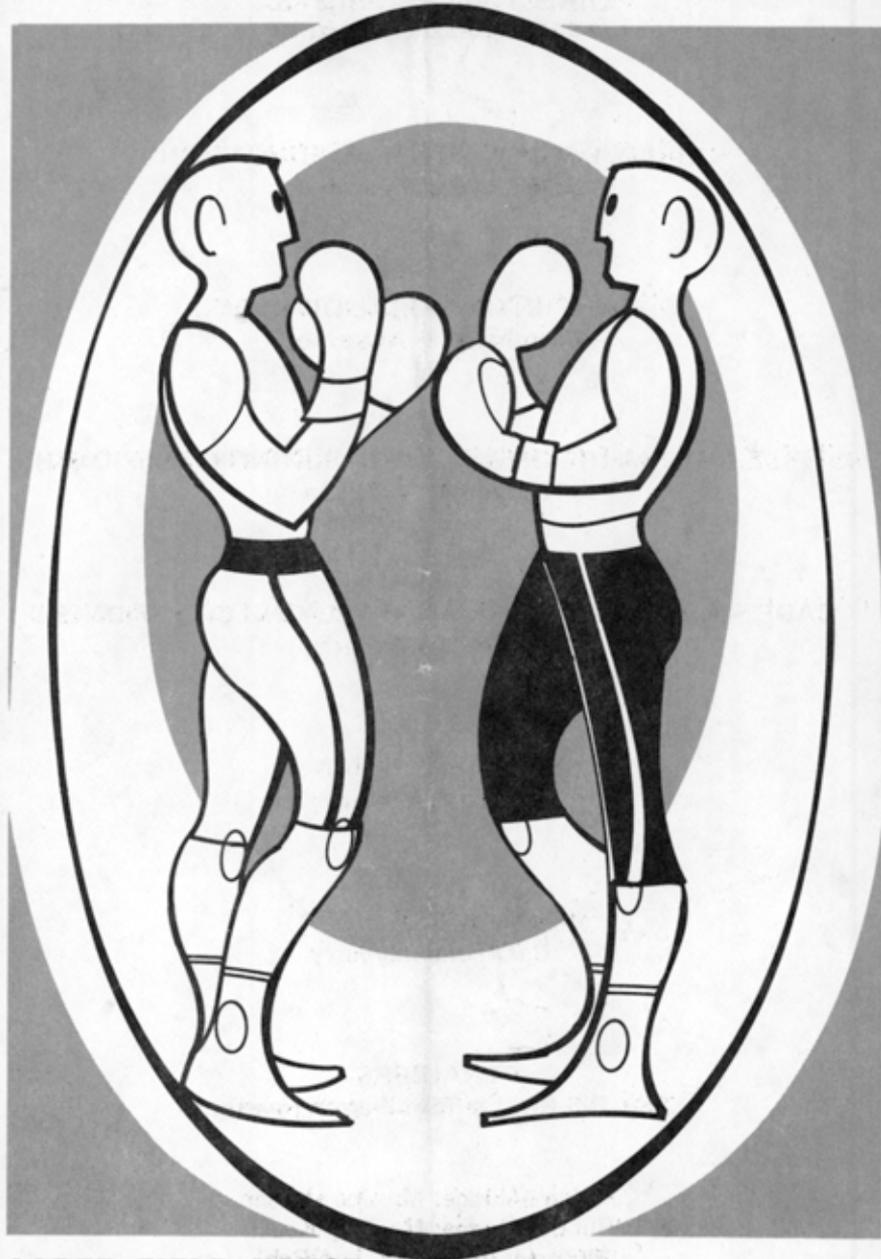


# WING OPEN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP



CADET FIELD HOUSE  
FRIDAY MARCH 16 @ 7:30

**PROGRAM**

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
Lieutenant General A. P. Clark

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**  
Colonel Frank E. Merritt

**HEAD, DEPT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
Colonel Charles W. Oliver

**CHIEF, INTRAMURAL DIVISION**  
Captain Keith A. Stowers

**OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF WING OPEN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Captain Hank Eichin

**CADET-IN-CHARGE OF WING OPEN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
C1C Dave Gessert

**RING PHYSICIAN**  
Colonel Peter Carter

**RING ANNOUNCER**  
C1C Tom Mayberry

**TRAINERS**  
SSgt Bill Reed & TSgt Warren Hegwood

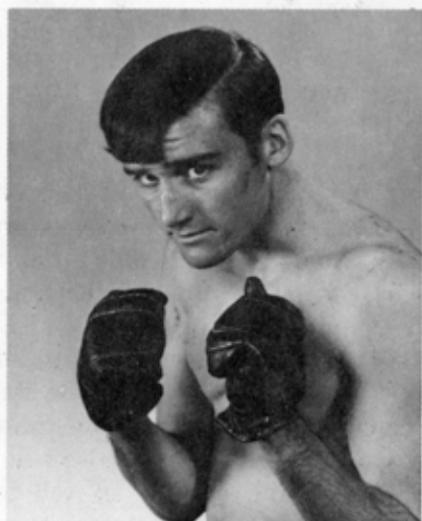
Referee/Judge: Mr. Joe Ullmer  
Referee/Judge: Mr. Ray Keech  
Referee/Judge: Mr. Leo Bahl

Timer: C1C Chris Tucker

**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS**



**Charlie Stallworth 145 Lbs. (3 Years)**



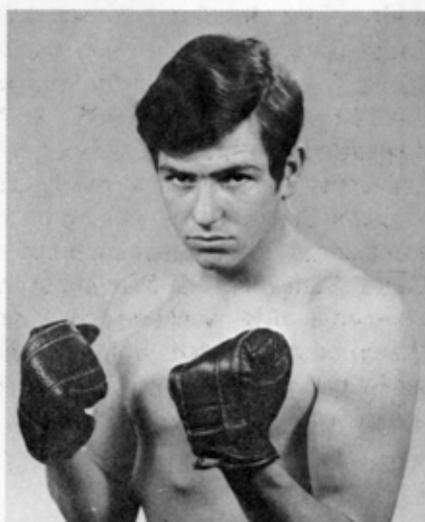
**Joe Karner 152 Lbs. (2 Years)**



**Rowe Stayton 167 Lbs. (2 Years)**

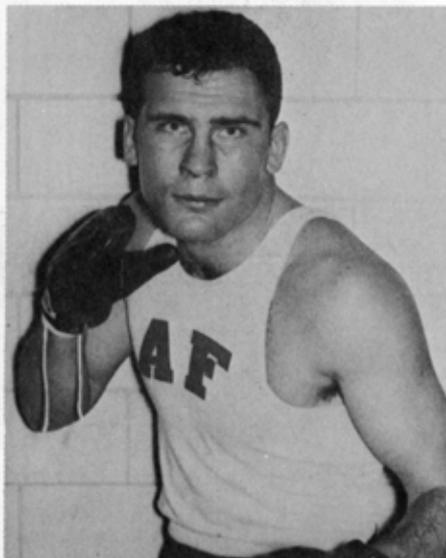


**Al Briding 130 Lbs. (1 Year)**

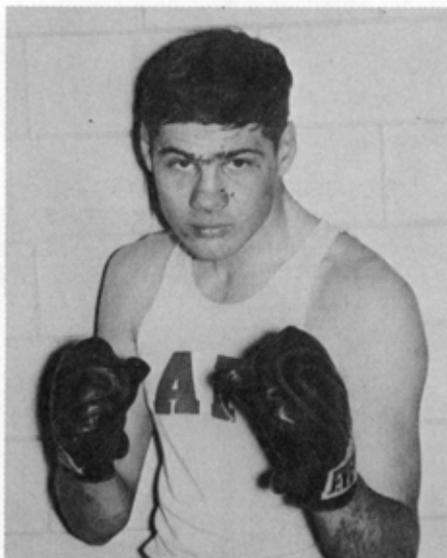


**John Blecher 137 Lbs. (1 Year)**

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### HISTORY OF WING OPEN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boxing has been one of the highlights of the Cadet Intramural Program since the inception of the USAF Academy. The boxing program began with emphasis on squadron competition. Individual competition was added to our intramural program and this competition continues today. This year Squadron 05 won the intramural boxing championship.

The Wing Open Boxing Championships were established so that any cadet in the Wing could compete in his weight class, and battle his way to the championship. Since its beginning, the Wing Open has been one of the most anxiously anticipated events in the Falcon sports year. With the move from the Cadet Gymnasium to the Field House in 1969, interest as well as attendance has soared. Crowds of approximately 6,000 spectators have witnessed the championships.

In the history of the Academy, there have been only two cadets to win their weight class for 4 consecutive years. The first to perform the feat was Cadet Gary Vasek who won the 167 pound class in 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968. The other winner for four years was Cadet R. "Buzz" Dyre who won the 177 pound class in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969. These former cadets are now attending graduate school, with Vasek attending Southern Methodist University and Dyre is currently attending Seattle University.

Cadet Stallworth is making his bid to become a four time champ this year and Cadet Karner is making his third attempt at becoming a Wing Champion. Cadet Stallworth is a member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team and is in California this weekend for two Varsity matches; therefore, his final championship match will be against the winner of tonight's 145 pound semi-final match, either Cadet Christenson or Cadet Cutter, at 1600 hours at the Cadet Gym on 22 March 1973.



## CADET ATHLETICS

Not all athletes become Air Force Academy cadets, but all Air Force Academy cadets become athletes. Few schools in the country have as broad or as extensive an athletic program as the Air Force Academy.

The goals of the athletic program are to develop such traits as persistence, will to win, aggressiveness and courage—all characteristics of a good leader. The Academy curriculum is divided into three main areas: academics, military training, and athletics. A cadet must excel in all three areas to earn his second lieutenant commission and bachelor of science degree.

Under the guidance of Athletic Director Colonel Frank Merritt, the athletic program is broken down into three subdivisions: intercollegiate, intramural and physical education.

Eighteen intercollegiate sports are played and represent the highest form of competition for cadet athletes. Varsity teams compete against some of the top teams in the nation in football, cross country, soccer, water polo, basketball, fencing, rifle, pistol, ice hockey, gymnastics, indoor track, wrestling, swimming, baseball, outdoor track, lacrosse, golf, and tennis.

The intramural program is conducted by cadets under the supervision of the Department of Physical Education. Each cadet squadron fields a team in each of 16 sports—tackle football, soccer, tennis, flickerball, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling, water polo, handball, squash, rugby, basketball, swimming, volley ball, cross country, and team handball.

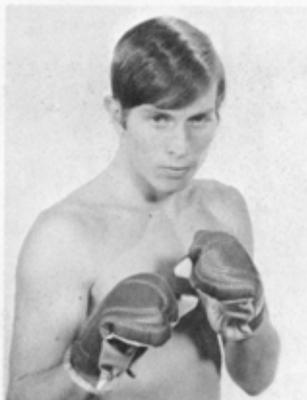
Each cadet takes physical education courses during his 4-year stay. Courses are designed to develop physical fitness, teach unarmed combat, water survival, and sports such as tennis, golf, and squash, and handball which will enable an officer to maintain fitness throughout his career.

130 Lb. Class

**Edwin P. Mallo**  
Class of 1975, 9th Squadron  
Clark AB, Philippine Islands  
(White Trunks)



**\*Alan J. Briding**  
Class of 1973, 19th Squadron  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
(Blue Trunks)



137 Lb. Class

**\*John R. Blecher**  
Class of 1973, 30th Squadron  
Des Moines, Iowa  
(White Trunks)



**Jimmie L. Benton**  
Class of 1976, 22nd Squadron  
Pearl River, Louisiana  
(Blue Trunks)



\*\*145 Lb. Class

**John M. Christianson**  
Class of 1976, 11th Squadron  
Houston, Texas  
(White Trunks)

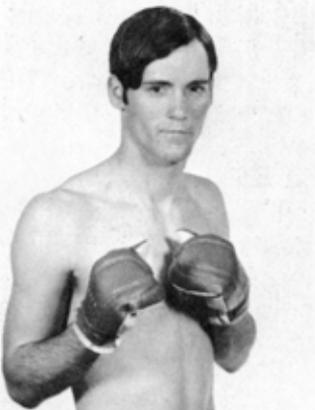


**Michael J. Cutter**  
Class of 1973, 30th Squadron  
St. Louis, Missouri  
(Blue Trunks)



152 Lb. Class

**Frank H. Brewer**  
Class of 1974, 12th Squadron  
Placentia, California  
(White Trunks)



**Phillip S. Cherry**  
Class of 1973, 4th Squadron  
Memphis, Tennessee  
(Blue Trunks)

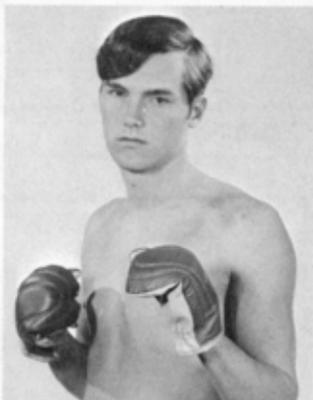


**\*\*Semi-Final Match—Winner will fight C1C Charles E. Stallworth, 16th Squadron,  
on 22 March 1973 in Cadet Gymnasium at 4:00 pm.**

**\*Defending Champion**

160 Lb. Class

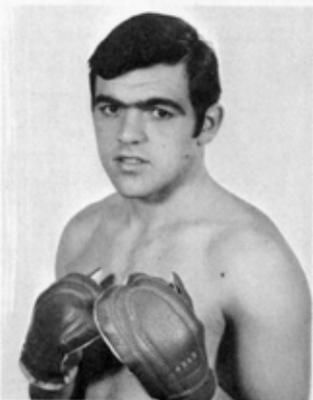
**Bryan R. Clark**  
Class of 1973, 19th Squadron  
Homewood, Illinois  
(White Trunks)



**\*\*\*Joseph R. Karner**  
Class of 1974, 16th Squadron  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
(Blue Trunks)

167 Lb. Class

**Richard L. Comer**  
Class of 1973, 30th Squadron  
Castonia, North Carolina  
(White Trunks)



**Thomas L. Schuessler**  
Class of 1973, 6th Squadron  
Ballwin, Missouri  
(Blue Trunks)

177 Lb. Class

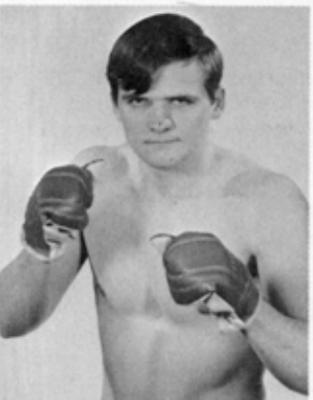
**Peter J. Niland**  
Class of 1976, 21st Squadron  
San Francisco, California  
(White Trunks)



**\*\*\*Rowe P. Stayton**  
Class of 1973, 36th Squadron  
Quinlan, Texas  
(Blue Trunks)

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**James P. Parker**  
Class of 1973, 20th Squadron  
Fairview Heights, Illinois  
(White Trunks)



**Randall W. Spetman**  
Class of 1976, 8th Squadron  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
(Blue Trunks)

**\*\*\*Two-time Champion**

### SCORE CARD

WEIGHT	CONTESTANT	ROUND			TOTAL
		1	2	3	
130 Lbs.	EDWIN P. MALLO (White Trunks)				
	*ALAN J. BRIDING (Blue Trunks)				
137 Lbs.	*JOHN R. BLECHER (White Trunks)				
	JIMMIE L. BENTON (Blue Trunks)				
145 Lbs. *	JOHN M. CHRISTIANSON (White Trunks)				
	MICHAEL J. CUTTER (Blue Trunks)				
152 Lbs.	FRANK H. BREWER (White Trunks)				
	PHILLIP S. CHERRY (Blue Trunks)				
160 Lbs.	BRYAN R. CLARK (White Trunks)				
	***JOSEPH R. KARNER (Blue Trunks)				
167 Lbs.	RICHARD L. COMER (White Trunks)				
	THOMAS L. SCHUESSLER (Blue Trunks)				
177 Lbs.	PETER J. NILAND (White Trunks)				
	***ROWE P. STAYTON (Blue Trunks)				
Heavy Weight	JAMES P. PARKER (White Trunks)				
	RANDALL W. SPETMAN (Blue Trunks)				

\*Defending Champion

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### BOXING DATA

1. SCORING: AAU Scoring Procedures: 20 point must system; i.e., 20 points awarded to the winner of each round and 19 points or less to the loser.

- 20—20 Even Round
- 20—19 Slight Advantage
- 20—18 Obvious Advantage

2. The bouts will consist of three (3) 1½ minute rounds.

3. Twelve (12) ounce boxing gloves will be worn by fighters.