

BOXING! AMATEUR THRILLERS.

The Olympic Quest Tournament held at Brisbane last week provided a feast of thrills for the biggest crowd to attend the stadium in years.

The North Queensland troupe did exceptionally well compared with the southern and western teams.

Our two Palm Island boys, both scored a win, Colin Gibson was defeated by a very small margin on points by John Tapp, state leigh-weight champion, but in his second fight in the state finals he outpointed J. McVeigh of Brisbane in the second round after a hard fight.

Arthur James, stopped Andy Parker of Glen Innes in the second round. James punched very fast and hard, unfortunately he broke a bone in his right hand with his winning punch.

Paul Rudloff of N.F.C. Townsville t.k.o'd Alfie Sinn of Baracula Chinchilla in the third round, of the semi-finals, but was outpointed by Keith Anderson 9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the State Finals, this left C. Gibson a few points ahead of Rudloff in the Quest.

Other wins for North Queensland were - Noel Hazard (Mt. Isa), gained a good win over Warren Powell (State Champion) and Neil McDonald-Bruce Buttler (Townsville), floored Owen Bellamy in 42 seconds.

Val Taylor (Mackay), outpointed Boyd Scully of Brisbane.

Finalists in five divisions of the talent quest will be fighting in Townsville this Saturday night.

Colin Gibson has been matched with Beondi of Mt. Isa.

Rudloff will fight Hazard of Mt. Isa.

Arthur James was matched with Val Taylor of Mackay, but will not be able to fight for some time, until his hand has mended.

