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Fort Pierce Police welcomes home USA super heavy weight champion Lenroy Thompson

FORT PIERCE – Friday night Fort Pierce PAL boxer Lenroy Thompson achieved superstar status.

Thompson, 19, of Port St. Lucie competed in the USA Boxing's U.S. Future Stars National Championship held March 9-14. in Colorado.

Excerpt from USA Boxing story online at http://www.usaboxing.org/default_2182.htm

The final match of the night, in the super heavyweight (201+ lbs) division, produced the night's second tiebreaker, as well as another great comeback effort. **Tor Hamer** (New York, N.Y.) controlled the majority of the bout, taking a 7-3 lead into the final round, where **Lenroy Thompson** (Port. St. Lucie, Fla.) pulled out all the stops offensively, scoring nine in the fourth to force a 12-12 tie. This time, though, the first tiebreaker method determined the winner, and Thompson was awarded the title.

(To break a tie after four rounds, officials refer to the computerized scoring system, which looks at the scores given to each boxer by the five judges at ringside. From there, the highest and lowest scores received by each boxer are eliminated, and the remaining three scores are tallied, and the boxer with the highest total wins.)

Thompson said he was having problems with his shoulder, but he wasn't going to let it stop him from competing for the title.

"I just gave it my all because I knew I was down five points going into the fourth round," Thompson said.

Master Officer Paul Pearson, executive director of PAL, said this is the first time in 15 years that the Fort Pierce PAL had someone to win a national title in any weight division.

"We have always had boxers to make it to the national finals, but never a champion," Pearson said. "This is the highest armature recognition, except for the Olympics, that anyone can earn in the U.S."

Pearson said, Thompson walked into the PAL gym at age 15. He remembered him as a stocky guy with a need to learn the sport. Thompson ran to the gym from Westwood High School whenever the gym was open.

"Lenroy represents everything that PAL stands for... our kids can succeed at incredible levels if we will just provide the guidance and support they need," said Chief R. Sean Baldwin. "I couldn't be prouder of Lenroy, his coaches, and our entire PAL program."

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