

POLICEMEN POUND OUT NEW BEAT

Policemen take a night out from their usual beat to pound out a new one at Wembley. The occasion is the first police boxing championships for 11 years and, making up for lost time, are white-shirted O'Riordan of Dublin's Civic Guard and Monmouthshire's Hoyle.

Cautioned by the referee for holding in the first round, the Dublin boxer fares no better in the second, and finally is disqualified - making Hoyle cruiser-weight champion. Finalists in the heavy-weight class are Nottingham's George Scott and Dublin's Eddie Walsh. What they lack in orthodox skill, they make up for in a spectacular rough-and-tumble.

Sergeant Scott goes unceremoniously off his beat - leaving the Dublin Civic Guardsman with the heavy-weight crown. Highspot of the night comes with the middleweights - stocky Londoner Harold Fleming and Durham County's Jim McDermott. Having won his three eliminating bouts inside the distance, P.C. Fleming is now off to put the handcuffs on McDermott.

There is no stopping this boxing bobby from London. Bobbing out with left and right, Fleming pounds his way from the obscurity of 'S' Division to fame.

If you want to know the time don't ask this policeman, next time he'd better bring his truncheon.