

First Aborigine Olympian

First Aborigine to make the Olympic Games wearing Australia's blazer is 21-year-old Francis Roberts, formerly of Cubawee reserve, near Lismore.

Francis (picture at right) is in the boxing team, welter weight division).

Francis left Lismore a year ago and, at his first attempt, won the State and National welterweight amateur titles. He is a member of a family that produced many professional boxers.

In 25 amateur fights before his selection Francis had 20 wins and five losses.

It is a tribute to Francis and members of his family that he has managed so far to overcome the difficulties imposed on him by life on a Government "reserve" such as that at Cubawee.

