

AMATEUR BOXING

ANTHONY GOWAN is held
A by Chris Jupp (right) in
an exciting moment.
Gowan won.



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THE programme of amateur Boxing at the Municipal Stadium proved full of interest, and the Coast Province Club are to be congratulated on their first tournament.

A most gratifying portent for the future was the excellent showing of the eight lads from the European Primary School, the Club's chief trainer, Maxie Cable, having obviously imparted much from his wealth of knowledge of ringcraft to these youngsters who, in turn, had responded in heartening fashion.

It is interesting to record that Red spelt danger to the opposition Green corner, eleven out of the twelve bouts going to the former colour.

The prize for the "Gamest loser" (Schoolboy,) went to Peter Castley, and a similar award amongst the seniors was won by Hamid. Ali Mansoor took home the "Best Winner" cup and in the junior section a similar trophy now rests on David McFarrell's family side-board.

The Club's Patron is the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. Desmond O'Hagan, and in presenting the awards he complimented the organisers on an excellent evening's entertainment. Mr. O'Hagan also paid tribute to the Nairobi Officials who had travelled down to adjudicate.

After the tournament the contestants and officials were entertained by the Club at the Tononoka Institute.

Details

Thumbnail reports on the twelve bouts are as follows:—

Michael Gazzard v Shaun Metcalfe

Michael won his all-out whirlwind attack, but Metcalfe boxed cleanly and got out of the clinches with the odd falling blow. The impression prevailed that had Metcalfe used his right more the fight might well have swung in his favour.

Michael McFarrell v Barry Jupp

The verdict was undoubtedly Mr. Farrell's, but there was not more than a point or two in it. A return between these two lads should be the high-light of the School Boxing championships next month. Jupp was a game loser.

Anthony Gowan v Chris Jupp

Jupp, who, it was subsequently learned, was slightly indisposed, found Gowan too vicious in attack and suffered a technical knock-out. He retired— not without glory in the final round.

David McFarrell v Peter Castley

David was a shade too strong for his class-mate but it was not all one-sided. Peter had a spell in his corner, but McFarrell carried the fight in the third to place if beyond doubt.

Joshua v Hamis Juma

Joshua of the R.E.A.N. had the almost disconcerting habit of shooting out a straight left whilst appearing to be anchored to the ground. Hamis refused to be "sunk" and battled on but some very telling blows from the sailor put the fight in his pocket.

Christian Ooera v James Burke

Ooera opened with a flurry of blows and must have appeared most "Un-Christian-like" to his opponent. Burke stood up to the barrage but the result was never in doubt for Christian. It was the most "meaty" bout of the evening. Burke's style was as Irish as his name.

Masua v Hamid

Masua beat substitute Hamid but the crowd rose to the loser, who never gave up. The impression prevailed that a low blow or two was given by both boxers in the excitement but no serious damage resulted neither did it affect the result. Good refereeing probably saved an early finish through disqualification. Hamid got the "Gamest loser award."

John Pierconti v Mohamed Jahazi

Pierconti was a suave Italian who belied his almost disinterested appearance. Jahazi was hit by everything except the ring-bucket. The loser, however, carried on without ever being rocked back on to his heels and might well have shown more in a longer contest.

Ali Mansoor v Joseph Serukumia

The African lad from Nairobi had volunteered to travel to meet Mombasa's "best" and was always in the fight, even though he is minus his right eye. Ali used his ringcraft and was always coming in from the blind side. Once or twice whistling rights from Joseph seemed likely to end the fight, but Ali rode them well and the decision was safely in his keeping.