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Mombasa schoolboy boxers just fail

ELDORET WINS BY ONE BOUT AT SPORTS CLUB

BY taking nine out of the 16 bouts in the boxing tournament between the Hill School, Eldoret, and Mombasa European Primary School, the visitors fully justified making the 1,000-mile round trip.

From the opening contest, which saw eight-year-old Peter Webster pit his 50 lbs. against the 55 of visitor R. Kley Nhan's, there was never a dull moment. It was Peter's first ring appearance, but he did not let his opponent's comparatively veteran-like record of eight previous battles awe him one bit. The Mombasa boy lost but his footwork was surprisingly good for a maiden appearance.

Wilson of E.P.S. was adjudged at the start of the third round, to have too much on his plate to continue with his contest versus J. Smith, of Eldoret, and retired, but not without glory for a game showing.

Coast's D. Morley gave his schoolmates their first win when he beat I. Silver, from up-country. The local lads greeted the result as they would a week's holiday!

A. Culvert, G. Tweedie and M. Enslin, of Eldoret, then recorded a trio of victories for their side when they beat J. Ashworth, M. Morton and L. Pickwell respectively. Ashworth in particular acquitted himself with honour, and indeed was the very popular recipient of the "Gamest Loser" cup. Morton gave Tweedie a run for his money but Enslin, with a blitz-like flurry of attacking, caused Pickwell, after a game showing, to go back to his corner, by the referee's order, in the second round.

Five-one against the locals saw quite a depression among youthful Cliff-Avenue-dwellers, and Michael McFarnell was watched anxiously as he climbed under the ropes to do battle versus Eldoret's M. van Rensberg. Michael shot out of his corner like a tiger, —tearing away as though he had a personal dislike to anyone living higher than sea-level, and it did not need M.C. Bob Woodford to announce that Coast had now reached their second victory. The two lads left prize-table arm in arm like life-long buddies.

A. Chetham carried on the comeback from Mombasa's point of view and duly got the verdict from A.

McKechnie. The latter may well have been disturbed a trifle by having to change his gloves before the starting gong, having inadvertently been fitted with the wrong weight for his age.

The inter-school card read 5-3, for the visitors at the interval.

Anthony Cowan met S. Barnadi in the next battle and the latter, with his straight-from-the-shoulder attacks, put Eldoret on the winning path again. Then E. Randall beat Coast's B. Patrick, proving too strong for the local youngster, who slipped on to the canvas more than once.

It needed the next bout, when T. Eufemio got the verdict from P. Steenkamp, for Mombasa hopes to rise again. This was the only bout with a doubtful blow. The Eldoret lad was prone to strike low and Eufemio had to take advantage of the stand-back "count" while recovering.

Van Rensberg who, like Steenkamp, comes from a S. African family now settled up-country, beat P. Weisnes in a close tussle, but his brother, Peter, succumbed eventually to Michael Wilson, who boxed extremely well.

Castley got another win for Mombasa in beating S. Kruger scoring well by his panther-like attack from the gong, and the referee's comment that both put up a "very good show indeed" was warmly applauded. Kruger's comeback after being twice floored was courageous.

Metcalfe, with his strange "stamp" on approaching was clever but not quite good enough to catch the judges' eye in his fight with P. Smith. The last bout saw D. McFarnell get the verdict over E. Perry to bring an excellent evening's entertainment to a close.

The referees for the 16 bouts were Tom Mullis and Mr. Max Cable.