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SCHOOLBOY BOXERS IN TIP-TOP CONDITION

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SCHOOLBOYS at the Mombasa Primary School, under the ruling enabling them to stay at the Coast until ready to tackle the K.P.E., have utilised their spare-time to such good effect that Saturday's boxing display showed them physically fit enough to tackle Mount Everest!

They were all in tip-top condition and enthusiasm knew no bounds. The matching, too, was noteworthy, and sportsmanship of such high order that victor and vanquished invariably left the arena with arms interlocked and comparing trophies.

Instruction in the noble art had been given by the Coast Amateur Boxing Club, with Max Cable as Chief Trainer. The tournament had been arranged by the School "Head" — Mr. C. J. Metcalfe, who subsequently announced from the ring that tickets and programmes had realised some £120, and it was hoped this would be enhanced by sales of Coca-Cola which had been presented to the School by the makers.

'Gamest loser'

The "Gamest Loser" awarded — a handsome trophy donated by Messrs. Eve, Jewellers, complete with replica, was won by M. Wilson, whilst the un-official "School Championship" went to D. McFarnell for his hard-fought win over P. Weissner.

The Club Chairman, Lt. Commander Coldham, R.N. congratulated the contestants in turn as he presented the cups. He also announced that it was hoped to arrange an inter-school contest in the near future with the European lads from Eldoret.

Thumbnails reports are as follows:
N. Sadd v D. Morley: These lads tore into each other from the gong, and both showed surprising ringcraft. Morley got the verdict but both received a well-earned ovation, so close was the fight.

C. Moore v B. Yeowart: Weighing just under 11 stone between them, Moore and Yeowart had no compunction in mixing it. Haymakers, hooks and jabs abounded and judges' scorecards must have been very close, with the decision just going to Yeowart.

D. Black v M. Morton: The latter had some quite telling blows awaiting his schoolmates and got the verdict, but it was far from one-sided. The referee congratulated both boys on a very game showing.

P. Davis v I. Cousins: Davis was rather too strong for his opponent who must have jeopardised his own chances by keeping his head too low. Cousins never gave up trying and with more attack might well have shaken the winner.

H. Czyzewski v C. Wylie: The plucky showing of Czyzewski endeared him to the crowd, but it always appeared "in the bag" for the

ter's attack was worthy of a scene from the "Blackboard Jungle."

M. Macfarlane v M. Blaker: The two "Mikes" really got into things almost before the ring stools had been withdrawn. Both at 6st. 3lb. they were a great match. So fast was the fighting that the referee hardly found refuge in the neutral corner. Blaker in particular should make a name for himself in this type of school boxing. It was Macfarlane's first fight in public.

L. Pickwell v A. Chetham: Pickwell brought the first victory to the green corner, but there was nothing of that colour about his showing. He once weaved past Chetham in an almost professional fashion, and only clever footwork by the latter got him out of real trouble. It was almost a pity one had to lose.

T. Eufemio v I. Black: Eufemio did all he could to reverse his opponent's name and initial, but it availed him little. He got the verdict, but Black, two years younger, used his 8 lbs. weight advantage to nullify the terrific blitz attack and made the decision very close.

M. Gazzard v S. Metcalfe: Shaun Metcalfe got his own back in this return encounter. When they met at the Stadium recently Gazzard got the honours, but this time it went the other way, much to the delight of the schoolboy spectators, with whom the "Head's" son seemed mighty popular.

A great fight

A. Cowen v Chris Jupp: This was yet again a return as Cowen won at the Stadium. Chris, who will shortly be proceeding with his family to U.K. to settle will become a menace to youthful poachers on the Jupp hold (hypothetical) if he tears into them like he did Cowen. A great fight, this, making one wish for a "rubber" before saying good-bye to Chris.

M. Thompson v B. Jupp: Thompson started very well but Jupp got into his stride soon afterwards. It was almost too fast to watch at one stage. Both lads are eleven years old but fought like veterans. The referee's finger duly announced Barry as the winner.

M. Wilson v M. Wilson: Not related, these two fought so hard and close that the 'Gamest Loser' award was inevitable for one of them. I liked the comment of one father who said: "They couldn't have gone for each other with more enthusiasm if they were really brothers!"

P. Weissner v D. Macfarnell: This final bout was the top of the bill all right. It was a real sizzler. Macfarnell was conceding a stone in weight, but that was all he did concede. His win made him "Cock of the School" — but Weissner enhanced his sporting reputation by a

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