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Schoolboy Boxers in Tip-Top condition by SJB

Schoolboys at Mombasa Primary School under the ruling enabling them to stay at the Coast until ready to tackle the K.P.E. have utilized 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 Cabe as Chief Trainer. The tournament had been arranged by the School "Head" - Mr C J Metcalfe, who subsequently announced that the ring tickets and programme 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.

L Pickwell v A Chelham:

Pickwell brought the first victory to the green corner, but there was nothing of that colour about his showing. He once weaved past Chelham 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.

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.

M McFarnell 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The two "Mikes" really got into things almost before the ring stools had been withdrawn.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 McFarnell's first fight in public and he edged the decision.

P Weisner v D McFarnell:

This final bout was the top of the bill all right. It was a real sizzler. McFarnell 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 grand showing also.