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SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT AT BLUFF.

a most successful tournament at the Bluff last Wednesday evening. The Drill Hall was crowded, a large number of invercargill residents being present. Advantage was take of the special train which left town at 6.45 p.m. and returned leaving the Bluff after 12.30. The lateness in the hour of departure was due to the length of the programme which could with slight additions have easily filled two evenings. The boxing on the whole was of a high standard and a feature of it was the form shown by the Bluff men, several of whom can be classed as accomplished boxers, notably Vella and Edwards. Messrs J. J. Ward and G. Dennis were the judges, and Mr G. G. Menzies, who has done some boxing in Dunedin, assumed the responsibilities of referee. The following were the results of the contests:-

NOVICE BANTAM.

E. Livingstone (Invercargill) 8.4 v. J. Stalker (Bluff) 7.11.

This bout was lively while it lasted, but Livingstone ended matters in the first round.

S. Harvey (Invercargill) 7.11 v. J. Brennan (Invercargill) 7.11.

Harvey, the more experienced boxer, early showed his superiority, Brennan not having yet learnt how to properly deliver a blow. He was, however, always willing to mix it. In the second term Brennan left himself .oo open and Harvey landed several on the mark, winning at the end of the round.

-Semi-Winal --

A. H. Wild (Invercargill) 8.2 v. S. Harvey (Invercargill) 7.11.

This was not a stirring go, Wild being on the defence most of the time apparently having given little attention to offensive boxing. Harvey, who has much the better style, won.

-Final.

E. Livingstone (Invercargill) 8.4 v. S. Harvey (Invercargill) 7.11.

Both men entered the business earnestly from the start, and Harvey tried lefts and rights which failed to land. Livingstone then assumed the aggressive and swung a right, Harvey misjudging the distance, and the latter went down, the bout ending at that stage.

OPEN BANTAM (Final). W. Storm (Invercargill) 8.2 v. G. E. Mar-

tin (Invercargill) 8.2. Martin was too speedy for his opponent, and made openings much to the embar- up an interesting encounter, one the like rassment of Storm who, however, put up, of which for pluck and skill is seldom a plucky go.

OPEN FEATHER-WEIGHT.

B. Thomson (Invercargill) 8.7 v. L. Dixon (Bluff) 8.13.

Thomson had no difficulty in winning in the first round, the end being brought about by several quick powerful hooks, which came in too rapidly for the Bluff

A. McCurdy (Invercargill) 8.2 v. A. Kennelly (Invercargill) 8.10.

The first round was fairly even with Kennelly showing a slight advantage, but H. Shepherd (Bluff) 10.12 v. E. McQuarrie in the second his opponent's smothering tactics and sudden conversion of defence into attack seemed to disconcert him. In the final essay McCurdy came along surprisingly completely outclassing his opponent whose good start had no doubt led the spectators to expect a better display in.

A. Irvine (Invercargill) 9.0 v. J. Roberts (Hedgehope) 8.13.

There was little difference between the men in the first round, but Roberts who is stockily built and has good defence prevailed in the second putting quite a number of points to his credit. The third also went his way and Irvine who had much the advantage in reach did not avail himself of it, but was too ready to enter into close work which favoured the Hedgehope man. The latter won.

F. Parsons (Bluff) 9.6 v. J. Doyle (Bluff) 9.12. —Semi-Fınal.—

J. Roberts (Hedgehope) 8.13 v. A. Mcz Curdy (Invercargill) 8.10.

These were a pair of tough lads each with a good sound defence. McCurdy, however, showed better in attack and was awarded the victory after an interesting

The final went to Thomson, McCurdy who had boxed several times during the evening not being fit enough to go on.

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT.

B. Humphries (Invercargill) 10.0 v. J. Doyle (Bluff) 9.12.

The Southland Boxing Association held | Doyle landed heavily sending his opponent down. The latter was well able to rise but when doing so was struck again, ending the contest. The referee would have been justified in disqualifying Doyle, who no doubt, was excited when he com-

mitted the foul and could not be held to blame. Nothing is likely to bring disrepute on the boxing game than incidents such as this if they are allowed to go unpunished. This was one of the liveliest con-

tests of the evening, Parsons did nearly all the leading in the first round and tried hard to connect but his bigger opponent, evaded cleverly. The latter then took a hand and showed Parsons that he could also be the aggressor, but nothing much happened. In the second round the men tried to make openings for themselves but were not very successful, but in the third Doyle scored several straight lefts, the best deliveries of the bout. Parsons was given the verdiet but on what ground it is difficult to understand.

OPEN WELTER-WEIGHT.

C. Thomson (Invercargill) 10.4 v. J. Cockroft (Bluff) 10.3.

This was the best bout of the evening. Both men fought as if their lives depended on the result and they put in some good vigorous work. Thomson delivered many blows in the first round, but they did not land with full force, Cockroft being too elusive. The latter was always willing for the fray and to mix it and sent over some helty punches that would have done harm had they landed. One did reach the mark and Thomson was down for a few seconds, resuming a little shaky, but he was again attacking when the round ended. The second round had fight all through it, with Cockroft being mostly on the aggressive. He gave Thomson no rest and the latter at the close was much in need of the spell because of the strenuousness of the mill. In the third round the boxers fought themselves to a standstill both men facing each other when it was half through without any attempt to strike. However, Thomson had scored repeatedly with his left before this stage. Taking the bout as a whole it was decidedly in favour of Thomson who scored much more frequently than the Bluff man and it was a surprise that the decision went to the latter. The announcement met with a mixed reception. The men, however, put seen in these parts.

OPEN MIDDLE-WEIGHT. E. McQuarrie (Bluff) 10.13 v. D. Thomas (Bluff) 11.4.

The men did not enter into the contest in a manner that satisfied some of the spectators that they were serious and they were subjected to a little goodnatured badinage. The bout was the least interesting of the evening, Mc-Quarrie was given the verdict. —Final.—

(Bluff) 10.13.

Shepherd made a good showing in the first round, but in the second McQuarrie landed heavily several times, once with a straight left that hurt. At the end of this round Shepherd's towel was thrown

SPECIAL BOUTS (Six Rounds). W. J. Sycamore (Invercargill) 8.13 v. S. Edwards (Bluff) 9.10.

Sycamore had much the worse of the weights, and also of reach and height and in the circumstances did well. The first three rounds did not produce any incident of consequence. Both sparred a lot for openings which did not present themselves. Up to this stage things were about even. In the fourth more willingness to mix it was shown. Sycamore setting out to make a track for his right but Edwards was too wary. There were some fast exchanges both showing exceptional speed and at times they gave a rousing exhibition. Edwards was slightly in the lead at this stage but in the fifth round the Invercargill man sent in some solid straight lefts which found connection. Again in the sixth Sycamore scored with his left, Edwards being unable to do little in reply, though he was always cheerfully mixing whenever he had a chance. The best work of the bout was put in by Sycamore in the last two rounds, and considering the little scoring done up to that stage he seemed to have won but the This bout finished in the first round. judges decided in favour of Edwards.

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