

Old residents say they have never seen a season like this one and following on three progressively bad seasons the underground water position has got worse. Bamboo Creek spring is still running steadily but a large number of springs scattered over the island are dry.

Some relief is afforded by the knowledge that the increasingly hot weather will bring storms and then the wet will follow -- we hope!

People with gardens are trying hard to keep them alive and their efforts will be well rewarded when the weather breaks. Here and there can be seen patches of green shrubs and bright flowers struggling against the hot dry weather.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday night the Palm Island Social and Welfare Association were hosts to a number of boxers from Townsville, Ayr, Brandon and Macknade.

A most successful tournament was held and attracted a very large crowd of people at the Recreation Hall.

The visitors had a very fine troupe of boxers with them and they gave a very good account of themselves in the various classes in which they competed.

Mr. Bartlam Superintendent thanked the visitors for coming along and making the tournament a success and

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congratulated them on the way in which
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The younger lads in particular
Mr. Bartlam said, were a credit to their
clubs and fully deserved any wins they got.

He hoped that they would be able
to make the trip across again before very
long.

Mr. Bartlam then presented the
trophies to the winners, following which the
boxers and their friends were entertained to
supper by the Social and Welfare Association
in their meeting room.

The results of the boxing are:-

Robert Douglas Palm Island fought
W. Acton Home Hill. Robert Douglas won on
points. These boys put on a really good
fight both very keen and were well matched.

Ron Nemo Palm Island fought
R. Hobson Brandon. R. Hobson won on points.
The Brandon lad kept the fight to Ron
Nemo all the time and kept piling up the
points.

Norris Palmer Palm Island fought
B. Jensen Brandon. Jensen won on points.
There was not much between these two.
Young Jensen used a straight left well.

Roy Simpson Palm Island fought
T. Petrov Home Hill. Petrov won on points.
Roy could not get past his opponents
defence in the early rounds.

Leslie Sam Palm Island fought

K. Clarke N.F.C. Clarke won on points. This was a good bout but the N.F.C. boy had too much experience for Leslie.

Willie Douglas Palm Island fought D. Jensen Brandon. Willie won on points. These two little fellows were very keen and although young Jensen was willing the Palm Island boy was too good on the day.

Dooley Duncan Palm Island fought L. Frew Home Hill. Frew won on points. The Home Hill boy had a good straight left and used it to advantage.

Dale Hill Palm Island fought R. Frew Home Hill. Frew won on points. Dale tried hard but the Home Hill boy had been too well trained for him.

Ron Walsh Palm Island fought B. Acton Home Hill. Acton won on points. B. Acton was a neat boxer and Ron did not score very well at any time.

Tim Kidner Palm Island fought L. Tronk Home Hill. Tim won on points. Tim boxed well to outpoint the Home Hill lad who was willing to mix it at all stages.

John Ebagoola Palm Island fought P. Oakes Brandon. John won on points.

Robin Banning Palm Island fought B. Dingle Home Hill. Dingle won on points. This lad shows promise as a boxer. He has an excellent left and is not afraid to mix it.

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B. Cassidy Macknade. Fred won on points.
This was a good fight and Fred fought
gamely to take the decision.

Harry Norman Palm Island fought
W. Nickles Macknade. Nickles won on T.K.O.
in the third round. Harry tried to rush
the Macknade boy but Nickles met each rush
with a straight left and then, used a right
hook to advantage.

Percy Bluebob Palm Island fought
J. Payne Macknade. Payne won on points.
This was a torrid bout with neither boys
prepared to give an inch. It was very
close, until the final round when the
Macknade boxer showed better training.

Scottie Coleman Palm Island
fought R. Bligh Macknade. Bligh won on
points. This was a battle of the giants -
both boxers being 13 stone.

Morris Palmer Palm Island fought
R. Greenwood N.F.C. Morris won on points.
Morris used a right cross to advantage and
this gave him the lead to win the bout.
It was a well matched bout.

Francis Brown Palm Island fought
J. Luta N.F.C. Francis won on a K.O.

Owen Wyles Palm Island fought
B. Kyle Brandon. Owen won on points.
Brian seemed to be a poor match for Owen
and made little effort to make a fight of
it.

Mackie Simpson Palm Island fought

Jerry Maloney N.F.C. Jerry Maloney won on a T.K.O. in the second round. Maloney was far too experienced for Mackie and although Mackie was willing enough the trained condition of Maloney showed that he was able to keep the pace up for many more rounds than the Palm Island boy.

The Palm Island Boxing Committee could learn quite a bit from the way the visiting boxers attended their competitors.

Each boxer was looked after properly in his corner - being freshened up capably between rounds and this proved a great help to the visitors.

The ropes are not there for the seconds to lean on and gossip and good use can be made of sponge and towel between rounds.

The condition of the visitors was much harder than the Palm Island boys and too often the Palm Islanders were blowing after the first round showing that they were too fat and soft -- in other words insufficiently trained.

Strolling on the beach at Surfer's Paradise. Jones languidly trained his binoculars on the shapely beauties as they paraded up and down the golden sand.

"Harry," scolded his wife "is that a thing a married man should be doing?"

"Why not?" asked Jones, focusing once more. "Just because I am on a diet doesn't mean I can't look over the menu."

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