

Vermont Boxing Commission in First Activity



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The commission referee, Johnny Kasper, and the two commission judges didn't agree. Kasper figured the fracas as a draw, giving each boy three rounds with four even. George Cioffi of St. Albans gave five rounds to Coe, one to Beaupre and four even, while Lee Marcotte of this city gave six to Coe, three to Beaupre and one even.

To ringside observers, Beaupre appeared to tire around the fifth round, but Coe related after the fight that Buster was stronger and a harder puncher than when the two welters met in Barre. All the while that Beaupre was charging and bullying his way around the ring, the clean-looking sandy-haired Coe was conserving his strength by hanging-on and clinching tactics. This spoiled the fight, but enabled him to have the energy to lay it on but good in the late stages.

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After the first six rounds had produced nothing, and outside of the boos a pin could have been heard dropping, the action perked slightly as Kasper continually urged both boys to "keep up your heads and do some fighting."

In the eighth, Coe rapped Beaupre with three hard rights to the head that awoke the yawning fans and almost put the tiring Beaupre to sleep. Buster was momentarily hurt and had that telltale desperate look on his face. In the ninth the Boston boy staggered the Vermont welterweight titlist with lefts and

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In the special six-rounder, the best scrap on the card, a promising looking boy from Montreal, Paul Thibeault, belted out Nick Roberts, colored pug from Coe's stable, in 34 seconds of the fourth canto. Roberts was bleeding from the second round on, and complained to handler Johnny Flanagan that his nose was broken. It was a hard right cross that wound up the doings.

The cigar-smoking Cigar Kid, just wild enough with his windmill punches to be dangerous, floored Ossie Berry of Jonesville for a nine-count in the second round and went on to cop the unanimous decision in one of the two four-rounders.

In the other, inexperienced Fay Butler of Irasburg, spotting Tony Giroux of Montreal seven pounds,