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**Rayner Too Fast For Sharpe**  
**KNOCK-OUT IN SECOND ROUND**

The fair-sized crowd which attended at the Town Hall, Wellington, on Saturday night to see the 12-rounds professional boxing contest between Clarrie Rayner, Blenheim, and Jackie Sharpe, of the Royal Air Force, did not get much for their money, as Rayner, after having all the better of the opening round, put the R.A.F. man on the canvas for the full count halfway through the second round.

The early finish did not come as a surprise, as Sharpe, at 9.9, was carrying too much condition round the waistline, whereas Rayner, who was 11lb. less, looked trained to the minute.

Hopping about on his toes, Rayner was too fast for his opponent in the opening round, and placed no fewer than five straight lefts flush to the face.

Early in the second round, Sharpe scored with a solid left rip to the body but Rayner again found his face with a straight left. The Blenheim man followed this up with a left hook to the side of the head, and then dashed in to land a perfectly-timed left rip to the body, which caused Sharpe to crumple up on the mat to take the full count. So effective was the blow that it was some minutes before his seconds could get their man on his feet again.

This seems to be Rayner's year, as he has already beaten Young Gildo (twice), and Johnny Hutchinson this season. He certainly shaped well on Saturday night.

**Amateurs Redeem Programme.**

The disappointment felt at the one-sided nature of the professional contest was redeemed by the brilliant form shown in the teams' match between the pick of Auckland and Wellington boxers.

Auckland was represented by a team of youthful boxers under the veteran, E. Donovan, boxing instructor at the Auckland Fire Brigade gymnasium. The baby of the visiting team was L. Salmon, who is only 16, and the veteran of the side was R. Nixon, who is 22. J. Jenkins is 17 years of age, and Underwood, King and Almao 18.

The amateur match resulted in honours being easy, as both sides scored three wins, but the honours were with Auckland, as the visitors, in most of the bouts, were asked to concede a good deal in weight, the climax coming when R. Nixon had to concede J. Imlach no less than 11lb.

**Avondale Acceptances**

Following are the acceptances for the first day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting on September 14:—

**KINGSLAND HURDLES, £250; 1½ miles.**

Kaiwaka	11 4	Cappy	9 4
Small Bay	11 3	Little Ruse	9 4
Knight of		King Musk	9 0
Australia	10 9	Valspear	9 0
Midland	10 4	Vaalso	9 0
Saccone	9 13	The Trimmer	9 0
Lapidarian	9 13	Tane Mahotu	9 0
Race Whip	9 8	Ringshot	9 0

**TRIAL PLATE, £200; 7 furlongs.**

Air Port	8 2	Sir General	8 2
Aquilla	8 2	Spats	8 2
Bide-a-Wee	8 2	Venture	8 2
British Mint	8 2	Village Queen	8 2
Bronze Fire	8 2	Desert Tide	7 11
Cheddington	8 2	Elise	7 11
Expellant	8 2	Flying March	7 11
Glen Connell	8 2	Foxala	7 11
Karatoki	8 2	Gold Race	7 11
Master Warden	8 2	Kerona	7 11
Mimex	8 2	Lady Thea	7 11
Natal	8 2	Pretty Model	7 11
Pleuron	8 2	Tea Blossom	7 11
Rara Aivs	8 2	Veyana	7 11
Rey Lu	8 2	Volifox	7 11
Royal Musk	8 2		

**HENDERSON HANDICAP, £200; 6 furlongs.**

Hum a Song	9 3	Sieglinde	7 8
Selwyn	9 0	Jungle King	7 7
Monte Cristo	8 12	Pantheist	7 7
Rex Maitland	8 9	Bournemouth	7 7
Mysito	8 9	Kraal	7 7
Brahman	8 7	Bronze Bird	7 7
Chain Acre	8 4	Princess Val	7 7
Sir Lysander	8 3	Phil Vaals	7 7
Biddy Girl	8 3	Romani	7 7
Te Haka	8 3	Money Spinner	7 7
Veritable	8 1	Hine-iti	7 7
Kindergarten	8 1	March By	7 7
Fairfield	7 11	Poutama	7 7

**AVONDALE CUP, £600; 1¼ miles.**

Golden Sheila	9 0	Valamito	7 6
Royal Appellant	8 11	Mintlaw	7 3
Mazir	8 8	Blonde Princess	7 3
Flood Tide	8 6	The Cardinal	7 1
Beau Repaire	8 3	Silver Glow	7 0
Sly Fox	8 2	Day Wind	7 0
Our Jean	7 12	Raceline	7 0
Flying Acre	7 11	Jayola	7 0
Kena	7 9	Coronation	7 0
Aero King	7 8	Kelly	7 0
Gamos	7 8	Clinch	7 0
Erlick	7 6	Eastern Heir	7 0

**AVONDALE STAKES, £350; 4 furlongs.**

Old Mac	8 0	Colombo Bay	6 7 9
Golden Pay	8 0	Declaim	7 9
Grand Vaals	8 0	Fleche d'Or	7 9
Hogarth	8 0	Funny Fox	7 9
Kawariki colt	8 0	Greenock	7 9
Raceful		Kotiro Pai	7 9
Llanore colt	8 0	Miss Baffles	7 9
Purple Vermeer	8 0	Nuna Panoni	7 9
River Plate	8 0	Tinketoon filly	7 9
Royce	8 0	Sun Flare—Vel-	
Soutane	8 0	kyrian mare f	7 9
Theatre	8 0	Martarma—Wai-	
Transmitter	8 0	were filly	7 9
Verus	8 0		

**CHAMPION PLATE, £350; 7 furlongs.**

Bronze Emerald	8 9	Miss Jose	8 0
Classic	8 9	Mysito	8 0
Estro	8 9	Golden Tom	7 13
Greek Queen	8 9	Hot Shot	7 13
Native Chief	8 9	Beryl Vaals	7 7
Odtaa	8 9	Korotangi	7 7
Silver-Stick	8 9	Rich Blood	7 7
Tellsom	8 9	Stratford	7 7
Beau Leon	8 0	Talenta	7 7
Belle Femme	8 0	Tea Blossom	7 7
Kentucky	8 0		

**FLYING HANDICAP, £300; 6 furlongs.**

Royevrus	9 0	Grandora	7 10
Saxon Tor	8 13	Maxam	7 10
Lou Rosa	8 6	Foxmond	7 9
Brazen Bold	8 5	Marshall Hall	7 9
Orate	8 4	Llandaff	7 8
Erndale	8 3	Brazilian	7 6
Gay Miss	8 2	Queen City	7 4
Blonde Princess	8 2	Surella	7 0
Phaleron	8 0	Happicoat	7 0
Royal Message	7 11	Land Girl	7 0
Valimeen	7 10		

**SWANSON HANDICAP, £250; 1 mile.**

Minority	9 7	Miss Valerie	8 0
Esquire	9 6	Lord Waitangi	7 12
Hunter's Night	9 3	Gas Acre	7 12
Gain's Choice	9 2	Rival	7 11
Odtaa	8 13	Hessketoon	7 11
Joan Peel	8 8	Don Quex	7 9
Forest Acre	8 5	Hackenschmidt	7 8
Beeswing	8 4	Gold Spot	7 7
Hunting Bee	8 4	Valley Maid	7 7
Milanion	8 1	Pertinax	7 7

**WRESTLING**

**Katan Beats Blomfield**

In one of the most virile wrestling contests staged this season, John Katan regained from Lofty Blomfield the British Empire heavyweight title, the Canadian taking the decision by one fall, secured in the seventh round. The bout had a thrilling ending, the contestants standing toe to toe for the greater part of the last two rounds and battering each other with jolts while spectators in the stalls rushed to the staging and loudly encouraged the wrestlers.

**HUTCHINSON WINS**

**THRILLING BOUT**

**Caltaux Disqualified**

**DOMINION SPECIAL SERVICE**

**PALMERSTON N., September 7.**  
Before a packed and fully appreciative house at Palmerston North this evening Johnny Hutchinson, acclaimed one of the best half-dozen lightweight professional boxers in the world, defeated Vic Caltaux, the Auckland boxer, who has had a meteoric rise since he turned professional. The bout was easily the best staged by the Manawatu Boxing Association for many seasons, and from the outset the contestants thrilled the spectators with their fast and aggressive display, that reached a climax in the eleventh round when the referee, Mr. Geff. Watchorn, disqualified Caltaux for bumping his head into Hutchinson's chin.

It was apparent from the outset that Caltaux was most anxious to improve his status as a boxer with a win over Hutchinson, and when it became apparent that the opening for the knockout he sought was not going to be offered to him, Caltaux resorted to tactics that were more in keeping with wrestling than boxing, and at the end of the eighth round, when breaking from a clinch after the gong had sounded, Caltaux bumped his head into Hutchinson's chin. This earned the referee's censure, and Hutchinson showed his resentment by making for Caltaux. However, the referee separated the boxers and sent them back to their corners.

Caltaux was again warned for the same offence in the tenth round, and when he used the same illegal tactics in the following round, the referee disqualified him. This decision did not suit Caltaux, who desired to continue the fight. Hutchinson was equally agreeable, and some blows were exchanged before the boxers were separated by the referee and other officials who climbed into the ring.

Though, at 9 stone 9lb., Hutchinson conceded 10 pounds in weight to Caltaux, whose weight was announced at 10 stone 5lb., the American negro enjoyed a considerable advantage in reach. He was also much faster on his feet, and a better in-fighter as well. Consequently, though Caltaux adopted aggressive tactics from the start, and took a lot of face and body punishment in looking for an opportunity to terminate the bout by the short route, Hutchinson was too experienced and usually had a counter for Caltaux's attacks.

The bout was brisk throughout, and at times the exchanges became very willing with both boxers throwing all their weight into double-handed punches to the delight of the fans. Hutchinson kept on battering away with lefts and rights to Caltaux's body, interspersing variety and keeping Caltaux guessing by swinging in a number of weighty punches to Caltaux's eye, which gave him some trouble toward the end of the bout.

Of the eleven rounds, Hutchinson won seven, one (the fourth) was even, and Caltaux won the third and fifth.

The referee, Mr. Geff. Watchorn, who acted as referee at some of the bouts in the British Empire Games in Sydney in 1938, and himself a champion boxer in his youth, gave a splendid exhibition as third man in the ring. Using his judgment excellently, he was kept busy throughout and kept the bout under control without too much undue interference with the boxers.

**FOOTE BEATS HOGGARTH**

Making his debut in the ranks of professional boxing, J. Hoggarth, Brunner, lost the decision on points over 10 rounds to Harold Foote, Wellington, before a packed house in the Town Hall last night. Foote used a powerful left to advantage and greater reach and weight enabled him to keep ahead of his opponent, who made an excellent impression for a first bantam fight.

**RACING FIXTURES.**

**SEPTEMBER:**

- 14-16—Avondale J.C.
- 5-7—Wanganui J.C.
- 14—Ashburton C.R.C.
- 14-16—Avondale J.C.
- 19-21—Geraldine R.C.
- 21—Marton R.C.
- 28—Foxton R.C.
- 28-30—Ohinemuri J.C.

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**TROTTLING FIXTURES**

**SEPTEMBER:**  
18-21—Wellington T.C.

**OCTOBER:**

- 5—Methven T.C.
- 5—Thames T.C.
- 12—New Brighton T.C.
- 23-26—Wellington T.C.
- 26-28—Greymouth T.C.
- 28—Oamaru T.C.
- 26-28 or 30—Auckland T.C.

Germany has decided to stop clothing. This idea should go to Goering.