

Ditton Scores at Mareeba.

Swinton's Game Fight.

Decision in the Eighth Round.

On Wednesday morning at Mareeba, "Snowy" Ditton (13 stone) knocked out Geo. Swinton (12 stone 2lbs.) in the eighth round, with a right rip to the heart and a further right to the jaw.

Swinton opened hostilities by leading straight lefts, which Ditton cleverly avoided. Swinton then became very aggressive, and evidently desirous of rattling his man early, stood off, measured with his left and drove vicious rights, which failed to find the mark. In the second round they mixed it well, Ditton handling Swinton very roughly. He frequently resorted to the "sham-rock," and occasionally held and punched his opponent. Swinton retaliated with the "rabbit" and kidney punch.

When the gong sounded for the third round, Ditton led with his left, from which Swinton back-moved, countered, and sent Ditton to the boards for eight with a beautifully timed right to the chin. He then made a desperate effort to finish his man off, who, though groggy, succeeded in evading punishment by hanging on. The fourth and the fifth rounds were a series of clinches, in which Swinton displayed his cleverness as an in-fighter. In the sixth round, Ditton stood off and boxed his man. At long range, he proved the better of the two. They again mixed it in the seventh round, and many solid blows were exchanged. Swinton came out the fresher of the two.

Ditton then evidently realised that his only chance of victory was by the short cut. In the eighth round, he sparred for an opening, and drove a terrific right to Swinton's heart, which felled him for nine. He had no sooner regained the perpendicular than he stopped a right jolt to the jaw, which sent him out for the full count.

In condition, Ditton should make good, for in spite of the eight or ten pounds of superfluous flesh that he carried, he displayed clever head and body movements, in addition to his betty wallop, which will always gain him respect.