

Boxing Johnson is Champion

Hockey Holiday Games

Marathons

Decided on Christmas

NOTE AND COMMENT

The result of the championship battle at Sydney took Toronto completely by surprise. The crowds around the bull-ring towards midnight looked incredulous, and there was a cheer when the referee declared Burns as the victor. It seemed hard to accept Mr. Johnson as the first colored heavyweight champion of the world at the expense of the only born Canadian who ever held the title.

Johnson is the second flat-footed boxer who merited the championship, Fitzsimmons' heel strike being a big feature of the only born Canadian who ever held the title.

Johnson doubtless has improved more than anticipated under the care of Sam Fitzpatrick, and Burns will probably be first to acknowledge the superiority of the black man who over him held the title.

In the United States, Burns and Johnson have been rated as the best of the new breed of fighters, and the fact that Burns was not of the first calibre, however, the Canadian is not the first to go down by a long shot, and it looks as if the method of following color this year of grace was not bad one at all.

The Associated Press flash, giving the result, reached Toronto before 10 o'clock last night, and it was not till after 1 o'clock that details of the battle began to arrive. The first report simply stated, "Johnson won in 14 rounds on points. Police stopped the fight."

The experiment of a joint meeting by the Toronto and Dufferin clubs proved successful almost beyond expectation. The two tracks were from ideal, there were good fields in each of the three mile races. The members of the two big clubs are to be congratulated on their happy innovation, and here's hoping they give more of it.

John Stanton of Whiteby died at 10 o'clock Christmas morning in his 70th year. He was one of the best-known horsemen in Canada, and for years acted as starter at Woodbine. When Whiteby was a racing town, and at one time it was one of the best in Canada, John Stanton was the moving spirit, and was especially interested in the success of the mare Ploes, who won the Kentucky Derby in 1895, and who won. In those days not only were four-mile races run, but four-mile heats, and Mr. Stanton delighted to talk of the horse and the stamens of the stallion of the horse. Up to last fall he never missed a meeting at the Woodbine, and was always greeted by a multitude of friends, who will sadly miss his kindly greeting and pleasant face.

Mr. Stanton's death was never a more honest, straightforward man connected with the turf. He was esteemed by all, and his funeral yesterday, under Masonic auspices, will assuredly be attended by many old friends from Toronto.

World's Champion.
1812-Jem Mace and E. Coburn fought a draw for \$200.
1858-Jem Smith beat Jack Davis for \$500 a side.
1860-Smith and Greenfield, a draw, for \$300.
1861-Smith and Jake Kilrain, a draw, for \$1000 in France.
1863-Sullivan and Mitchell, a draw, \$2000.
1864-Sullivan beat Kilrain, \$1000 a side, New Orleans.
1865-Smith and Frank Slavin, a draw, \$2000.
1866-Fitzsimmons beat Dempsey, mid-weight championship, 12 rounds, Orleans.
1867-Corbett and Jackson, 61 rounds, draw, San Francisco.
1868-Corbett beat Sullivan, 21 rounds.
1869-Corbett beat Mitchell, 3 rounds.
1870-Fitzsimmons beat Maher, one round.
1871-Fitzsimmons beat Corbett, 11 rounds.
1872-Fitzsimmons beat Fitzsimmons, 6 rounds.
1873-Jeffries beat Sharkey, 2 rounds.
1874-Jeffries beat Fitzsimmons, eight rounds.
1875-Jeffries beat Corbett, 10 rounds.
1876-Jeffries beat Munroe, two rounds.
1877-Jeffries retired and gave his title to the winner of the Hart-Ross fight, which was Hart, 12 rounds.
1878-Burns beat O'Brien, 20 rounds.
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Old Country Football.
LONDON, Dec. 25.—(P.)—Old Country soccer today.
Result:
League—First Division—
Newcastle..... 2 Manchester U. 1
Barnsley..... 2 Bristol City 1
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Manchester C..... 1 Chelsea 1
Aston Villa..... 1 Liverpool 1
Bury..... 1 Sheffield U. 0
Preston..... 1 Notts Co 0
Sheff. Wed..... 1
Scottish League—
Third Lanark..... 2 Dundee 1
Dundee..... 1
Southampton..... 1
Reading..... 1
Brentford..... 1
Bristol R..... 1
Watford..... 1
Coventry..... 1
Southend..... 1
Exeter..... 1
N. Broughton..... 1
Queen's Park R..... 2
Norwich A..... 2
Bristol..... 1
Rugby—
Swansea..... 20 Watford 1
Plymouth..... 10 London Irish 3
Australians..... 14 Leeds 0

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Johnson Wins in Every Round Floors Burns Early and Often

Defeated Man Admits His Opponent Too Big and Reach Too Great—Crowd of About 19,000 See the Battle.

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controversy, and said that the wearing of bandages was not against the rules. Johnson still denured, nevertheless, and Burns, with a show of impatience, had his seconds unwinding the tape. His action brought forth from the spectators a tremendous outburst of applause.

At 11:15 o'clock Johnson and Burns posed for a moving picture machine, having received final instructions from Referee McIntosh, and retired to their corners.

Then the battle began.

THE BATTLE BY ROUNDS.

Burns Down for Count of Eight in First Round From Upper Cut.

FIRST ROUND.—After a few moments of preliminary sparring, Johnson reached Burns with a sharp uppercut, and the Canadian went to the floor, remaining there for the seconds that he was all right, however, and when he arose saluted for Johnson's body. Johnson swung a hard right to the head and Burns staggered backwards nearly across the ring from the impact of the blow. Then Burns, rushing in, planted a right of great force on Johnson's chin, and, with an excellent display of boxing, managed to put Johnson down for a count of eight.

SECOND ROUND.—When the gong changed Johnson yelled across to the approaching Burns, "Come right on," and he swung his right and landed hard on Burns' chin. The champion's ankle gave way under him and he went down. He was up immediately, however, and Johnson came to close quarters with him and placed his right and left to face and Burns' left eye here commenced to swell. Johnson thus far had the better of the battle. The big black man was coming all the time, and he swung a terrific left into Burns' stomach. Burns was down for a count of eight.

THIRD ROUND.—Burns swung his right to Johnson's head and then did some wonderful execution at infighting, chopping his right to the ribs frequently. Johnson during the round landed some terrific blows to the kidneys.

FOURTH ROUND.—When the men met in the centre of the ring, Johnson shot his right to the ribs frequently. Johnson talked wildly to one another, each seeming intent upon getting the other excited and leading the moneying public to the head of the Canadian.

FIFTH ROUND.—Apparently refreshed from his minute's rest, Burns started the round briskly, landing his right on Johnson's head and punching the body with both hands. Johnson managed to slip over few rights to the head during the round.

SIXTH ROUND.—Johnson rushed and Burns clinched. Breaking loose, however, with one hand, Johnson swung his right to Burns' ribs, and Burns, jolted Johnson's body, and swung his right hard over the ribs, and put a stiff left to the stomach several times. Johnson, however, treated these blows as a joke, laughing at the crowd and making sarcastic remarks to his opponent as he hustled Burns into a corner and scored a couple of rights to the body.

SEVENTH ROUND.—Johnson rushed Burns across the ring, dealing out rights and in which there was no mercy. Burns got a left to Johnson's jaw and Johnson raised a lump under Burns' right eye in return. Burns here seemed to be losing strength. Johnson was landing repeatedly on Burns' eye, meanwhile addressing Tommy as working dexterously at infighting, he placed several terrific blows

on Burns' ribs, dropping him to the floor for a few seconds.

EIGHTH ROUND.—Burns' eyes were put up and he was bleeding from the mouth when he emerged from his corner. The white man's blows apparently had little effect on the Texan, who went severely about belaboring the head of the champion.

Exchange Compliments.
NINTH ROUND.—"Come on, Tommy," swung your right," yelled Johnson as the gong rang. Burns responded by calling the negro a "yellow dog." There was not very much fighting—probably more talking—during this round.

TENTH ROUND.—Both men seemed tired. Johnson still used his fists effectively on Burns' head and stomach, and Burns was doing all he could in reply. His blows, however, lacked steam.

Eleventh Round.—The perspiration pouring off the body of Johnson, made it look not unlike highly polished walnut. Burns tried to cross his right over, but Johnson cleverly avoided him, meantime laughing at the champion. Burns is outclassed and Johnson apparently is invulnerable. When the bell rang Burns limped to his corner.

Twelfth Round.—Again Johnson sailed in and Burns took a tremendous lot of punishment. His jaw is greatly swollen. Burns' right eye is swollen twice its normal size. Blow after blow the colored man rained upon him and the gong alone saved the white man from defeat, for he was reeling and groggy as it rang. During the intermission the police officials consulted together and the probability is that they will stop the fight in the next round.

Referee McIntosh went to Burns' corner and had talk with the champion, who declared that he was strong. McIntosh then asked the police not to interfere.

Police in the Ring.
FOURTEENTH ROUND.—Johnson went right after Burns when time was called. The white man warily backed away, but Johnson, however, never gave up. He swung a heavy right to the head. "One, two, three," slowly counted the referee as Johnson landed his blows. Burns was down for a count of eight.

Before the contestants entered the ring the referee was the largest crowd that ever witnessed a pugilistic contest. Burns did his training at the Point, while Johnson got in condition at Manly, a seaside suburb. Besides a retinue of skilled trainers, who practice at the daily practice at the game of hit, stop and get away, both Burns and Johnson followed American training methods by doing hard road work. Each man picked up a lot of loose change by giving training exhibitions twice a week at the stadium.

Since James J. Jeffries retired and Tommy Burns was accepted as the champion, Johnson has been trying to get the title. He was born in Galveston, Texas, in 1878, and began his ring career in 1891. He is 6 feet 11 inches in height and weighed at the ringside close to 120 pounds. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighed when trained for battle about 110 pounds. Burns was born in Hanover, Ontario, in 1882, and started fighting when he was 23 years old. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs when trained for battle about 110 pounds. Burns was a rough and ready fighter, who delighted to sail in and mix things with his adversary. He was a powerful puncher, and his reach measured 74 inches. Burns has proved himself a bad man at close range. Despite the fact that Johnson overpowered him in height by 4 inches, he was able to punch the body with a rough and ready fighter, who delighted to sail in and mix things with his adversary.

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(Noah Brusso.)
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George Adams Wins Herald Run and Harry Brown Spectorator Waik.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The annual Herald Run was held under the auspices of St. Patrick's Athletic Club, went to George Adams of the T.M.C.A., who covered the distance in the fast time of 5:44 1/2. Percy Sellen came second in 5:44 1/2, and N. Dymen got third place in 5:55. There were 24 starters and of these 19 finished. The course was from The Herald Office to the Hamilton five-mile post and return and a thick mud all the way made the going very hard.

The race started at 2 o'clock. Tom Longboat held the record for this race, having covered the distance two years ago in 5:40 on a hard dry course. Adams' performance to-day in making the distance in less than a minute of this time makes his victory the more creditable as the conditions were so unfavorable.

The others who finished came in the following order: Robert Phinn, Donald McQuigley, George Richards, John Woods, George Louth, Charles Cook, Joseph Carver, Dennis Bennett, Malcolm J. Allen, Thomas Hickey, Jack Willis, R. C. Candwell, Arthur Blackwell.

The officials were: J. M. Harrison, starter; Sol. Mintz and A. J. Taylor, timers; and W. C. McMullen, referee. The first three to finish were presented with watches by Aid. McLaren on behalf of St. Patrick's Club, to-night at Bennett's Theatre.

After a hard race between Henry R. Brown of Bambergh's and John Moffatt, St. Patrick's, the former won the Spectorator mile walking race this morning by three yards, covering the distance in the good time of 6:39. Moffatt's time was 6:41. Jack Sherring finished third, making the distance in 6:52. S. Sodon, 66 North Catherine-street, was fourth and Charles Roesner, 14 St. Lawrence-street, fifth. Sixty-five men, ambitious of winning the event, lined up for the start and the lines were drawn to accommodate them. They started from The Spectorator Office at 10:30 and the course was a mile and half miles of city streets. Moffatt set all the early pace and looked like a winner until within a short distance of the finish, when Brown overhauled him. About 12 were disqualified for not sticking to the rules of heel and toe walking.

The officials were: George Goulding, Toronto, referee; Sherring, P. M. Wright and James McLeod, Toronto, assistant referees; Aid. Bailey, starter; Alex. Dunn, timer.

Jeffries Retires Sure.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Jeffries issued a statement to-day declaring positively and emphatically that under no condition would he ever re-enter the prize ring in a capacity other than that of referee.

Jeffries explained that he has been swamped with messages asking him if he would re-enter the ring in the event that Johnson defeated Burns, in no uncertain terms, Jeffries replied:

"In the event of the negro winning, I realize full well that there will be a powerful demand, on rather a series of demands, made upon me to meet Johnson and retake the heavyweight title," said Jeffries.

"I have fortified myself in advance, and am prepared to resist all influence that may be brought to bear. To begin with, I doubt whether or not I could, even by long and constant training, get myself into such condition that I could do myself and the American public justice, as I have been out of the ring a long time."

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1963.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
1964.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
1965.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
1966.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
1967.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
1968.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland (K.)..... 9
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2000.—March 1—Joe Kennedy, Oakland