

JOHNNY BUFF KEEPS TITLE, BUT SHARKEY MAKES GREAT COME-BACK

JUDGES DECIDE ON CHAMPION IN 15TH ROUND

Challenger Jack Sharkey Had Better of Early Part of Bout.

SHARKEY'S BLOWS TRUE

Staggered Champion, Who Weighed Lighter, Numerous Times.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Johnny Buff, world's champion bantamweight boxer, retained his title tonight by obtaining a judges' decision over Jack Sharkey of New York at the end of their fifteen-round bout in Madison Square Garden.

Beaten in a number of earlier rounds, Buff started a winning offensive in the twelfth round, and by the power of his hitting turned the tide against the Italian-American. Buff opened the fight with a rush, but Sharkey's well-placed blows slowed him up for a while. He was staggered by Sharkey's blows on numerous occasions, but recuperated quickly.

Sharkey had the better of five rounds, six went to Buff, and four were even. Buff weighed 114 pounds and Sharkey 116½.

By Rounds.

Round One—The champion took the offensive after missing two rights to the body, they clinched. There were several light exchanges at close quarters.

Round Two—Sharkey landed a left to the stomach. Sharkey and Buff were up again. Buff landed right and left to the head. There was a fierce interchange of body punching led by Buff. Both were wild.

Round Three—Buff sent hard right and left blows to the body. Buff's stomach stopped a hard right. Buff took the offensive, but was wild. Sharkey sent a right to the stomach. Buff landed right on jaw.

Round Four—Sharkey sent stiff right to stomach and in a clinch uppercut Buff with a left. Buff sent short with right to the jaw. Sharkey pounded Buff with rights and lefts to stomach and head.

Round Five—Sharkey countered a series of right uppercuts with straight lefts to the jaw.

Round Six—Sharkey swung hard right and lefts to the body. Buff returning with right and left hooks to the jaw. Sharkey staggered Buff with rights to body and left to the head. Buff was bleeding at the mouth. Most of his blows were going wild.

Round Seven—Sharkey landed right and left to the head. Sharkey followed with two right uppercuts. Both landed hard body blows in Sharkey's corner and then missed and slipped. Both were on their knees at the end of the round. Buff landed right to jaw and then a left to stomach. Sharkey sent stiff rights to body and left to the head. Buff was bleeding at the mouth. Most of his blows were going wild.

Round Eight—Sharkey landed twice with left to jaw and dazed Buff with rights to stomach. They swung hard at close quarters. Sharkey appeared to have the better of the in-fighting. Sharkey staggered the champion with left to the jaw.

Round Nine—Sharkey again staggered Buff with left to jaw. Buff landed left lefts to the head. Sharkey followed with two right uppercuts. Both landed hard body blows in Sharkey's corner and then missed and slipped. Both were on their knees at the end of the round. Buff landed right to jaw and then a left to stomach. Sharkey sent stiff rights to body and left to the head. Buff was bleeding at the mouth. Most of his blows were going wild.

Round Ten—Buff landed right to jaw and then a left to stomach. Sharkey sent stiff rights to body and left to the head. Buff was bleeding at the mouth. Most of his blows were going wild.

Round Eleven—Sharkey's left played a tattoo on the champion's jaw. A left to the chin sent Buff staggering to the ropes. Buff missed several right swings for the head. Sharkey landed left to jaw at the bell.

Round Twelve—Sharkey landed rights and lefts to body. Buff stopped, claiming a foot. Referee ordered the men to resume. Sharkey continued the assault on Buff's head and body. Buff countered with rights and lefts to the head. The title-holder was fighting desperately. Sharkey landed left to chin at the bell.

Round Thirteen—Buff missed left uppercut and took a light right to the stomach. They fought lightly at close quarters. Buff sent right to jaw, and sent hard right and lefts to body. Buff landed right and left uppercuts at the bell.

Round Fourteen—Sharkey sent light lefts to the face. Buff countered with light body blows. Buff had the better of a battle at close quarters. Buff landed right to body and rights and lefts to jaw.

Round Fifteen—Both landed lefts to jaw. Buff sent hard right to Sharkey's jaw. Sharkey staggered Buff with left to jaw. Buff came back with rights to the head. Both missed swings to the head. Sharkey sent right to the stomach at the bell.

ROBERTSON GIVEN DECISION.
New York, Nov. 9.—Al Robertson, New York heavyweight, was given the judges' decision over Herbert Crossley of England, at the end of a twelve-round bout tonight. It was Crossley's first fight in the United States.

Commish Won't Stand For Them's Condition.

TORONTO, Nov. 10.—"Off again on again" Finnigan's fight, in which the Ontario Athletic Commission, better known as the boxing commission, dealt with Playfair Brown's proposed bout for the black heavyweight championship between Sam Langford and Harry Wells. At noon yesterday Brown was doing a Highland Fling of delight because Langford and Wells had accepted his terms for a bout here Nov. 22. One hour later he was in the cold eating smothered. The Commission knocked his bout so high in one minute that the famous elevation of Gilroy's kite looked about as far up as a Shantytown wash.

Nothing doing!—all in large wide black capital letters—was what the commissioners told Brown. They did not raise any color line or anything like that, but they simply said that the bout would not do because Langford, who was hot fat and old, could not get into shape to come here on Nov. 22 and give Wells, who is young and strong and in condition, a real battle.

SEAFORTH JUNIORS AWAY TO AN EARLY START

SEAFORTH, Nov. 10.—Training for the junior hockey season starts this week under the management of last year. The gymnasium at the G. W. V. A. clubroom will be utilized for this purpose. The splendid showing of the boys last season in their first year out, coupled with the great amount of first-class new blood, should carry them pretty close to the junior championship this year. Charles Holmes is president and manager, with C. P. Sills as secretary and treasurer. The Seaforth will be represented in junior hockey by the Seaforth and Junior Northern League.

ON THE ALLEYS

FOREST CITY LEAGUE.

Canadian Oil Company			
A. Rowe	127	137	532
W. Austin	133	136	438
H. McRae	166	169	409
Adams	95	119	240
Totals	629	737	2069

Public Utilities.

McMurray	186	142	490
Merced	147	127	434
Reid	115	110	401
Karn	115	110	401
Jackson	152	260	595
Totals	831	756	2413

Civil Service.

Taggie	204	166	599
Waucho	168	140	482
Warner	209	189	527
Reid	206	134	227
Marley	234	197	226
Totals	1062	826	2920

London Rolling Mills.

G. Phillips	181	132	458
P. Whitney	124	116	397
W. Haynes	227	124	382
W. Collins	147	145	389
Ed. Slater	135	118	319
Totals	824	705	2433

CITY LEAGUE.

Hymans.			
Benedict	141	233	381
Sherritt	163	166	369
McNeen	176	174	351
Lashbrook	176	168	324
Ferris	177	190	365
Totals	833	921	2635

Tecumsehs.

A. Orr	157	234	390
J. Smith	158	171	329
W. Willis	147	212	269
J. Fox	168	170	321
M. Smith	235	191	392
Totals	857	978	2928

HYDRO LEAGUE.

Garage Motors.			
Brown	64	179	243
Jackson	150	149	297
Witely	87	108	195
Vanderheider	121	189	310
Totals	522	735	2045

Sales.

Blay	145	145	290
Merced	174	151	325
Wilkinson	194	127	321
Burnford	108	168	276
Burrell	111	95	206
Grey	82	129	218
Totals	550	692	1955

DARK BLUE 2, HOTSPURS 3.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—(Canadian Press Co.)—Cambridge University and Tottenham Hotspurs played a game 2 to 2 today.

In a rugby match in the county championship series Middlesex defeated Kent by 23 to 14.

Kitchener. Starts Inter-City Boxing Tournaments On the Way LONDON WILL BE STRING READY FOR NEXT CARD

Classes Start Next Week—R. C. R.'s Not Ready Yet—Sarnia Sending Down Five Representatives.

By C. S. G.

Next Wednesday at Kitchener an amateur fight tourney is being staged. No London entries will be sent down, as the city boxing classes have not got properly going yet, and the Y. class, which boasts the largest number of entrants, does not start to work until next Tuesday night.

While London will not be represented at this meet, the city should have a good contingent of maulers to send to the next meet staging inter-city competitions.



ON THE SPORT TRAIL

ACT juniors will probably be called out next week for a physical training grind.

The juniors will be started a couple of weeks ahead of the intermediates, but the big fellows will have just to make time to make up when they do get out.

Most of the juniors in sight are in good shape right now, having played the season and just finished rugby or soccer.

Shorty Veno, who is one of the players the C. A. never hope to gain, will be remembered as the "mystery player" who accepted terms with the Canadian team of the professional National Hockey League last season.

Brought to Montreal, his transportation being paid by the Canadian Club, and then suddenly disappeared without a trace, detectives being invoked by the Canadian Club at the time in an effort to locate him. Veno later bobbed up severely down in the Maritime Provinces where he finished his hockey season. It appeared that he became peeved when the Canadiens failed to tender him a brass band greeting. Down in the Maritime Provinces he had been a hockey hero, but in Montreal he was only a Canadian.

He had been a professional, but in the sudden change, having accepted terms with the Canadiens and used that team's transportation, it may be held that Veno is a professional, though in any case he played independent hockey, which is likely to be enough to place him under the amateur ban.

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Sarnia Sends Five.

Sarnia is sending five men up to Kitchener for the card which opens up what will probably be the biggest season ever seen in Western Ontario so far as amateur boxing is concerned. London will probably stage an open tourney later on in the season, once the game gets going.

There have been some good shows, but the game has been delayed a number of circumstances, which have delayed it until the season has been too far advanced to put a card on.

The amateur game has made good progress the past couple of years. Practically every city last winter had something stirring in the mitt line, and a good many of the talent they get have been staged last winter, but a number of circumstances cropped up which delayed it until the season has been too far advanced to put a card on.

Even under the strict supervision of the Ontario Athletic Commission, the pro game doesn't go very well in the smaller places, and for the perfectly good reason that the talent they get to the amateur game is too close to the pro game variety. The artists of real promise demand prices which are too high for the amateur places to handle—another protective factor.

Most of the smaller cities have realized that they can never hope to gain much from the pro game. It means that the amateur game must benefit if there is to be any great revival of ring contests.

Windsor Fans Agog At Chance of Seeing Tom Gibbons in Action

WINDSOR, Nov. 10.—When Tom Gibbons fights Soldier Jones here Wednesday night, fans here will be agog to see the fight. Gibbons has been staged here since the White-Zulu Kid fight last winter, which drew a crowd of 10,000 to the sudden change. Having accepted terms with the Canadiens and used that team's transportation, it may be held that Veno is a professional, though in any case he played independent hockey, which is likely to be enough to place him under the amateur ban.

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Indoor Tossers Meet Tonight

Final Details for Garrison League Will Be Completed.

Final details of the Garrison Indoor Baseball League will be fixed up at a meeting tonight in the armories. The league is being organized, and a schedule has already been drawn up, calling for four games each week.

Most of the units have had much out practicing and some good baseball is promised from the opening games. There has been lots of interest shown at these workouts—a good omen for the success of the circuit. There are enough men in most of the units with indoor baseball experience to quickly develop the great talent.

OTTAWA FAVOR RETURN TO OLD PRO PENALTY RULES

Three-Minute Minimum and Balance of Game a Major Penalty.

OTTAWA, Nov. 10.—Officers of the Ottawa Hockey Club expressed themselves as willing to go still further with their proposed amendments to the National Hockey League penalty rules. They stated that they did not wish to be too drastic with their motions, but added that if other clubs were willing, they would revert altogether to the old system, whereby each and every offender must spend his time on the penalty bench, with a minimum of three minutes, and the balance of the match for a serious offence. They had already suggested the deferred system, as in effect at the Pacific coast, but are ready to move that every penalty be made actually effective.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELMWOODS.

The annual meeting of the Elmwood Bowling Club will be held this evening in the clubrooms. All members are requested to attend.

It develops from Toronto sources that Vernon Spencer, sensational outfielder of the Toronto Leafs and later of the Giants, was the man who wished to place the Kitchener franchise in Pontiac, Mich., and for whom George Knott Lee was acting at the annual meeting of the Mint League. Toronto or the Giants, it is said, will not stand in the way of his becoming a Class B magnate.

Spencer, whose career was meteoric, had money when he jumped practically off the farm into Class A ball and then to the majors—too much apparently to subject himself to the routine of a ball player's life.

A noticeable increase in the attendance of women at recent fights has the lovers of the pastime using it as an argument that the game is returning to a higher level than it has ever attained before. The wave has even struck Toronto—much of it marcelled too—and if conservative Canadian femininity branches out into fight fans, it's apt to become pretty general.