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By the time you read this column, the fight will be over, but one thing must be said about the fight between Sugar Ray Leonard and Donny Lalonde: both fighters have been talking intelligently, yet fighting aggressively.

Although boxing is a sport where a fighter has to be confident in himself, sometimes cocky, this fight has been civil. Both Leonard and Lalonde have avoided the character destruction that goes on in most title fights. The only thing these fellows argue over is how much money they are going to make.

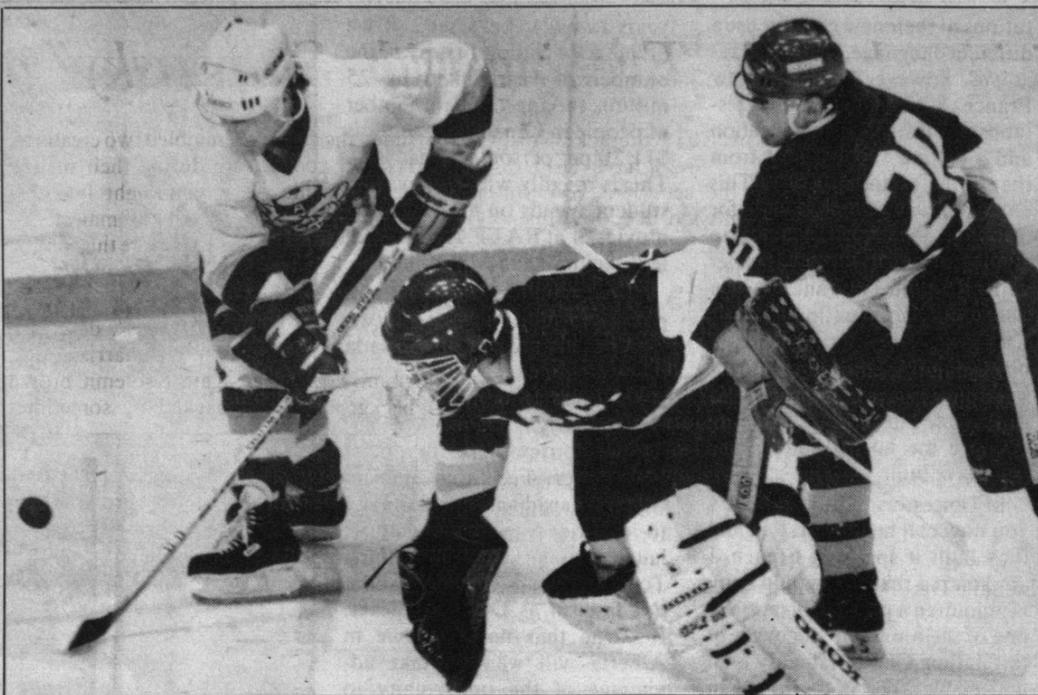
Lalonde will earn a lot of respect, if not money, in this fight, whatever the decision. He comes across like a normal person, much like his opponent Sugar Ray. He is just doing his job, trying to do the best he can, and trying to get the most possible money for it.

In one of the boxing magazines, a story about Lalonde told that many boxing "experts" were unsure of Lalonde, because he reads constantly. I also read that he studies Zen philosophy. I guess the "experts" are worried that the Winnipeg native can't be ripped off by the scum that pervades boxing. God forbid that he can read the contract he is signing.

When interviewed Lalonde is candid about his troubled past, when he was a victim of child abuse. He is also frank about the money he is making in the fight. Many athletes claim that they compete for the glory of victory and/or competition, but in the sport of boxing everything is reduced to the lowest common denominator. The Golden Boy is in it for the gold, not for the glory; for there is no glory in pugilism.

Sugar Ray Leonard deserves some praise as well, and not just for his boxing skills. He is a showman: he has used that reputation to fatten his bank account to huge proportions. But Leonard comes across as an intelligent athlete who is always chasing a shadow. Boxing "experts" said he was too flashy, or that he couldn't take a punch, or that he couldn't knock anybody out. He has proven time and time again that he can take a punch and can hurt people in the ring. His flashiness only helps to sell the sport of boxing.

This fight really helped the sport of boxing. It pitted two intelligent athletes against one another in the business of sport. It will help erase the last couple months of the soap opera romance, break-up, and divorce of Mike Tyson. I think both Leonard and Lalonde are both too smart for that stupidity.



Al Tarasuk of the Bears tries to control a bouncing puck before UBC goalie Carl Repp finds his net.

Rob Galbraith

OT goal ends Bear streaks

by Randal Smathers
UBC 10 Alberta 9 (OT)

"We should've won." Alberta goalie Blair MacGregor sounded almost as confident after the game as he did before it. "We won't lose like that again, that's for sure."

"That's a bunch of bullshit," was the response by Thunderbird Scott Fearn's to pre-game suggestions by MacGregor and others that the Bears were basically unbeatable at home. "We showed them tonight. We've got the power, the scorers, the defence. If we work hard we can beat any team in this league."

MacGregor was just one of the Bears who were confident they could sweep UBC after Friday night's win, but instead the team combined to blow a 9-7 comeback lead with only 1:05 to play.

Fearn's cashed in a pair of chances to tie the score, including a goal with 50 seconds left and

the UBC net empty, and also set up the overtime winner by Grant Delcourt.

"I was getting really frustrated for the first two-and-a-half periods," said Fearn's, "but in the last two minutes it just broke open. I couldn't be happier."

The T-Birds have never won a game in Varsity Arena, which added to their euphoria after the win... at least no one on this team has. "Our captain (Keith Abbott) has been playing here for five years, and he's never even won here," said Fearn's.

The coaching staff is included in that tally. Head coach Terry O'Malley is in only his third year with the T-Birds, and the last time the Bears dropped a game to UBC in Edmonton was February 26, 1983. "It's hard to come in here: it's higher altitude, it's hard to play here in terms of conditioning, and Clare Drake has a great tradition."

O'Malley was pleased with some areas of his team's play, although he admitted that he had hoped for a defensive effort instead of a shootout. "I'm happy that they didn't quit, and I'm happy they didn't get down on themselves after letting go a 6-3 lead," he said.

Sid Cranston, Bear captain, paid tribute to O'Malley: "It was a tough weekend, they're a good hockey club... you can tell their coaching has improved."

Cranston, who sparked the U of A second period comeback, felt the Bears loss was the result of some mental breakdowns in the last minute. "You have to be not only physically but mentally sharp to play in this game."

"Maybe we were a little cocky," said Cranston, "We fought out a win on Friday night and we just didn't learn that they're a good hockey team. We have to give them their respect, and we have

Bears place six on all-star club

by Alan Small

Six Golden Bear football players made the WIFL all-stars announced Thursday. Running back Tom Houg, who rushed for 1,005 yards and offensive guard Steve Maertens-Poole were named to the offensive team while four defensive players were picked to the post season squad. Lineman Brent Korte, who led the WIFL in sacks this season, linebackers Mark Singer and Lenard Sawatzky, and defensive back Trent Brown, who led the league with six interceptions, were the four Bear defensive all-stars. Singer placed second in interceptions with five.

Calgary led with 13 all-stars, while Saskatchewan had six, and both Manitoba and UBC had two all-stars each.

For Korte and Sawatzky, this

is the second year in a row they have been picked to the west's post season all-star squad.

Singer will also be the west's nominee for the President's Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding defensive player in CIAU football.

The other nominees for CIAU awards are Huskie slotback Dan Farthing, who is the west's nominee for the Hec Crighton Trophy (outstanding player). Huskie nose tackle Byron McCorkell is the WIFL's pick for the J.P. Metras Trophy (outstanding lineman), and Manitoba defensive back Brad Freund is the west's pick for the Gorman Trophy (top rookie).

The western all-star team by position:

OFFENCE Center - Paul Kerber, Calgary, Guards - Paul Car-

son, Calgary, Steve Maertens-Poole, Alberta, Tackles - Cam Sackschewsky, Calgary, Mike Pavelec, Calgary, Wide receivers - Mike Bellefontaine, UBC, Dave Brown, Calgary, Inside receivers - Dan Farthing, Saskatchewan, Tom Vlasic, UBC, Tim Karbonik, Calgary (tie), Running back - Terry Eisler, Saskatchewan, J.P. Izquierdo, Calgary, Tom Houg Alberta (tie), Quarterback - Bob Torrance, Calgary.

DEFENCE Linemen - Byron McCorkell, Saskatchewan, Brent Korte, Alberta, Greg Kiesman, Manitoba, Rob Furlan, Calgary, Linebackers - Mark Singer, Alberta, Lenard Sawatzky, Alberta, Ian James, Calgary, John Yule, Manitoba, Defensive backs - Trent Brown, Alberta, Dave Van Belleghem, Calgary, Mike Hilderbrand, Calgary, Greg Martin, Saskatchewan.

SPECIAL TEAMS Placekicker - Mike Lazecki, Saskatchewan, Punter - Brent Matich, Calgary, Kick returner - Dan Farthing, Saskatchewan. Coach - Brian Towriss, Saskatchewan.

to earn our own."

"We gave it up," said Drake. "That's really tough to take. We maybe had a few guys out there that shouldn't have been out there. I don't know... you start to second-guess yourself."

RED LINES — Wes Craig had a hattrick for the home team, Cranston and Marty Yewchuk got a pair each, and Brett Cox and Ian Herbers each scored once. Fearn's had two for the visitors, while Canada West player of the week Delcourt picked up the hattrick. Five T-Birds each scored once: Kevin Taillefer, Rick Ryan, Kevin Griffin, Oscar Pozzolo, and Abbott. The stars were Delcourt, Craig, and Rich Dusevic.



UBC 10
Alberta 9

1. Alta. Cox 2 (Tews, Cranston) 2:26
2. Alta. Craig 6 (Tarasuk, Paradis) 6:16, pp
3. UBC. Taillefer 2 (Dusevic, Ryan) 6:39
4. UBC. Delcourt 6 (Dusevic, Rice) 9:04
5. UBC. Ryan 2 (Dusevic, Rice) 9:21
6. UBC. Griffin 2 (Delcourt, Pozzolo) 12:03
7. Alta. Herbers 2 (Wakabayashi, McCarthy) 13:19, pp
8. UBC. Abbott 3 (Whiton, Delcourt) 19:32, pp
- Penalties: Abbott, B 4:17, Griffin, B Herbers, A 7:17, Craig, A 14:03, Couture, B 18:32
9. UBC. Pozzolo 1 3:01
10. Alta. Cranston 5 (Wakabayashi, McCarthy) 3:56
11. Alta. Cranston 6 (McCarthy, Thibodeau) 9:29
12. Alta. Yewchuk 5 (Tarasuk) 19:59
- Penalties: Delcourt, B 3:21, Czenczek, B, Tarasuk, A 8:56, Kozak, B 12:06, Herbers, A 16:19
13. UBC Delcourt 7 (Whiton, Kozak) 5:04
14. Alta. Craig 7 (Wakabayashi, Thibodeau) 10:41
15. Alta. Yewchuk 6 (Couture, Glasgow) 14:27
16. Alta. Craig 8 (Thibodeau) 17:58
17. UBC Fearn's (Oishi, Pozzolo) 18:55
18. UBC Fearn's (Dusevic, Taillefer) 19:10
- Penalties: Cranston, A 1:18, Taillefer, B, Ryan, B, McCarthy, A, Wakabayashi, A 15:00

Overtime

19. UBC Delcourt 8 (Fearn's, Abbott) 8:56
- Penalties: Delcourt, B 1:46, Abbott, B 4:41

Shots on goal
UBC 11 7 20 4 42
Alta 11 16 8 10 45
Goalies: Repp, UBC, Krill, MacGregor, Alta.
Attendance 600

Four familiar names make up the final four in CIAU football this season.

The Calgary Dinosarus, WIFL champions, will travel to London, Ontario to face the Western Ontario Mustangs in the Central Bowl.

The other semi-final, the Atlantic Bowl pits the Bishop's Gaiters against the number one ranked St. Mary's Huskies. The winners of the two bowls travel to Toronto to vie for the Vanier Cup.

The last time Calgary and Western battled was in the 1985 Vanier Cup, with the Dinos winning a 25-6 victory. Western has made the CIAU final three times this decade and lost all three times. Calgary, has been successful twice in both tries for the Vanier Cup.