

THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

THE GREATEST BATTLE OF HIS
CAREER TOLD BY TOMMY BURNSThe Well Known Fighter Gives a True Description of His
World Fight With Jack Johnson—The Police Intervened
and Tried to Stop the Bout.

By TOMMY BURNS.

At the close of my fight with Johnson there would be 30,000 people inside the building, and quite 40,000 outside. Crowds actually arrived the night before and stood outside in order to be sure of a seat. I spent a good night, in fact, I slept until nearly eight o'clock the next morning. I got up and felt in good condition. We had a little music and a song or two. To please my wife, who was a great favorite with my wife.

Our party, including myself, then went down to the ring, whilst my wife who has never seen me fight in my life, for she has never appeared to her, went into the country to see some friends.

The Stadium was packed to overflowing when Johnson and I found ourselves in the roped arena.

And now for the great battle that cost me my title. The referee called us to the centre of the ring, and gave us our instructions. We were fighting under the Marquess of Queensberry rules.

We returned to our corners, and the bell went for the first round, and the battle had started. I immediately made for my rival, who backed away. Keeping him on the defensive, I pressed towards Johnson, who showed off his left.

He boxed at long range and piled a splendid straight left; we then went into a clinch, and I can tell you there was no love lost. We pummelled at each other with rights and lefts, and then Johnson began to hold.

A Sensational Blow. The referee called out to us to break, but Johnson took no notice of the order. I then called out to the referee "make him break first," and the referee was in the act of putting us when the nigger got home a sensational blow that put me down.

It happened like this—the referee grabbed my left hand, and as he was pulling it down, he unconsciously gave Johnson the chance he was longing for. The black was not slow to take advantage.

He brought up a right hand uppercut, which caught me on the jaw. It was a terrible punch. I went down, but I got up again at the count of four.

Though dazed, I had my wits about me. I knew that my safety rested in getting into a clinch, so I rushed at Johnson before he could get away. I got safely into the clinch, and once more we bashed at each other's bodies with hard rights and lefts. By the arm manoeuvring I managed to get Johnson's hands under my arms.

I then closed my arms tight and held Johnson as though in a vice. I then called the referee's attention to the fact that the nigger was holding, which, however, was no fault of his. I called out to my opponent.

"You yellow cur, why don't you break and fight like a white man. Of course, Johnson couldn't break. He held; but the majority of the people thought that Jack was the victor. I may say here that I was the very last person who wanted Johnson to break. The tactics I was using was merely to let Johnson believe that I wanted him to break away.

I certainly would have been in queer street had he been as requested, but he couldn't have done it because as I say I had him glued to me by both arms.

In Danger. I reckon that had the black broken clean away as soon as I rushed into the clinch, then all would have been up with me. I was in a bad condition, and a boxer of Johnson's experience would have timed his next blow to the exact moment, and no man on earth could have survived it. I have always reckoned that had I not been able to beat Johnson in the clinch, the fight would have ended there and then. As it happened, when the bell sounded I was on my feet and I figured I had had a lucky escape.

Coming towards me for the second round, Johnson called out, "Come right on, Tommy."

"I'm coming, you nigger," I retorted, and in this round we fought every inch of the way.

"Now, Tommy, don't let too hard," was another sarcastic remark passed by Johnson, as we hammered away at each other's bodies. The nigger then commenced to say things that I cannot repeat in these columns.

"Come on, you yellow cur, I'm not here to talk; come on and fight me." "I'm going to give you a piece of a hiding, Tommy," Jack called out, to which I retorted—"I can take all a nigger can give. Don't be insolent to a white man. Are you mad because you are a nigger?"

Discussion on these lines was kept up during the next round, when I got home quite a number of vicious short-arm jabs to Johnson's body.

Jack's ribs certainly must have rattled, but the nigger was as hard as a stone. I was finding Johnson to be by far the most formidable man I had ever met. It was impossible to rattle him. My plans up to this period was to get close to Jack's body, and, as Johnson's left hand slipped over my left shoulder, to crash in right-hand punches to the ribs.

I did this five or six times in succession. The nigger was accurate in

his aim, and I had to take several rights and lefts, which had no amount of vim behind them.

I found that Johnson's defence was magnificent.

It was either in the fifth or sixth round that the clinch began to make the appearance. After a fierce rally at close quarters I broke from the clinch and sent over a left hook, which caught Johnson flush on the mouth. A few trickles of blood came away from his lips, and I may say that this was the only blood spilt during the whole battle.

People, I know, have been led to believe that the contest was a fearful affair, and that I was very badly beaten up and nearly murdered.

Let me tell you this was not so. With the exception that the left side of my jaw was swollen, through a right hand uppercut, I never had a mark on me.

Another fact I wish to emphasize is that 99 people out of a 100 figured that Johnson had a longer reach than I had. This is a wrong impression. From tip to tip, in hands outstretched, my measurements were 74 1/2 inches, and Johnson's 74. Where the nigger had the pull of me was in height.

I found very difficult to stop. He had a knack of putting his left hand on my shoulder. A good many referees would probably have adjudged Johnson to have been holding, but the way Jack did it was so cute that he deserved to get away with it.

He was certainly very clever with it. His left arm would land on my shoulder, and by a certain manoeuvre he would bring that right of his into action. It was a formidable punch, and I doubt a man could take it. He landed it a distance. His boxing was really good. As he backed away I went after him.

"Why don't you stand up and fight, you nigger?" I called out. "Are you afraid of me?"

"Don't hurry me, Tommy," sarcastically remarked Jack.

"You a champion?" he added; "what taught you to box?"

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Close Score In
Matched GameS. Hayward & Co's Pin Drop-
pers Score Knockout Over
Pender & Co's Bowlers.

The match game on Saturday evening on Black's alleys between the S. Hayward & Co. and Pender & Co. bowlers, resulted in a win for the former, the total pin-fall being 1235 to 1222.

The score follows:—

James Pender & Co. Total Av.
Graham 90 50 81 276 92
Browning 84 71 89 255 78 1/3
Gibson 85 83 84 267 85 2/3
Knoll 83 72 89 269 89 2/3
Yeomans 79 85 81 245 81 2/3

S. Hayward & Co.
Cromwell 84 86 82 252 84
Kestred 79 87 83 238 76
Northrup 61 72 80 203 67 2/3
Bartch 101 89 99 276 92
Sullivan 85 89 92 276 92

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Italian-American
Bike Team WinnersSprinted Their Way to Victory in Sensational Finish
of Six-Day Race.

New York, Dec. 11.—Pedalling their pneumatic tired steeds at a dizzy speed, Maurice Brocco and Alfred Quillet, Italian-American riders, last night sprinted their way to a sensational victory in the thirty-first annual six day bike race in Madison Square Garden.

In the final hour of the race they started a jam that lapped three of the riding teams and raised their point total for the six days to 1,232.

Walter Rupp, the veteran German rider, and his partner Coburn, were in the forward part of the fastest sprint and finished second with 421 points; Lawrence and Thomas were third, with 331 points. The three teams covered 2,468 miles and 6 laps, as compared to the record, 2,526 miles made by Rupp and Egg in 1916.

The popular little Italian brocco and his famous partner, Quillet, went into the final hour in fourth place. The Australian-American team, were leading with a big point total.

They were sent to the gallery of more than 12,000 into transports of enthusiasm when he darted to the front of the field. His partner picked him up on the first turn and peddled faster than ever in his career.

Every sprint won meant 72 points, and this pair apparently had saved their strength for the final test.

Sixteen teams started in the race last Sunday at midnight. Eleven of these were left when the event ended on the first turn yesterday.

Six teams were bunched in the lead at the start of the final hour and according to the rules of the event, all of the trailers were ordered off the track.

The Garrison
League Standing

The standing of the Garrison Bowling League on Dec. 10 is as follows:

Team Played Won Lost Average
7th Can. Max. Gun. 10 23 3 226
6th Siege Battery 10 22 8 200
Headquarters 10 28 12 700
R. C. A. S. C. 10 27 13 476
R. C. O. C. No. 1 11 27 17 413
"C" Coy. Fusiliers 11 24 9 446
6th Signal Coy. 10 24 16 400
R. C. O. C. No. 2 11 26 18 409
4th Siege Battery 9 21 18 433
C. A. S. C. 10 19 23 312
"B" Coy. Fusiliers 11 11 33 276
"D" Coy. Fusiliers 10 6 24 150
14th Field Amb. 10 3 37 076
Highest single string by Q. M. S. Choppin, 120.

Highest individual three string by A. Dodge, 288.

Highest single string by team, 6th Siege Battery, 444.

Highest pinfall three strings, by 4th Siege Battery, 1,270.

Expansive Love. Ethel—"Oh, Richard, when we married I don't think I could live in a little flat."

Fiance—"You don't love me when you say that, Ethel."

Ethel—"Oh, yes, I do; but not on such a small scale."

Undesired Brilliance. "There is one place where a woman always thinks she shines."

"I know on the end of her nose."—Boston Transcript.

Championships May
Start In This CityFrank White Receives Important
Telegram from President
Taylor of Canadian
Association.

Frank White, Canadian Skating Association representative for the Maritime Provinces has received a telegram from J. J. Taylor the President of the Canadian Association who on Saturday was present at the meeting of organizations held at Pittsburgh Saturday. The message reads as follows:—

Pittsburgh, Dec. 10. Frank White, St. John, N. B.

"The International Championships will be held at Saranac Lake, N. Y. National at Pittsburgh, N. Y. No dates fixed, but will consult with St. John and every consideration given your city. Idea seems to start with St. John and work west with other championship meets."

J. J. TAYLOR. Mr. White while in conversation with the Standard last night said he thought it would be a great thing to have the championships start in this city. The local boys are getting in all the training possible and he had no doubt but they would make a first class showing.

Old Country
Football Games

London, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press Cable).—Rugby games played in Great Britain today resulted as follows:—

Northern Union: Wales 15; Australasians 21. (At Pontypridd).

Bradford 2; Keighley 9. Broughton 14; Batley 3. Bramley 5; Featherston 0.

Dewsbury 9; Hunslet 2. Huddersfield 5; St. Helen's 2. Hull 10; Halifax 3.

Leeds 9; Swinton 7. Leigh 3; Warrington 8. Oldham 23; Barrow 6.

Rochdale 7; Wigan 0. St. Helen's 11; Swinton 7. Wakefield 5; Hull Kingston 8.

Widnes 19; Salford 3. Rugby Union: Harrogate 24; Old Merchant Taylors 0.

Guys Hospital 45; Old Alleynians 0. Richmond 17; Rosslyn Park 11. Brackley 6; Leamington 6.

Swansea 10; Heath 0. Cross Boys 4; Bath 0. Cardiff 0; Davenport Services 9.

Bridgend 18; Llanelli 14. Newport 20; Northampton 5. Royal Navy 10; Devon County 3.

Aberavon 4; Pontypool 0. Coventry 11; Gloucester 6. Blythvale 0; Abertillery 0.

Glasgow Academicals 6; Oxford University 13.

London, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press Cable).—In a Scottish trial rugby match today at Glasgow, Scotland defeated the North and South 30 to 9.

London, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press Cable).—In rugby county championship matches played today Gloucestershire beat Cornwall 34 to 3 at Gloucester; Cheshire beat Durham 29 to 6 at Birkenhead; and Lancashire drew with Cumberland 0 to 0 at Manchester.

Y M C A VOLLEYBALL. In the Y. M. C. A. Volleyball League Saturday afternoon the results follow:

1st game—J. R. Wood 21; W. E. Golding 18.

2nd game—J. R. Wood 21; W. E. Golding 18.

The teams follow: F. W. Coombs, K. Hazen, H. A. Porter, R. S. Stephenson, S. Nason, W. E. Golding, Captain.

G. Roberts L. C. Goodge, E. C. Day, S. C. Young, T. Green, J. R. Wood, Captain.

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Preparing For Big
Skating Event HerePhysical Committee of Y. M.
C. A. Assured of Classy
Skaters for Canadian Cham-
pionship.

That the Canadian outdoor speed ice skating amateur championship meet to be held in St. John, is attracting a lot of interest in skating associations of Canada and the United States is evident from correspondence received by the physical committee of the St. John Y. M. C. A., which body is in charge of the meet. At a meeting of the committee there were letters from various organizations promising close cooperation with the local committee in the matter of sending their men here for the competition, and uniformly offering to assist in every way possible in the first local men's handling of so big an athletic event.

Among the skaters whom it is thought likely will be here are: Wm. Murphy, of New York; Roy Moore, of Montreal, Canada; Charles and Brewster Jewtraw of Lake Placid; Joe Moore, whose reinstatement has just been announced; detail to bring to perfection. The races will be on the grounds of the East End Improvement League which body is showing a fine spirit of cooperation in arrangements.

The Y. M. C. A. committee has its preparations already well underway and has given into the hands of various sub-committees matters of detail to bring to perfection. The East End Improvement League which body is showing a fine spirit of cooperation in arrangements.

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Snappy Basketball
On Y. M. C. A. Floor

"Business Boys" Trim St. George's Athletics, and Alerts Won Senior Game.

Two games of basket ball were played Saturday on the Y. M. C. A. floor, an intermediate game between the Business Boys and St. George's Athletic Club and a senior game between the Alerts and the Y. M. C. A.

The latter game was rather rough in the first period and many penalties were handed out, but in the second half they steadied down to play the game and some good playing was seen. T. E. Sweeney refereed the intermediate game, and C. J. Marreux the senior game. The Business Boys annexed the big end of the score in the intermediate, and the Alerts in the Senior game.

Following is the line-up and scores for the games:

Intermediate Game
Business Boys, 20; St. George's Athletic Club, 13.

Business Boys Forwards
Gregory Maxwell
T. Yeomans Donohoe
Centres
E. Yeomans Nies
Defence
Kirk Richter
Killam McAndrew

Spares
Friars Doberty

Senior Game
Alerts, 44; Y. M. C. A. 1, 20.

Alerts Forwards
Fleming Bennett
Ketchum Flood
Centre
Ryan Maher
Defence
Millidge McGourty
McGregor Miller

Spares
Christie Burns, Driscoll

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Amateur Athletic
Union of CanadaSeveral Amendments and
Suggestions Adopted—A.
W. Covey Elected Vice
President.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Several amendments adopted by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada which met here Friday and Saturday will have a far reaching effect.

Several amendments and suggestions were adopted by the Union which will have a wide bearing on sports. The reinstatement of professionals was one of the subjects that has received much attention from the delegates, and they again demonstrated that they are firmly bound to the decision that once a professional always a professional. In future the branches were to reinstate players must report the reinstatement within thirty days to the national registration committee or they will cease to be effective from that date.

A radical step was taken when an amendment proposed by the Maritime Provinces branch was carried by a vote of 53 to 44, that the Union conduct Canadian track and field championships for Canadian cities only and steps be taken to establish records in every championship event by Canadians. This decision makes Canada the only country in the world that prevents foreign competitors from entering in the championship meets, and while it may encourage Canadian track and field athletes to a certain extent it will decrease the quality of the sports for several years at least.

Judge E. D. Jackson, of Leamington, was elected president of the Union. The other officers include A. W. Covey, St. John, N. B., second vice president; C. C. Robinson, Winnipeg; treasurer; N. H. Cowie, Toronto, secretary. Mr. Covey was also elected vice-president for the Maritime Provinces.

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Veno Brothers
Play In Boston

Bathurst Players on Westminster Hockey Team That Defeated Marquette County Team.

Boston, Dec. 11.—The Veno brothers of Bathurst, N. B., were the principal factors in the 4 to 3 victory of the Westminster Hockey Club over Marquette County, K. of C., here last night. Two overtime periods, one of ten and the other of five minutes were played. The game was the second of a series to determine Boston's two representatives in the United States Amateur Hockey Association. The Westminster was composed almost entirely of former Canadian players.

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