

# THE STANLARD'S SPORTING SECTION

## THE GREATEST BATTLE OF HIS CAREER TOLD BY TOMMY BURNS

### The 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 time 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 an Irish girl, we sang: "Where the River Shannon Flows," which was a great favorite with her. She was very fond of it.

Our party, including myself, then went down to the ring, whilst my wife who has never seen me fight in my life, for spectators 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 center 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 out 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 punned 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 obliged to part 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 in another blow. I got safely into the clinch, and once more we bashed at each other's bodies with hard rights and lefts. By the arm maneuvering I managed to get Johnson's hands under my arms. I then closed my arms tightly and held Johnson as though in a vice.

I then called the referee's attention to the fact that Johnson was holding, which, however, was no fault of his. I called out to my opponent, "Come on, Johnson, break away. Why are you still clinging to me? Why don't you break and fight like a white man?"

Of course, Johnson couldn't break; he held me; but the majority of the people thought that Jack was the offender. I may say here that I was the very last person who wanted Johnson to break. The tactics I was using was merely to make Johnson believe that I wanted him to break away.

I certainly would have been in queer street had he been so 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 hit 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 was 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 jolts 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

## Close Score In Matched Game

### S. Hayward & Co's Pin Dropers Score Knockout Over Pender & Co's Bowlers.

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

The score follows:—

| Total Av.        |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Orsham           | 90 100 21 276 92    |
| Sproving         | 84 71 89 235 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 |
| 411 436 296 1222 |                     |
| S. Hayward & Co. |                     |
| Cromwell         | 84 86 82 252 84     |
| Keirstead        | 73 87 83 228 76     |
| Norshup          | 61 72 80 203 67 2-3 |
| Barbach          | 101 83 89 276 92    |
| Sullivan         | 85 99 82 276 93     |
| 402 407 454 1235 |                     |

## Championships May Start In This City

### Frank 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.

"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.

## Preparing For Big Amateur Athletic Union of Canada

### Physical Committee of Y.M.C.A. Assured of Classy Skaters for Canadian Championship.

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 co-operation 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: Charles and Brewster Jewstraw of Lake Placid; Joe Moore, whose reinstatement has just been announced; Wm. Murphy, of New York; Roy McWhorter, and William and Julian Stelmans, of Chicago; Jack Stowell and Richard Donovan, of St. Paul; Russel Wheeler, of Montreal, Canadian champion, and Al Reich and Leslie Boyd. There will also likely be a large number of lesser stars.

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 races will be on the grounds of the East End Improvement League which body is showing a fine spirit of co-operation in arrangements.

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## Italian-American Bike Team Winners

### Sprinted 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 Doolittle, 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 jama that lapped three of the riding teams and raised their point total for the six days to 4,322. They beat 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 381 points. The three teams covered 2,468 miles and 6 legs, as compared to the record, 2,225 miles made by Dupuy and Egg in 1916.

The popular little Italian brocco and his famous partner, Doolittle went to the final hour in fourth place. McNamara and Madden, the Australian-American team, were leading with a big point total. They had a strong showing in the sprint, but they were overtaken by the Italian-American team, who were leading with a big point total. They had a strong showing in the sprint, but they were overtaken by the Italian-American team, who were leading with a big point total.

## 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 5; Hunslet 2.  
Huddersfield 5; St. Helen's Res. 6.  
Hull 10; Halifax 3.  
Leeds 5; York 15.  
Leigh 3; Warrington 8.  
Oldham 2; Barrow 0.  
Rochdale 7; Wigan 0.  
St. Helen's 11; Swinton 7.  
Wakefield 5; Hull Kingston 8.  
Widnes 19; Salford 3.  
Rugby Union:  
Harrowdale 24; Old Merchant Taylors 0.  
Guys Hospital 45; Old Alleynians 0.  
Richmond 17; Rosslyn Park 11.  
Well 10; Llanelli 14.  
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; Pontypridd 0.  
St. George's 10; Gloucester 0.  
Blythvale 0; Aberystwyth 0.  
Glasgow Academicals 6; Oxford University 13.

## 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. I. The latter game was rather rough in the first period and many penalties were handed out, but in the second half they settled 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  
Centre  
E. Yeomans ..... Nicos  
Defence  
Kirk ..... Richter  
Killam ..... McAndrew  
Spare  
Priars ..... Doherty

Senior Game  
Alerts, 44; Y. M. C. I., 20.

Alerts Forwards  
Fleming ..... Bennett  
Ketchum ..... Flood  
Centre  
Ryan ..... Maher  
Defence  
Millidge ..... McGourty  
McGregor ..... Miller  
Spare  
Christie ..... Burns, Driscoll

## The Garrison League Standing

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

| Team   | Games Played | Wins | Losses | Average |
|--|--------------|------|--------|---------|
| 7th Can. Bn. Gun.  | 10           | 23   | 8      | 325     |
| 6th Siege Battery  | 10           | 22   | 8      | 300     |
| Headquarters   | 10           | 22   | 8      | 270     |
| R. C. A. S. C.   | 10           | 21   | 9      | 475     |
| R. C. O. C., No. 1                                       | 11           | 27   | 4      | 412     |
| R. C. O. C., No. 2                                       | 11           | 26   | 5      | 400     |
| 4th Siege Battery  | 9            | 21   | 18     | 583     |
| "A" Coy. Fusiliers                                       | 11           | 24   | 16     | 548     |
| "B" Coy. Fusiliers                                       | 11           | 24   | 16     | 548     |
| 15th Heavy Battery                                       | 9            | 18   | 18     | 500     |
| R. C. E.   | 11           | 18   | 20     | 409     |
| 28th N. B. Dragoons                                      | 10           | 16   | 26     | 376     |
| C. A. S. C.  | 12           | 19   | 23     | 312     |
| "B" Coy. Fusiliers                                       | 11           | 11   | 28     | 260     |
| "D" Coy. Fusiliers                                       | 10           | 8    | 16     | 160     |
| 14th Field Amb.  | 10           | 3    | 27     | 075     |
| Highest single string by G. M. S. Choppin, 120.          |              |      |        |         |
| Highest single string by team, 6th Siege Battery, 44.    |              |      |        |         |
| Highest individual three string by A. Dodge, 288.        |              |      |        |         |
| Highest single string by team, 6th Siege Battery, 1,270. |              |      |        |         |

## World's Amateur Skating Carnival

### Lake Placid Diamond Trophy Championship to be Inaugurated.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Conditions for a world's amateur skating championship event to be inaugurated at the height of this winter's carnival are being drawn up by a group of sportsmen here, it is announced. The event, to be known as the Lake Placid Diamond Trophy championship, has been sanctioned by the International Skating Union of America. Amateur skaters of all countries will be eligible.

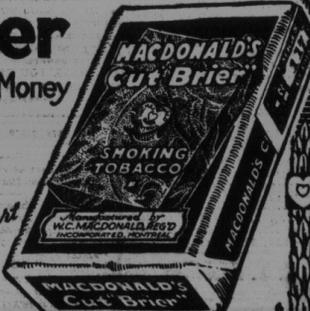
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## Toronto St. Aidans Won Championship

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 10.—The St. Aidans of Toronto won the Dominion junior rugby championship here this afternoon when they defeated Queens thirds 13 to 8. The first period closed one all, but St. Aidans got the lead with a try in the second session, the half time score being St. Aidans 7, Queens 2. The locals, however, closed up the gap and ended the third per-

## Expansive Love.

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