

# SPORTS

## WORLD'S LIGHTWEIGHT TELLS ABOUT HIS HARDEST BATTLE

### Benny Leonard Picks Ever Hammer of Chicago as Giving Him Considerable Trouble—Punches Champion All Over The Ring Until Last Round When Benny Knocks Him Out.

(By Benny Leonard.)

Which boxer gave me my hardest battle? Was Freddie Welsh, Jack Britton, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kibane, Charley White, Rocky Kansas, Lew Tendler, or any other of the champions or championship contenders whom I have met in my two hundred battles in the ring? No, the lad who caused me more trouble in a single evening than any other I ever faced has never been seriously considered as really threatening lightweight championship material. He is Ever Hammer, the Chicago boy.

Following my first fight with Ever Hammer in 1916, I was willing to bet that there is something in his name. Hammer hammered me all over a Chicago ring and he was ever at it—that is, right down to the close of the bout, which was a 12-round affair.

"I'll never forget that set, not if I live to be a hundred. At that time I had just earned reputation in the East, while Hammer had beaten all the good men out in the Windy City district. I had put the k. o. on a number of classy boys and the critics were kind-enough to rate me as a serious title contender. So I was a drawing card in the West as well as the East.

When the match was made we didn't look for a great deal of trouble from Hammer. The fact is, we didn't know much about him, and Tommy Andrews who ran the show, which was staged at the Seventh Regiment Armory in Chicago, told my manager, Billy Gibson, that I would "make a sucker of Ever."

We had to laugh afterward when we thought of Tommy's statement. The fight hadn't progressed far when it appeared that I was the "sucker."

So far as physical considerations went, we were pretty evenly matched as we sat in our corners waiting for the first bell. We had both weighed in easily at 133 pounds. Hammer was a bit shorter than I and perhaps just a bit huskier. I didn't believe he must have been five years older. I was only eighteen then.

I had a pretty good defense in those days, but naturally it wasn't all that became later. Hammer solved it right off the dash and worked into me with both hands. And I didn't possess a sufficient fund of experience to tell me how to get away from him.

From the first round until the eleventh, while the armory rang with the applause, he battered me all over the ring. He was tough and rough, and although he had no particular science, he could hit hard with both fists. I know, because he kept connecting frequently.

Back in my corner Gibson and my two brothers, Joe and Charley, who were my seconds, were plunging into deep gloom. The fight had gone only a few rounds when we practically gave up all hopes of victory. The big question was how to stick it out for the full twelve rounds. Billy, Charley and Joe didn't tell me what was in their minds, but they didn't believe I would be able to do it.

Ever's plan was to keep me on the go all the time. He never gave me a chance to lead and not even time to think. He was right on top of me after every clinch, pushing away with both hands all the time.

He cut me to pieces. Between rounds Gibson and the boys were kept busy cleaning away the blood and refreshing me for the next twelve. It was awful.

The eleventh round was a bit slow. Hammer was tiring, but he kept on punching as best he could. I was tired, too, but from taking punches, not giving them. Still, it looked like I would be able to stay until the finish.

Eleven For Hammer.

The only decision that could be given was a newspaper decision, but Hammer was sure of that. He had won every one of the first eleven rounds. All he needed to do was hold me even during the twelfth. This apparently was what he had decided to do, for the first two minutes of the twelfth passed without a resumption of his slugging tactics. With only a minute to go, however, he started a final grand rally to clinch matters. He tore into me again.

Now the two minutes of easy fighting, following my minute of rest between rounds had freshened me wonderfully. Moreover, Ever had allowed me to get set and to think I was ready for him as he rushed me and met him with a



BENNY LEONARD

Yes, sir, I've met all sorts of good men since then. The next year I won the lightweight title from Freddie Welsh. But nobody ever gave me as tough a scrap as Ever Hammer.

The tragedy for him was that he didn't play safe all of that final round. Had he done so, he and not I, would have been the victor.

Two years ago I had my second bout with him. It was a ten-round no-decision affair at Michigan City, Ind. I had no trouble in holding the upper hand.

## L. OF CROSS BOWLING

The League of the Cross Bowling Tournament got away to a good start last night. There was a large crowd of interested fans on hand, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather.

The Band-boys put on a good score for an opener, while the Yachtsmen seemed to have more head wind to contend with, and found it hard to make connections at times.

Judging by the interest displayed by both bowlers and fans in this game, there will be some exciting nights in the League Alleys during this series of games.

Tonight the Barbers will try to trim the All Stars, if they do, they'll have to climb some.

Following are the scores:

BAND BOYS	
C. Kelly	131 184 162
J. Kelly	145 198 128
G. Essory	168 153 186
F. Doucette	235 179 180
E. Flynn	168 176 191
A. Joy	178 212 153
Total—2592.	
857 926 809	

YACHTSMEN.	
J. Lund	116 169 150
G. Essory	157 152 165
A. Ryan	154 128 153
E. Flynn	168 176 191
J. Flynn	137 164 153
Total—2333.	
732 789 812	

Frank Doucette of Band-boys, made high single string of 235.

When making blue-water, try adding a little common salt. This helps to distribute the color evenly, and prevents the clothes from looking streaked or patchy.

A large safety pin is a useful holder for old buttons or loose hooks and eyes. Slip on the buttons, etc., close the safety pin and you have everything handy, easily seen, and always in order, where these small articles get lost when loose in a work basket.

## BATHURST TO SIGN ON FLEET

### U. N. B. Hockey Player to Replace Wade Who Becomes Professional.

(Canadian Press.)

FREDERICTON, Nov. 3.—Charlie Fleet, star centre player of U. N. B. hockey team for the past several years, is said to be slated for coming season in the northern section of the Maritime Provinces Amateur Hockey Association.

Except that Wade is a defence player, the acquisition of Fleet, many hockey followers believe, will pretty fully offset the loss of Edgar Wade to the Bathurst Club if the former Fredericton and Marysville defence star finally decides to make the leap into professional hockey. Wade signed an agreement here with Joe Page, of Montreal, giving an option on his services for 15 days, apparently for either the Boston Club, headed by Art Ross, or the new Montreal Club in the National Hockey League.

## MADDEN MAY MEET FIRPO

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Charlie Rose, manager of Barley Madden the Irish heavyweight who gained considerable prominence this past summer by staying fifteen rounds with Harry Wills and also Jack Rivalault, announced yesterday that he expected to close terms for a match between Madden and Louis Firpo, the Argentine heavyweight, to be held under the auspices of the National Sportsman's Club in the Newark Armory the latter part of November.

Madden who immediately after the Renault bout left for a tour of Ireland, is now on his way back to the city and is expected to arrive here in about four days. He is engaged in one bout while abroad, knocking out Tim McDonald, Irish heavyweight, in the eleventh round of a battle that was staged in Dublin.

## "Y" BOWLING CITY LEAGUE

Majority for "Y" team over Bankers, 246 pins.

BANKERS	
A. G. Parks	143 152 187
U. R. Whitehead	135 91 175
U. A. Warwick	236 108 132
Allison Hustes	145 125 155
Claude Bearsto	126 200 178
Total—2288.	

Y. M. C. A.	
J. D. Webster	157 188 123
F. B. Conrad	112 155 164
R. A. Pendleton	134 151 188
Milton Carter	207 132 178
J. A. Bentley	225 206 214
Total—2534.	

Majority for Odd Fellows over Customs, 289 pins.

Next game tonight at 7 p.m. Railway vs Carvels.

CUSTOMS	
S. F. Doyle	148 178 184
L. Goodwin	195 149 157
H. Essory	115 148 141
R. F. Acorn	149 129 191
T. L. Coyle	123 122 108
Total—2237.	

ODD FELLOWS	
J. McNair	142 212 224
J. Nicholson	125 200 151
R. LePage	183 160 187
J. Stewart	100 134 163
H. Rodd	174 256 115
Total—2526.	

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## AMERICAN CITIES WANT TO PLAY IN N. H. LEAGUE

### Pittsburgh and New York Apply For Franchises—Only One Change Made in the Rules—League Opens in Montreal Nov. 29th.

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.—At today's annual meeting of the executive of the National Hockey League here, the two clubs, Montreal Professional hockey club and the Boston Hockey Club, were formally admitted to membership. Applications for franchises were heard from Col. John Hammond, on behalf of the Madison Square Garden syndicate of New York and Richard Carroll, of Pittsburgh, representing promoters in the Pennsylvania City. It is likely Philadelphia representatives will also seek admittance. It is the intention, if possible for New York and Pittsburgh to enter teams in the N. H. L. next year. The cases of the later parties were very definite, that of Philadelphia interests not quite so clear cut.

Only one change was made in the rules. That allowed for kicking the puck in centre ice—the no offside area—bringing this into line to come extent with the Western rules in this connection.

James Strachan was named governor of the new Montreal club while Art Ross represents Boston on the board.

The date when pro hockey will open was set for November 29, when Canadians will play St. Patricks in Montreal, the new Montrealers will travel to Boston, while Ottawa will travel to Hamilton.

Nothing definite has been arranged as to where Canadians will play. Leo Dandurand, the manager refers to go confirm the rumor that the club had purchased the Mount Royal Arena.

## BOSTON HOCKEY PROFESSIONALS SIGN BIG STAR

VICTORIA, B. C. Nov. 3.—Norman Fowler, star goal tender of the Victoria hockey team for the past five years, has been sold to the Boston team of the National Hockey League.

Lester Patrick, manager of the local team, made the announcement today. Fowler will report to Manager Arthur Ross in Boston, Dec. 1.

## Art Ross Has Cinched Schnarr

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.—The latest crack Ontario amateur player to affix his name to a professional contract is Werner Schnarr, the good Kitchener centre player, who has been signed by Art Ross for his Boston professional club. Schnarr belongs to a family of hockey players which toured the United States three years ago, every player on the team belonging to the Schnarr family. This year Schnarr migrated to Hamilton and was billed to play for the present Allen Cup holders, but was tendered a contract by Ross some time ago, and when Stewart, Redding and Cooper the Hamilton players were reported to have signed professional contracts, Schnarr evidently decided to forsake the amateur ranks and cast his lot with the Boston Club. Schnarr is reported to be one of the best back-checkers playing amateur hockey and the Boston team certainly made a master stroke by landing his contract.

## FIRPO CLEARED

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Unless further obstacles are tossed in his way, Louis Angel Firpo yesterday apparently cleared the last legal barrier to a resumption of his pugilistic activities here when a Federal Grand Jury refused to indict him on the charges of Canon Chastet, the South American committed Perjury when he came to this country to fight Harry Wills.

Firpo has had under consideration offers from Tex Rickard for bouts at Madison Square Garden, with Romero Chilean heavyweight, and rival of Firpo for the South American title and George Godfrey, Philadelphia negro.

Be true to yourselves, your friends, and your God, and so get all that is worth living for.

## DUNC MUNRO SEES LIGHT

### Croesus Like Offer Causes Pudgy Defence Star to Falter and Signs Up

TORONTO, Nov. 3.—With reference to a Montreal despatch that Duncan B. Munro, captain of Canada's Olympic hockey team, world's champions, has accepted terms with the new Montreal team to represent the English-speaking people of Montreal in the National Hockey League, Munro, who is in this city, said today:

"I have signed nothing yet, but after a long-distance phone conversation with James Strachan, of Montreal, yesterday, during which he raised the auto-wired Strachan that I would accept his terms. I am getting a salary beyond anything I thought any team would pay for my services, and in addition, the people behind the Montreal team, who are among the strongest men financially in Montreal, have offered me business opportunities which I would be foolish to turn down. St. Pats made me a flattering offer yesterday, but they cannot do for me in a business way what these Montreal gentlemen are doing for me, so I have decided to go to Montreal, give them what hockey I have, and get myself established in a real business."

When Toronto loses the round hockey defence man the city loses one of its most popular hockey and rugby figures.

Munro is a player of a type which clean sportsmen always admire. He was a hard player, but scrupulously clean. He took his bumps with a smile and he handed them back the same way.

Munro's break into pro company marks the plunge into the sea of champions—"Holey" Smith to Ottawa and Albert McCaffery to St. Pats.

## MICKEY WALKER IS SATISFIED

### Thinks Over-Anxiety Cost Him a Knock-out Over Malone.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Appearing in the best condition and showing no outward signs that he had just engaged in a hard battle, Mickey Walker, world's welter weight champion, who on Wednesday night defeated Jock Malone in a twelve-round bout in the Newark Armory, announced yesterday that he was satisfied with the showing he had made and that from now on he was prepared to carry on an active ring campaign which, he believed, would result in his fighting better.

"I would like to have scored a knockout victory over Malone," said Walker, "but I seemed to be a little short of work. I also was a little over-anxious, and I guess this, too, caused me to lose a number of opportunities to resopping my opponent. What pleased me most was that I was able to scale at 147 pounds without having made any effort to get down to weight."

Walker said he would leave tomorrow for Milwaukee, where on Nov. 6th he is scheduled to meet "O'Hara, while on Nov. 17th he will box Frankie Winchell in Postville, Pa. He said he expected to be back for another bout in Newark on Nov. 24th against an opponent still to be selected.

## Why She Wished a Holiday

Here is a negro story that hails from the West Indies, via a recent book of reminiscences; it concerns a mistress and maid. The latter said:

"Misses, I want a day's holiday."

"What for, Sarah?" "M see, John's wife's dead, an' I wants to 'toid de funeral."

So Sarah was given her holiday and went to the funeral. Her mistress noticed that she went about her work with a cheery spirit afterwards, singing and laughing.

One week later Sarah said to her mistress: "M see, I wants to give notice." "Why, Sarah, are you not happy here?" "It's not dat, missis, but yo' member yo' gib me holiday to 'tend John's wife's funeral? We'd, missis, John say I be life ob dat funeral, and now I se gwine to marry de corpse's husband."

## Handsome Salesman—Couldn't interest you in an automobile?

Pretty Miss—Perhaps you could. Come around in one some day.

## It is a great happiness to know that we are loved—loved for ourselves, or rather, in spite of ourselves.

## DEFLECTION OF GRANITE STARS TO PROS GIVES MONEYED MOGULS ADVANTAGE

### Ottawas Foster New Play-off Idea—Dope And Data of Pros and Amateurs About To Be Professionals.

OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—Score one for the pro hockey leagues. They have succeeded in clipping the strongest amateur opposition. Granite have been submerged by the inroads of the pros and have fallen for the blandishments of the promoters plus the flattering inducements in the shape of coin of the realm. Munro is with Wanderers, Hooley Smith with Ottawas and Harry Watson likely to sign for St. Pats.

All have received salaries commensurate with their importance in the amateur world. McCaffery is already with St. Pats and Jack Cameron is at McGill so that the Granite, the only menace to the peace and security of the pros, not on a straight three team line. They shall propose that the second and third club shall play off for the right to meet the first club, thus finally determining the champions.

The idea is said to be in favor with the other clubs and will tend an additional interest to the dying stages of the race as even the third club can become first eventually. It is quite likely, too, that the western code advocated so long in these columns, which allows kick-

## Butler's Tribute Influence Sport

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—After delivering a personal eulogy of Mr. Haughton in his speech at Columbia University yesterday, President Nicholas Murray Butler paid tribute to the influence of sports and athletic exercises in the educational work of American colleges and universities and declared that "one of the achievements of the English-speaking world has been the discovery and application of the knowledge of control of the body to character. Mr. Haughton was as truly an educational influence at Columbia as though he had taught mathematics or English or history," Dr. Butler said.

"It was said a century ago that the battle of Waterloo had been won on the playing fields of Eton. There are victories other than those of war that are won on playing fields—in self-restraint, in co-operation with others and in making that rounded character which contributes so much to our citizenship."

Alice—I hear Jack has broken off his engagement with Gladys. How did she take it?  
Virginia—Oh, it completely unmanned her.

## The American actress Luella Gear, who is responsible for setting London crazy with her song "What D'you Do On Sunday, Mory?" tells a good story of a New York school boy who was asked:

"Who was the first man?"  
"George Washington," he replied.  
"Nonsense," said the teacher.  
"What makes you say that?"  
"Because," replied the boy, repeating a well known quotation, "he was 'First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.'"

## Ever remember that "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

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## For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment.

—By GEO. McMANUS

## Pucks and Passes

Montreal Wanderers or whatever they call themselves, announce that they have the following players signed: Benedict, Broadben of Sudbury, Dutch Cain, of So., Munro, of Granites, Gerald Munro Sam Rothschild of Sudbury.

Babe Donnelly accepted Canadian terms, but balked at signing a contract. Dandurand expects to land him eventually.

Cecil Hart expects to have Stan Brown to team off with Munro. A little bird whispers that another impresario also has hopes of landing Brown.

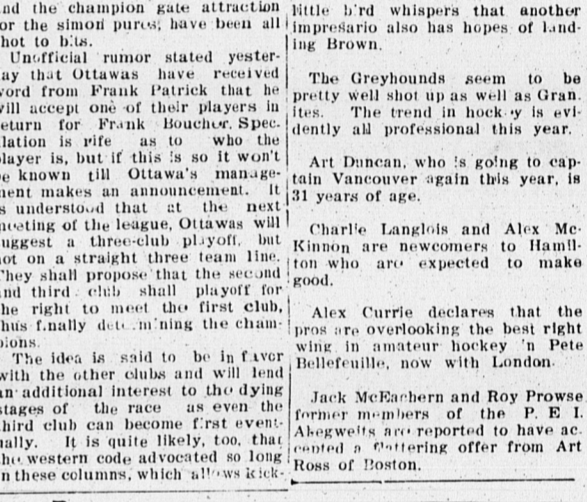
The Greyhounds seem to be pretty well shot up as well as Granites. The trend in hockey is evidently all professional this year.

Art Duncan, who is going to captain Vancouver again this year, is 31 years of age.

Charles Langlois and Alex McKinnon are newcomers to Hamilton who are expected to make good.

Alex Currie declares that the pros are overlooking the best right wing in amateur hockey in Pete Bellefeuille, now with London.

Jack McEachern and Roy Prowse former members of the P. E. I. Ahogweits are reported to have accepted a flattering offer from Art Ross of Boston.



Busy Magnate (testily): "Well, what do you want? Be short!" Prodigious Ross (rising to the occasion): "I will! I am!" —Fashion Show.

New cotton stockings will last almost twice as long if they are shaken before wearing. Wash them in warm water to which a little ammonia has been added, then wring out and dry and you will be delighted with the result. Silk or lisle thread ones should be treated in the same way.

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