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Freddie Mills Scores 15-Round Victory Over Gus Lesnevich

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, July 26—Freddie Mills of Britain scored a 15-round victory over lighthweight champion Gus Lesnevich of Clifside Park, N.J., tonight to win the world 175-pound title. Lesnevich weighed 174½, Mills 170½.

Lesnevich took a savage beating at Mills' hands and barely survived the 10th round after being felled twice. He had held the title since 1941.

The American had knocked out the British lighthweight champion in the 10th round May 14, 1946.

The defeat temporarily took Lesnevich out of the scramble for the heavyweight title vacated by Joe Louis. He was rated a leading contender.

Referee Teddy Waltham didn't hesitate a moment in raising Mills' hand.

A sellout crowd of 46,000 jammed the White City Arena to see the fight in which Lesnevich was a 1 to 3 favorite.

The new world's lighthweight champion is 29. He was knocked out by Joe Baki Nov. 5, 1946 in the sixth round and had been stopped by Lloyd Marshall, another American, in the fifth round June 3, 1947.

Lesnevich was clipped by a sucker punch—a wild right—in the opening round and he never seemed to recover his poise. The 33-year-old American took a terrific pounding in the first.

Actually, on a round by round basis, the fight was close. The Associated Press score card gave Lesnevich seven rounds, Mills five and counted three even.

Mills, however, seemed to win his rounds by greater margin. Lesnevich suffered ugly cuts over and under both eyes in the first round. Mills finished the conflict virtually unmarked.

In the 10th round Mills twice belted Lesnevich to the canvas with looping lefts to the head.

Both times Gus took a nine-count on one knee. When Lesnevich arose the Briton punched himself out trying to put the American away.

Lesnevich Loses Top Spot As Leading Contender

NEW YORK, July 26—(AP)—Gus Lesnevich was removed temporarily from the list of leading contenders for Joe Louis' vacated heavyweight crown tonight by his surprising defeat in London that also crowned Britain's Freddie Mills new king of the 175-pounders.

When Louis stepped down as heavyweight champion last month, Lesnevich was grouped with Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles as the "Big Three" in the heavyweight picture.

The Twentieth Century Sporting Club indicated tonight Lesnevich was not included now in its fall plans for an elimination tournament to seek a successor to the Brown Bomber.

The promotional group said plans now call for an elimination involving Charles, a leading lighthweight contender; Walcott, Joe Baki and Lee Savold. These four probably will be seen in a Sept. 22 show at the Yankee Stadium, pairings to be made later.

"From all the reports of the fight Lesnevich apparently was pretty well beaten up," a Twentieth Century spokesman said. "He wouldn't be able to fight in September if he wanted to."

In London, Joe Velis, Lesnevich's manager, admitted the defeat had knocked Gus out of the heavyweight picture. Velis said the Clifside Park, N.J. veteran now is interested only in a return bout with Mills.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York ... 500 200 112-12 17 1
Brooklyn ... 000 003 010-4 9 2
Jones and Cooper, Westrum (8); Roe, Behrman (1), Minner (5), Fallica (7), Casey (9) and Camp-anella.
(Only game scheduled).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

No games scheduled.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Rochester ... 001 102 000-4 6 0
Jersey City ... 000 100 000-1 10 3
Mikan, Gerkin (8), and Marshall, Bucha (6); Andrews, G. Sam-burger (9) and Yvares.
First Game:
Buffalo ... 200 001 000 2-3 9 1
Baltimore ... 002 100 000 2-5 7 0
(10 Innings)

Perry, Silverman (4) and Taback; Podgajny, Meills (10) and Robinson, Stockhausen (10).

Second Game:
Buffalo ... 011 103-6 6 5
Baltimore ... 120 001-5 6 1
(Game called end of sixth inning—curfew).

Connelly, Hausmann (6) and Mordaraki; Wolpert and Stockhausen.

Toronto ... 000 021 000-3 7 3
Newark ... 001 101 202-5 8 1
Hamlin and Plumbo; Marshall, Mueller (8) and Silvestri.

Montreal ... 001 001 101-4 6 1
Syracuse ... 320 200 002-7 13 1
Podbielan, Nothe (2), Newcombe (8) and Sandlock; Howell and Bostack.

Tigers Win From All-Stars

Yesterday morning on the Knights of Columbus diamond the Tigers met and defeated the All Stars by a score of 13 to 10.

Play was close all the way, the only difference being a couple of glaring errors that put the winners out in front.

They lined up as follows:—
Tigers: J. Brown, James Brown, Shephard, Crabbe, E. Brown, E. Dolron, Coker, Eric Brown, S. Brown.

All Stars: W. Hughes, R. Kelly, I. Williams, B. Hughes, J. Handrahan, K. Thacker, W. Williams, D. Shaw, A. Paul.

Next game will be played this morning at 10.30 when the All Stars and Bombers clash.

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, July 26—Today is Babe Ruth day in New York City. The day was proclaimed officially yesterday by Mayor William O'Dwyer on a visit to the home run king at Memorial Hospital.

Ruth, who has undergone several operations, has been a patient at the hospital since June 23.



Finally hitting the stride they are capable of Freddie Whalen's north-end Rovers are off to a flying start in the second section of the City Baseball League and their victory over the league leading Anchors on Sunday afternoon furnished definite proof that they are going to be strong threats for the league title.

During one stage of the league it looked as if Anchors would make a runaway race of it. The other two teams did not seem to be able to cope with the hitting and pitching that the Anchors were hurling against them but since the second section has gotten underway a far different story seems to be unfolding.

One of the big reasons in the Rovers' two straight victories has been the improved stickwork of Buck Whitlock and Bucko Trainor. In Whitlock's case particularly his work at the plate was far below par in the first half of the schedule. A feared hitter last season Buck was proving an easy hitter until up to two games ago, but that has all changed now.

In his last seven trips to the plate he has knocked out seven safe blows to boost his average up into the .400 class, and if he can keep any semblance of that pace up, it will, together with the aid forthcoming from his teammates, mean that the northend crew will be in the thick of the playoff picture, with it quite possible that they could capture the title that eluded them last season.

Millionaires and Anchors meet tonight in another scheduled encounter and the former club, still with a chance of making the grade will be out gunning for a victory over the westenders. Every game from here to the wire is important to the McKinnon-managed team and if they are to qualify for a playoff berth they will have to get a lengthy winning streak underway at once.

Freddie Mills, British lighthweight came through with a stunning upset win in his battle with Gus Lesnevich in London yesterday as he sent the recognized world champion down to defeat in a 15-round bout that he wasn't supposed to have much chance of winning.

The defeat will likely ruin any chances Lesnevich had of meeting Joe Louis in a heavyweight title fight in September. Although Louis keeps on saying he is definitely through with the game, many close to the world champion felt that September would see him crawl through the ropes in another appearance but now that Lesnevich has been defeated United States promoters will likely cast about for some other opponent with Lesnevich's drawing power at the turnstiles now a question of doubt.

Stout Steve O'Neill, the portly Irishman who manages Detroit Tigers, rubbed a face which looks like a prize fighter's and picked Boston Red Sox to kayo the rest of the American League in the race to the wire.

"They've got power and they are really playing ball," O'Neill pointed out. "Give them one opening and they fall all over you. The team that beats them will win the pennant."

Steve made this prediction after his tattered Tigers had taken two out of the three-game series with the Yankees and on the heels of three drubbings in four bouts with the Sox.

Right now the big fellow doesn't give his club much chance of getting up there into the photo. The Tigers don't have the best infield in the league and they are rationed in the run department. Still, O'Neill hopes they might make a stretch run such as they did last season when they were the hottest thing in the circuit over the final month.

(By The Canadian Press)
BRIDGETOWN, N. S., July 26—Alan Beattie, 10-year-old son of Thomas A. Beattie, editor of the Weekly Monitor of this Nova Scotia town, had the thrill of his golfing life last Thursday.

He sank his drive from the sixth tee at Eden Golf and Country Club for the first hole-in-one yet made on the local course. Five adults witnessed the feat. He made the nine-hole round in 48.

ENGLAND'S STEEL CENTRE
Sheffield has become the centre of the alloy and special steel industry in England.

Henri Rochon, this year's Davis Cup Team Ace.

Laird Watt, who captained the Davis Cup team last year.

The Bould brothers of Halifax would not see the Montreaux win the doubles.

The hosts—known to every tennis enthusiast on the Island.

Built for spinning. Rochon chased them all.

As seen at the exhibition matches held Wednesday July 20th, on the Charlottetown Tennis Club Courts by Vic Run.

Laird Watt could make it look so easy.

S'ide Airmen Win 3-1 From Legion

The R.C.A.F. made it two victories in a row at the Summerside diamond last night defeating the Legionaires in a well played fixture by the score of 3-1. The Airmen jumped on Perry, starting flinger for the Vets, in the first inning getting all their counters in that frame. Brawley, lead off man, got a life on an error. Bayne singled advancing Brawley to third and the fleet centre fielder raced home on Poy's out to the pitcher. Carson filed to deep centre, Bayne coming home after MacMurdo's catch. Mickus, Pierce and Bourque got three consecutive singles after this but MacMurdo's single to centre, threw Mickus out at the plate.

The Vets got their lone tally in the fifth with one out. MacMurdo scratched a hit to short and stole second. Syl Bernard was on when Poy juggled his roller to short, and Phillips drove MacMurdo home on a sizzler through the box which Bourque managed to relay to first in time to get Phillips, G. Bernard then filed to left ending the inning. Pete Mickus pitched gilt edged ball throughout allowing five scattered hits but he was not so effective as Arsenault who came in to relieve Perry in the second. Ray allowed only one hit in five innings but his mates could not overcome the 3-run deficit and so his magnificent relief job was of no avail.

Three brilliant fielding efforts featured the play. Greig going right to the screen to nab Jimmie Grady's foul fly in the second. Brawley getting a beautiful running catch of Arsenault's fly to centre in the same inning and MacMurdo running all the way from centre to left field to pull down Brawley's bid for a hit in the fourth.

Score By Innings

Legion	123	456	7-8	1
R.C.A.F.	000	010	0-1	5 4
Totals	300	000	0-3	5 1

HAVANA, July 26—(AP)—Australia made a clean sweep of its series with Cuba today in the semi-finals of the American zone Davis Cup tennis eliminations.

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 26—(AP)—Dr. W. G. Hardy of Edmonton today was elected president of the International Ice Hockey Federation. He succeeds Dr. Fritz Kraatz of Switzerland who was elected first vice-president.

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., July 26—(CP)—Arthur Bisquier of New York last night edged out Frank Anderson of Toronto to win the United States junior chess championship.

BOX SCORE

Legionaires	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
MacMurdo cf.	4	1	1	4	1	0	
S. Bernard c. & ss.	3	0	0	1	3	0	
Phillips 3b.	3	0	1	1	2	0	
G. Bernard 2b.	3	0	1	2	1	0	
B. Allan ss. & c.	2	0	0	3	2	0	
Trainer rf.	2	0	1	0	0	1	

Millionaires & Anchors In Game Tonight

Millionaires and Anchors clash in a City Baseball League encounter at the Memorial field diamond this evening and followers of the Millionaires, sticking fast to their team, are looking forward to seeing the "money-men" being returned the winners.

Highly improved in their last couple of outings, despite the fact they have been able to fashion but one victory, Millionaires with time starting to run out on them are expected to put forth their best efforts in tonight's encounter and if they can take the Anchors' squad into camp will definitely stay in the running for a playoff spot.

Game time is set for 5.45 sharp.

Horseshoe Club

Play began at the Brighton Horseshoe Club last night in a new singles tournament and will continue tonight. Last night section A got into action and at the end of the night Murley led with four points, while Vessey, Gallant and Doyle were all tied with two. Phillips lost both games he played and Francis and Goss have yet to play their first game.

The "B" group is scheduled to get into action at 7.30 tonight. Entries include J. Buote, J. Davey, A. Martin, R. Larter, J. McCourt, E. McCourt, P. Murphy, R. McDougall, F. Martin.

"A" group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and "B" Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

NEW YORK, July 26—(AP)—Floyd (Bill) Bevens, who pitched 8 2-3 hitless innings before losing his World Series start last fall, today was optioned by New York Yankees to their Newark farm club of the International League. The husky 30-year-old righthander has been sidelined all season due to a sore arm.

Kinsmen Increase League Lead With 7-4 Win Over K. of C.

The Knights of Columbus junior ball team booted the ball around last night so much that they literally handed the Kinsmen Juniors a 7-4 win and thereby enabled the winners to increase their second section lead to two full games over the other two entries. The Knights fell apart in the first and third innings as they committed seven errors in these two innings and allowed two unearned runs to score. These runs coupled with two more unearned tallies in the fifth inning gave the McNeill-managed squad their margin of victory. The winners scored three runs in the opening inning. They added two more runs in the third frame and sewed up the verdict with a two run outburst in the fifth inning. The losers didn't get into the scoring column till the fourth inning when they tallied once. The south-paw slants from Frankie Currie's left arm held the Knights in check up till the sixth inning when they combined three hits, three stolen bases and an error for three big runs which made the outlook for the Kinsmen appear very dim. But Manager E. V. McNeill made sure the young postler wasn't around at the finish as he quickly replaced him with the more reliable "Chesty" Crockett who put out the fire in the seventh and last inning as he set the losers down before they could do any damage.

Leading the winners attack on the offerings of sorrel thatched Merlin McKenzie was the winner, leadoff hitter Jackie Williams who smashed out a double and a single in three times at bat. Charlie Kennedy and Reggie Hughes each hit doubles to share batting honors with Williams. Carl "Beau Jack" MacDonald had two hits for the losers best effort including a long triple to left field in the second inning.

The fielding gem of the game was a running catch by C. Mac-

Donald off Zakem's hard line in the fifth inning.

Summary
Earned Runs—K.C.—3; Kinsmen—4.
Runs Batted In—Pryor, C. MacDonald, Williams.
Doubles—Williams, Hughes, Kennedy.
Triple—C. MacDonald.
First Base on Error—Flynn, Burke, McKenzie, Hughes, Rossiter (2), Kennedy (2).
Hit by Pitcher—McNeill—2.
Base on Balls—by McKenzie, 2.
Hits: Of Currie 4; Of McKenzie 5.
Stolen Bases—Flynn, Pryor, C. MacDonald, Rossiter.
Left on Base—K.C. 7; Kinsmen 10.
Struckout by Currie 8; by McKenzie 6.
Wild Pitches—McKenzie 2; Currie 1. Crockett 1.
Passed Balls—Hughes.
Umpires: Plate—Francis; Bases—Goodwin and Goss.

BOX SCORE

K. of C.	Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E
Shepherd, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	4	
L. MacDonald, 2b.	4	0	0	0	1	2	
McNeill, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0	
McKenzie, p.	4	0	0	1	2	7	
Flynn, c.	4	2	1	0	1	1	
Pineau, 3b.	2	0	0	2	1	1	
Pryor, cf and lb.	3	1	1	1	0	0	
C. MacDonald, ss.	3	1	2	1	1	0	
Trainer, 1b.	2	0	0	0	1	1	
Burke, cf.	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	29	4	5	8	6	1	
Kinsmen	Ab	R	H	P	O	A	E
Williams, rf.	4	0	2	0	0	0	
Hennessey, ss.	4	1	1	0	1	0	
Lewis, cf.	3	1	0	2	0	0	
Rossiter, 1b.	3	2	0	8	0	1	
Coyle, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Hughes, c.	4	1	1	0	0	2	
Kennedy, 2b.	3	1	1	1	2	0	
Zakem, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1	1	
Currie, p.	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Crockett, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	7	5	21	7	9	

Finals Reached In Play For Club Singles Titles

Strenuous marathon matches featured yesterday's play in the Charlottetown Tennis Club Tournament as finalists were decided in men's and ladies' singles.

Ivan "Lefty" Reddin stroked his way into the finals in the men's singles as he eliminated Herb Hughes in four grueling sets, 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.

In the ladies' singles Elizabeth Willett went down to defeat under the steady stroking of Beryl DeBlois after they both had taken a set each. Thirty games were required to decide a winner in this best out of three semi-finals match.

On the other side of the ladies' singles schedule Helen Larter, playing her first year with the Charlottetown Club, earned a right to the finals against B. DeBlois when she took Felice Arsenault in two straight hard fought sets 6-2, 8-6.

JULY:—
27—Millionaires vs. Anchors.
29—Anchors vs. Rovers.
AUGUST:—
1—Anchors vs. Millionaires.
3—Millionaires vs. Rovers.
5—Rovers vs. Anchors.
8—Rovers vs. Millionaires.
15—Millionaires vs. Anchors.
17—Anchors vs. Rovers.
19—Millionaires vs. Rovers.
22—Anchors vs. Millionaires.

Second Section Schedule Of City League

Following is the remainder of the schedule of the second section of the City Baseball League, as released last night by league officials. Two games have already been played, with Rovers defeating both Millionaires and Anchors.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Men's Singles
Ivan Reddin defeated Herb Hughes, 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.
Ladies' Singles
Beryl DeBlois defeated Elizabeth Willett 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Helen Larter defeated Felice Arsenault 6-2, 8-6.

The finals in the ladies' singles between Beryl DeBlois and Helen Larter will be played Wednesday afternoon. The men's singles will be decided Saturday afternoon when Ivan Reddin meets the winner of the Smith-Palmer match which is slated for Thursday afternoon.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's Doubles 5.00 P.M.
H. Hughes and W. Cullen vs. J. Johnson and G. FitzGerald.
J. MacNeill and Morton Dew vs. Ivan Reddin and I. Connors.
The draw for ladies' and mixed doubles will be posted at the Club House this afternoon.

New Manager Of Phillies

PHILADELPHIA, July 26—(AP)—Philadelphia Phillies of the National League reached out into their farm system today and called on Eddie Sawyer, manager of Toronto Maple Leafs, to take over the reins as manager of the parent club.

Sawyer, 37-year-old native of Westerly, R.I., was moved up from

Rochoon Wins At Toronto

TORONTO, July 26—(CP)—Henri Rochon of Montreal, seeded first in the men's singles of the Canadian tennis championships here, defeated Dave MacKenzie of Toronto 6-1, 6-0 today despite MacKenzie's occasional stubborn opposition.

Seeded players advanced through first and second round matches as rain caused postponement of many of the 100 scheduled matches.

Rochon found his game improved over that of a few weeks ago when he went down in straight sets to Brendan Macken of Montreal for the Quebec singles crown. Macken who was seeded second in the Canadian singles hunt withdrew because of illness.

Never a major league player of manager but well versed in minor league leadership, Sawyer assumes his new duties tomorrow night when the Phils open a long home stand with Chicago Cubs.

heading the International League Leafs to succeed Dusty Cooke. Cooke took over as acting manager of the Phils 11 days ago when Ben Chapman was dismissed suddenly.

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