

# Porcupine Ball Club Drops Out of League

## Buddy Baer Claims He Was Fouled in Fight With Joe Louis Last Friday Night

### Fight Was Stopped When Baer's Handlers Refused to Leave the Ring After the Sixth Round. Baer Says He Was Hit After the Bell at the End of the Sixth.

Buddy Baer's claim to the world heavyweight title—on the contention he was fouled by Champion Joe Louis—was laid before the District of Columbia Boxing Commission Tuesday together with testimony of ringside officials that the Brown Bomber hit Buddy seconds after the gong sounded ending the sixth round of their bout in Washington last Friday.

The Commission delayed action pending questioning of Referee Arthur Donovan. Chairman Claude Owen indicated, however, that there was nothing much the commission could do since one of its own regulations specifies that a referee's decision may not be reversed.

#### Hit After Bell

Donovan disqualified Baer because Buddy's handlers refused to leave the ring for the start of the seventh round. He claimed Louis hit Baer at the bell, but not after.

Owen and Commissioner Thomas Morgan said it was "very definite" that the blow landed "several seconds" after the gong. Charles Reynolds, the knockdown timekeeper, testified "there isn't a doubt whatsoever" that the final punch was started about three seconds after the bell.

Donovan was asked to present his version Wednesday, after which Commission officials said a ruling would be made. The officials said the referee would be asked these questions:

1. Did you stop the action in the first round when you heard the bell or did Baer voluntarily stop fighting after Louis had been knocked down?
2. Did Louis hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round?
3. Did you ask Pat O'Connor, one of the timekeepers, to hold his watch, that you were going to inform Ancil Hoffman (Baer's manager) that you would give Baer a minute's rest after the alleged foul blow? Did you inform Hoffman of your intention and if so

did Hoffman refuse to leave the ring after your instructions to him?

4. Could you have counted Baer out in the sixth round after he had gone down the second time?

#### Referee Is Criticized

Hoffman presented an eleven-point complaint to back up his claim to the crown for Buddy Baer. Baer was "robbed" of the title, Hoffman said, and he asked the commission to "consider our present position and right a great wrong."

Hoffman charged Donovan had been "brought in here to protect the champion." The referee, he continued, stopped the bout after Louis was spilled through the ropes in the first, allowing the Bomber time to recover from a "dazed" condition. Donovan did not even try to start a count over Louis, Hoffman said.

Owen and Morgan both criticized Donovan's work, as did James Sullivan, one of the judges, who said the referee had neglected to determine whether the tottering Baer was able to continue after being knocked down for the second time in the furious sixth round.

#### Outsider in Ring

Hoffman injected a new note in the dispute by claiming "a coloured gentleman" sounded a bell at the ringside to stop the action in the first round so that Louis could collect himself after climbing back into the ring from outside the ropes where Baer's big punch of the fight landed him.

Hoffman said Louis' secretary, Fred Grunyard, actually was in the ring before the champion landed the questionable blow, and complained that Grunyard interfered with Baer's seconds in Buddy's corner.

Owen said Promoter Mike Jacobs had assured him that Louis and Baer would be rematched for a title bout here in September or early in October.

#### PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Mrs. Society—Priscilla, you seem to have dropped your painting, your singing and your piano practice. In fact, you don't seem to trouble over anything.

Priscilla—Yes ma. What's the use of it all, now I'm engaged?—Exchange.

## Billy Conn Now is Ready to Meet Louis for Heavy Title

### Defeated Buddy Knox of Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday Night in Eight Rounds.

Billy Conn, waltzing light heavyweight champ stalking Joe Louis, points proudly to his eighth-round technical knockout triumph over pudgy Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, heavyweight, as a sample of what he "will give Joe next month."

"I've had the workout I needed now and I'm ready for the bomber," asserted Billy a few minutes after his thumping lefts and rights floored Knox three times and beat him into helplessness Tuesday night before Pittsburgh's largest fight crowd of 27,043.

Billy, weighing 180, was 10 pounds lighter than his 24-year-old opponent. He started slowly against Knox.

"That boy can hit harder than anybody gives him credit," commented Knox later. "He doesn't have much of a right, though."

Before the battle Promoter Mike Jacobs had indicated he might listen to demands that Buddy Baer be substituted for Billy in June unless Conn proved his rights against Knox. The clamour for Baer arose after his gallant stand against Louis last Friday.

Conn's hometown stand brought him the biggest purse of his career—a 33 1-3 per cent slice of the \$63,000 house.

## Pastor and Simon Get Fight Offers

### Pastor to Meet Turkey Thompson in Hollywood in June.

Fight Manager Jimmy Johnston said Tuesday he has received offers for Bob Pastor to fight Turkey Thompson in Hollywood, Calif., and Abe Simon to take on Buddy Baer in New York. Johnston added he is willing to accept both of them.

The offer for the Pastor-Thompson tussle came from Tom Gallery, Los Angeles promoter. It would be for ten rounds and would be held June 24 in the Hollywood baseball park. Pastor outpointed Thompson in a sensational bout there in March and Gallery has offered the ex-New York University collegian \$10,000 for the rematch.

## Girl Softballers to Start Regular Practices

Angello Guolla, coach of the T.P.A. A.A. girls' softball teams announced this week that the practices for the teams would be held every Monday and Tuesday evenings. All girls who are already signed are asked to turn out to practice and any girl who desires to play but has not yet signed is also asked to come out and a place will be found for her on one of the teams. It was intended to start the practices this week but the rain put the damper on that idea.

## "D" Company Takes Second Place in Big Sports Day Event

### "B" Company of North Bay Takes Championship and Headquarters Company Third.

Keen competition featured the Battalion Sports Day held by the Algonquin Regiment under ideal weather conditions at their current River Camp at Port Arthur last week-end.

"D" Company of Timmins finished up in second place behind "B" Company of North Bay. The North Bay Company captured the Battalion championship and the Lt.-Col. J. B. Stewart Trophy by dominating the team events with a total point score of 128. Runners-up were "D" Company with 79 points and in third place was Headquarters Company of Halleybury with 58 points.

"D" Company placed first in the soccer game, bomb throwing for accuracy, Company runners on bicycles, and Pte. Lemieux of "D" Company won the running high jump.

Major M. L. Troy, of "B" Company placed second in the veterans 60 yard dash placing second to Sgt. Crumb of the 1st Reinforcement Company.

The results were:  
100 Yard Dash—1, Pte. Elliott, H.Q.; 2, Cpl. McCurdie, "D" Coy.  
440 Yard Dash—1, Pte. Levely O., H.Q.; 2, Pte. McKinnon C.; 3, Cpl. McCurdie, "D" Coy.

1 Mile Run—1, Pte. Levely, C. H.Q.; 2, Lieut. P. Mayer, C.; 3, Pte. D. Dolger, H.Q.  
3 Mile Run—1, Lieut. P. Mayer, C.; 2, S. Sgt. Billingshurst, H.Q.; 3, Pte. W. Osmar, "D".

Running High Jump—1, Pte. Lemieux, "D"; 2, Pte. D. Ashford, "B"; 3, Pte. Downe, "D".  
Running Broad Jump—1, Pte. Elliott, H.Q.; 2, Pte. Upton, "B"; 3, Pte. Comcau, "C".  
Shot Put—1, Sgt. Armstrong, H.Q.;

2, Pte. R. Amyot, "B"; 3, Pte. Gourdie, "C".  
Shuttle Relay—1, "B" Company; 2, H.Q. Company; 3, "D" Company.  
Bomb Throwing (accuracy)—1, "D" Company; 2, "B" Company; 3, "C" Company; (distance), 1, Pte. R. Amyot, "B" Coy.; 2, Pte. H. Bonany, "B" Coy.; 3, Pte. Janik, "C".  
Tug of War—1, "C" Company; 2, "D" Company.  
Softball Tournament—1, 11 Platoon, "B" Coy. defeated 12 Platoon "B" Coy. in final game by score 16-10.  
Volley Ball Tournament—1, Final round 10 Platoon "E" Coy. defeated 12 Platoon "B" Coy., 17-15, 12-15, 15-0.  
Soccer—1, "D" Company; 2, "B" Company.  
Veterans' 60 Yard Dash—1, Sgt. Crumb, 1st Re.; 2, Major M. L. Troy, "B".  
Horse Shoe Pitching—1, Pte. W. Bereard, "B" Coy.; 2, Lt. Cpl. Hill 1st Re.; message race, 3, Pte. Meecham, "B" Coy.  
Coy. Runners (bicycle relay), 1, "D" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, H.Q. Coy.  
Company Championship for Lt.-Col. J. B. Stewart challenge trophy.  
Winner—"B" Company, 128 Points.  
Runner-up—"D" Company, 79 points.

Officials:  
Honorary Referee—Lt.-Col. J. B. Stewart, E.D.  
Meet Manager—Major M. L. Troy.  
Starter—Mr. S. Rushton, (Y.M.C.A. War Services).  
Judges—Major W. F. Morgan, M.C. E.D., Capt. S. J. Mason, Capt. A. R. Herbert, Lieut. C. B. Robertson, Lieut. J. O. M. Belanger, Lieut. L. Monk, Lieut. C. L. Anderson, Lieut. T. R. Cocker.  
Inspectors—Sgt. R. Boulbee, Sgt. E. Abernethy, Sgt. J. O'D. Haas.  
Announcer—Sgt. H. H. Simmonds.  
Medical Officer—Capt. D. R. Campbell, M.M.

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## New 20 Per Cent Tax on Sports Will Stay on During War

Efforts of a delegation representing sporting interests in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa to relax the newly announced 20 per cent tax on spectator entertainment apparently met with a sympathetic but firm refusal from Finance Minister Isley yesterday.

Tommy Gorman, manager of the Montreal Forum, and one of the members of the delegation, said Mr. Isley had given the delegation a "most sympathetic" hearing, but Gorman added that the Minister had indicated there was little he could do but put the tax into effect.

Gorman, Conny Smythe, manager of Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League; J. P. McCaffrey, manager of Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League and Ottawa Rough Riders of the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union, and three other Ottawa sportsmen presented their points of view to Mr. Isley and Revenue Department officials in interviews Tuesday and yesterday.

Gorman and Smythe both expressed opinion that the new levy might have a crippling effect on professional hockey in Canada.

"This tax is going to kill hockey," Smythe said. "Previously the Government was getting a share of the hockey proceeds, but now it will be a case of diminishing returns."

He said the delegation had been given a "clear explanation" why the tax had been imposed, but termed it a "short-sighted" policy.

Gorman, representing the Canadian Arena Company, said he was afraid the tax might force Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League out of business.

"The point is that this means a tax 37 1/2 per cent on the Canadiens' intake," Gorman said. "We already have a 12 1/2 per cent Provincial amusement tax and a 5 per cent tax from the Montreal Athletic Commission."

Gorman said the Finance Minister had indicated the increased money in circulation would mean greater dividends at the box office and that the tax probably could be passed along to the spectator.

"We pointed out that most of the rinks in the country are bankrupt," Gorman said, "but the Minister said he could not change his stand."

## Short Police Court Held on Wednesday

P. M. Bardessona was given a ten day term in Halleybury jail at Wednesday morning's police court when he entered a guilty plea to a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. His driver's license was suspended for a period of six months and his car will be impounded for a period of three months.

An important witness in the crown's case against Nellie Rich, Phillip Tountain and Marguerite Seguin, failed to appear in court on Wednesday morning and the case was again remanded for a week. It appeared that the witness had been served a summons to appear last week and had appeared but this week the witness could not be served. The crown attorney said that he was certain that he knew where the witness was and promised that an attempt would be made to have her here next week.

One ordinary common drunk was given a thirty day term at Halleybury.

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## Four-Year-Old Boy Playing With Matches Starts Fire

A fire that started at an apartment house at 279 Tamarack street, as a result of a young four-year-old boy playing with matches in the basement of the house caused damage that is expected to reach several hundred dollars. The fire broke out shortly after twelve o'clock and firemen used two lines of hose, about 750 feet, to put out the stubborn blaze. Most of the damage was caused by the smoke from the fire and it has not been accurately estimated yet but firemen say that the amount will be several hundred dollars.

A. Guillemette was the owner of the house and B. Taylor, and R. A. James were staying in apartments in the house. The loss is covered by insurance.

A kitchen range that was too close to the wall started the wall smoldering this morning at a house a 56 Lake Shore Road. Firemen were called and when they arrived they simply cut out a piece of the wall and removed the part that was smoldering. No water was used on the fire. Damage is expected to be about \$15.

## Demonstration Unit Will Arrive Here Saturday Afternoon

A demonstration platoon comprising about forty officers and men will arrive in Timmins on Saturday afternoon about four or five o'clock and will remain here till Monday morning when they will leave for a trip to Kapuskasing, Hearst, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and Smooth Rock Falls before leaving for the south again. They will be given a civic reception and welcome here by the Timmins.


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