

Richards Wins "Wet" Singles Tennis Championship, Defeating Howard Kinsey, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3

Errors of West Coast Player Count Heavily

Doubles Championship Will Be Decided on Crescent A. C. Courts This Afternoon

By Fred Hawthorne

Vincent Richards won the Metropolitan turf court singles lawn tennis championship yesterday afternoon by defeating Howard Kinsey, of California, at 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, in the final round of the annual tournament, held on the courts of the Crescent Athletic Club, at Bay Ridge. Earlier this summer the brilliant junior champion had won the metropolitan clay court title, so today he wears the double crown.

It was a hollow triumph that young Richards gained yesterday, and in no way compatible with the grueling, sensational victory that he wrestled from Zenji Shimizu, of Japan, in the semi-final round on Thursday. The championship test was, in fact, an anticlimax in the tournament, owing to the utter inability of Kinsey to extend the new champion.

The California boy piled up a distressing number of errors, some of them on "sitters" at the net and some of them the result of Richards' forcing shots. His total in this respect was 82, an unusually high figure in a three-set match. On earned points Kinsey led Richards, with a total of 20 to 16, but Richards made only 47 errors; hence the balance swung strongly in favor of the Yonkers schoolboy.

The doubles event made further progress, but the deluge of rain in the late afternoon put a stop to half a dozen matches and these will be finished to-day, starting at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon. Charles C. Conners, chairman of the tournament committee, and the man who has brought the Crescent Athletic back into the field of national importance in a tennis rating, has scheduled a long and interesting program for this afternoon.

Beginning at 2 o'clock the first of the Davis Cup doubles try-out matches will be played, with William T. Tilden, 24, national singles and doubles champion, and Vincent Richards, his partner in the holding of the national doubles title, meeting R. Norris Williams and Ed Watson, M. W. Johnston, both of last year's Davis Cup team.

At 4:30 o'clock Gerald L. Patterson, Pat O'Hara Wood, J. O. Anderson and R. C. Werthman, the Australian Davis Cup team, will play in several exhibition matches and at the same time the semi-final round metropolitan doubles match will be played. The final doubles match in this event will be played to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. There are half a dozen matches still to be played to-day in the metropolitan event.

A few minutes before Richards and Kinsey began their match for the singles championship William M. Johnston, of California, the famous "Little Bird" of Davis Cup fame, came on the scene of the inner courts accompanied by Williams, Tilden and Washburn, and the four started an impromptu doubles match, Johnston later playing some singles with Williams.

Johnston looked to be in splendid physical condition and, while he was not hitting the ball as accurately as is customary with him, nothing more could be expected, since he had barely left the train in his hurry home from the Pacific Coast. The little former champion said he was delighted to be back in the East and was looking forward to the Seabright tournament, where he will play Monday.

Richards began the service against Kinsey and rapidly ran into a lead of 3-0. Kinsey was having trouble with his ground strokes, his forehands and slices not being the equal of Richards' drives. The junior champion had better control of the ball and Kinsey was forced to cover a lot of court as he was after play on Monday.

The Californian won the fourth and sixth games on his fairly severe service, but that was as far as he went, Richards ending the set by winning the eighth game to "love" against Kinsey's delivery.

Again Richards started service in the second set, but this time Kinsey, rousing himself, won the game after the points had reached "break." The young former champion took the second game also, this time at "love," and it began to look as though Richards was in for a battle. Kinsey took the fifth and seventh games, breaking through both times, but his show of fight only caused Richards to tighten up and he receded of the last three games, two of them at "love" and the last one by breaking through service.

Kinsey Wins on Own Service

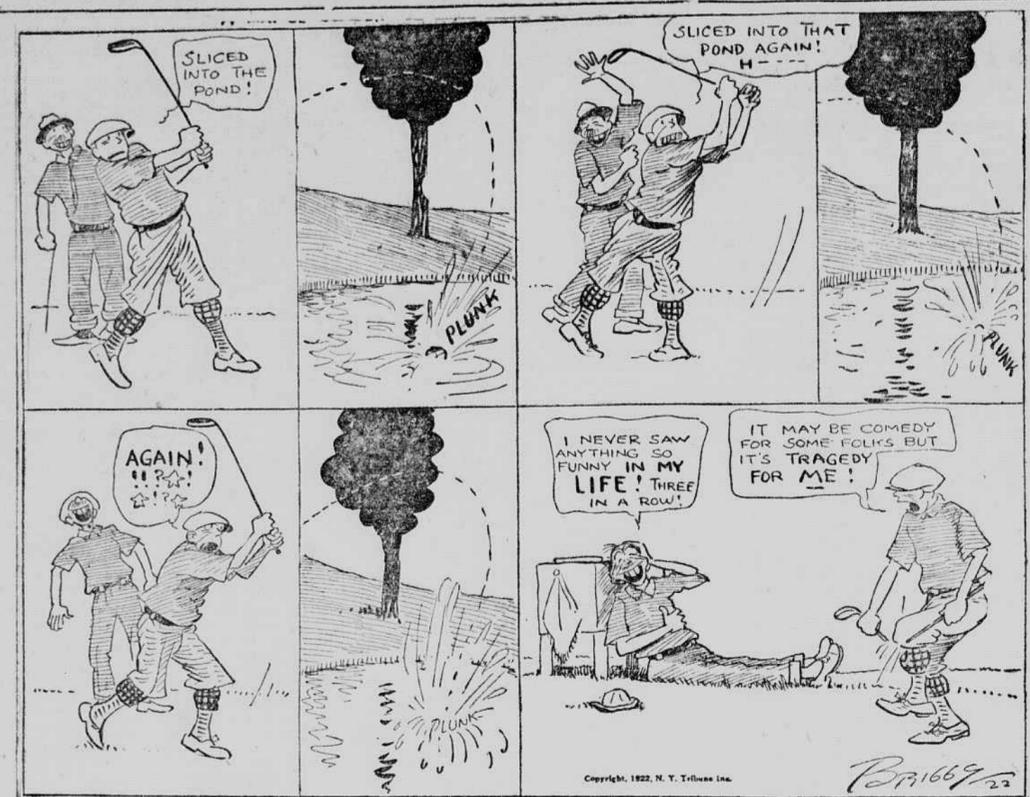
Once more it was Richards who started service when the third set began. Kinsey was openly fretting at his inability to bring off his shots, and the best he could do was to win the fourth, sixth and eighth games, all on his own service.

It was evident all the way through this match that Richards had made up his mind to play safe and not extend himself unduly. Kinsey, the junior champion, still has been feeling the strain of his terrific struggle with Shimizu on Thursday, and he rarely attempted to return the "trap" shots that Kinsey dribbled over the net. Richards, when he sustained his heavy fall in his match with Shimizu, strained his ankle, bruised his knee and scraped his arm, and he showed good judgment in turning his injuries into a possible handicap.

Most of the play was from deep court, both slicing and chopping. Kinsey lobbed with some success in the early stages, but Richards was "killing" beautifully overhead in the last set, nailing the ball even when his opponent sent his tosses deep.

It May Be Comedy for Some Folks, but Its Tragedy for Me

BY BRIGGS



Tennis Point Score

FIRST SET		Point Score		Pts. Ga.	
Richards	4	7	4	4	2-0
Kinsey	1	6	2	4	1-2
SECOND SET		Point Score		Pts. Ga.	
Richards	3	6	4	4	4-3
Kinsey	2	4	3	2	0-4
THIRD SET		Point Score		Pts. Ga.	
Richards	4	6	0	4	4-0
Kinsey	0	0	0	0	0-4

Richards—3 sets, 18 games, 98 points, 16 errors, 47 errors.
Kinsey—0 sets, 5 games, 71 points, 20 errors, 47 errors.
Umpire—A. Gibney

Numerous Spills Halt 2-Hour Team Race at Velodrome

The two-hour team race which topped the card at the local velodrome last night was called off at the end of the sixth mile when the track became so slippery that the huge field of professionals were sprawling over the boards with great frequency. Arthur Spencer, Ray Eaton, Orlando Piani, Eddie Madden, Fred Webber and Freddie Hill were among those who started—and slipped.

The show-off race yesterday afternoon left the boards in poor condition for racing, and the dampness of the wood became more and more noticeable after each race, so that by the time the feature got around racing was well nigh impossible. The field started, but after Webber had taken his third fall, Manager Chapman called the affair off. It will be run to-night, when another card of events will be disposed of.

The summaries follow:
Half mile match race—Pierre Sergeant, France, defeated Freddy Taylor, Newark, in straight heats. Time for first heat, 1:46; second heat 1:41:25.
Two mile race (Class A amateurs)—Won by Willie Grimm, Newark, A. C. Fox, Newark, Chicago, second; Anthony Beckman, Newark, N. J., third. Time, 4:14:30.
Half mile handicap (amateur)—Won by George East Orange (40 yards), second; Willie Molloy, Jersey City (70 yards), third. Time, 1:41:30.
Two mile handicap (closed to New York amateurs)—Won by Paul Palmer (50 yards), Bert Marquart (150 yards), second; John Amabile (140 yards), third. Time, 4:08.

French Davis Cup Team Due Here This Morning

Andre H. Gobert, Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jean Samazeuilh, who comprise the French Davis Cup team, will reach New York this morning on the Paris. They are accompanied by Allen H. Muhr as manager of the team. Officers of the United States Lawn Tennis Association will meet the party.

Yesterday a wireless message was received from the Frenchmen saying that they might like to play in the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club's invitation tournament, which begins on Monday. The French are scheduled to play Australia in a semi-final Davis Cup match at Boston on August 10, 11 and 12. The winner will meet Spain in the final.

Bouts Hereabouts

TOD-NIGHT
Queensboro Stadium—Jack Sharkey vs. Sammy Sieger, 12 rounds.
Commonwealth S. C.—Tommy McAler vs. Moe Herscovitch, 12 rounds.
Ridgewood Grove S. C.—Johnny Williams vs. Al McEas, 12 rounds.

MONDAY
Broad A. C., Newark—Dave Shade vs. George Ward, 12 rounds.
Prosper Auditorium—Archie Walker vs. Frankie Brown, 12 rounds.
Broadway E. A.—Nick Foley vs. Happy Mahoney, 12 rounds.

WEDNESDAY
Ebbets Field—Pepper Martin vs. Kid Sullivan, 12 rounds.

The SPORTLIGHT

By Grantland Rice

The Same
"I know how Alexander felt," Says Dempsey.
"When he had copped the premier belt," Says Dempsey.
"He felt all in the mood to fight, But there was no one in sight, And then the purses were not right," Says Dempsey.
"I'd like to have a go myself," Says Dempsey.
"I'm sick of being on the shelf," Says Dempsey.
"But when I speak about some chin That might be worth a bale of tin, They up and raise an awful din," Says Dempsey.

Is the soul of an artist a handicap for competition? Undoubtedly. Some one asked George Duncan if he didn't think Bobby Jones was a great golfer. "More than that," replied Duncan, "he is a great artist." "What's the difference?" Duncan was asked. "Just this—scores or results mean very little to Jones. He is satisfied, deep down under, only when he plays a perfect stroke. He isn't content with a shot that's merely pretty good."

We know a certain illustrator in this same class. He might work two days or more over a drawing, discover some slight flaw, imperceptible to the mass, and then tear up the illustration. It must either be the best that he can do—or be nothing at all. There is no such phrase in his lexicon as "a pretty fair drawing." He suffers, financially, in a competitive way, but he doesn't bother about this part of it.

Bobby Jones to-day is as cool and serene a golfer as one could hope to see, without a temperamental quiver—far more so than many who have criticized him in the past. He can take more than his share of misfortune with a smile. But deep down under this serenity he still has the feeling that Duncan mentions—the soul of an artist that isn't satisfied to be twenty feet from the cup when the right effort should leave the ball only ten feet away.

If Jones had been content to work only for a score at Skokie he might easily have won. We recall two chances where by playing safe he could have chipped or pitched to the edge of the green, twenty to thirty feet away from the cup. In each case he went boldly for the pin, across deep traps, where the shot failed to come off. "Why didn't you play to the right?" some one asked him. "I couldn't play for the pin doing that," he said. The perfect shot would leave him a putt for a three—the safe shot wouldn't. In each case he took 5s.

The golf philosophy of Hagen and Jones is quite different. "I don't play to pick up strokes," says Hagen, "I play to save them." Jones doesn't play to save them—he plays to pick them up wherever he can. Hagen plays boldly—with a strong dash of caution. Jones only plays boldly, with caution thrown to the winds. With him it is the pin—or nothing; perfection—or pay the penalty.

Duncan's Way

George Duncan happens to be cast in the same mold. No man in sport has more of the artistic in his soul. "I never bother much about how I score," the Scot stigmatized remarked a year ago. "I am only interested in the way I hit the ball. If I am hitting the ball as I ought to hit it, the rest of it is unimportant." We have seen Duncan refuse many chances to play for safety. He has always preferred to take the risk, no matter what the hazard, if a fine stroke could bring him to port.

We have seen both Jones and Duncan, after victorious matches, as badly dissatisfied as if they had been beaten—because they had not been hitting the ball.

There is no satisfaction to either in having some opponent beat himself.

The Seabright turf tennis gathering which begins next week will be one of the closing stretches for the National championship and the Davis Cup. The field here will number the select from West and East, or East and West, as you care to arrange it. Just at present the order in the Germantown march seems to be Tilden and Johnson, but from Richards, Patterson, Anderson, Williams and others there is enough talent in sight to make this next championship one of the star features on the long list.

Tilden still looks to be supreme. He has everything that he ever had before, and through greater experience is more likely to play his best game against the hardest test. He has greater confidence now than he has ever known, and this confidence, backed up by speed and skill of the highest order, will leave him an impregnable fortress for this season at least, if he doesn't reach keen edge too soon. There is a question whether any tennis player ever lived who could stop Tilden on turf as he is to-day. A leading tennis expert once told us that he considered Laurence Doherty the greatest player of all time. Doherty would find in Tilden an opponent worthy of the best he had upon the court.

Mrs. Mallory and Mrs. Bundy to Meet To-day for State Title

Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, national woman champion, and Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, former holder of that honor, will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the final round of the women's annual New York State championship lawn tennis tournament on the turf courts of the Green Meadow Country Club at Harrison, Westchester County.

Mrs. Mallory went into the final bracket yesterday by defeating Miss Leslie Bancroft at 8-6, 6-1, in the semi-final round, while Mrs. Bundy eliminated Miss Marie Wagner, a former state champion, by a score of 6-2, 6-8, in the upper half of the draw.

A start was made in the semi-final round of the doubles, with Miss Wagner and Miss Cassel playing Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. W. H. Henry, of California, but the play had to be postponed until to-day as a result of the rain. Miss Wagner and Miss Cassel were leading at 6-2 and 30-15 when they left the court. The winners will meet Mrs. Mallory and Miss Phyllis Walsh for the championship this afternoon, immediately following the completion of the singles match.

The added feature, to be furnished by the first court appearance in this country of members of the French Davis Cup team, M. Cochet, M. Borotra and M. Gobert, will round off a splendid afternoon of tennis.

The struggle in the opening set of the Mallory-Bancroft match was noteworthy one, with the points fought out so keenly that the final result was in doubt up to 6-4. Both girls made their fight from deep court, with Miss Bancroft holding her own against the former champion.

There were times when both went to the net to finish off their points, Miss Bancroft advancing more often than her opponent, and when she could get into position in time her severe volleying was a bit superior to Mrs. Mallory's. But the national titleholder improved as the match went on, and frequently scored on dazzling passing shots down the side lines of across court, as Miss Bancroft tried to close in at the net.

In the second set, however, the complexion of the match underwent a decided change, the national champion completely outplaying her young rival and winning by a score of 6-1. Miss Bancroft lost control of her ground strokes under the ever-increasing lash of Mrs. Mallory's attack, and the champion rode through to a decisive victory.

Mrs. Bundy never appeared in real danger in her match with Miss Wagner, even though she trailed at 1-2 and 2-3, in the second set. The famous Californian carried too heavy a battery of ground strokes for the Easterner, and when she connected with a ball overhead, or on an overhead volley, she generally won the point outright.

Mrs. Bundy's most reliable weapon of attack was her strong forehand drives, many of which she used for scorching, passing or crossing shots when she hit down her opponent inside the service court lines. In spite of the powerful opposition that she faced, however, Miss Wagner put up a spirited resistance, forcing six of the games to "deuce."

In the double match, Miss Wagner and Miss Cassel showed clear superiority in team work, the result of their long association as doubles partners, and they directed the main force of their attack against Mrs. Henry, who was the weaker player on the other side of the net.

American Oarsmen Win Three Races in Canada

ST. CATHERINE'S, Ont., July 28.—American oarsmen were victorious today in three of the principal events on the program of the Canadian Henley regatta.

R. Sherman, crack sculler of the West Side Boat Club, of Buffalo, captured the junior singles; the four-oared shell of the same club finished first in the 140-pound class, while the Detroit Boat Club's eight won from four rival Canadian boats in the 140-pound class.

Four American scullers followed John Ingham, of the Dons, winner in the 140-pound singles, over the Henley distance. They finished as follows: J. P. Hunn, Philadelphia, second; William Haynes, New York, third; W. H. Gridley, Detroit, fourth; H. F. Nicholson, Niagara Falls, N. Y., fifth.

Haynes finished fourth in the 130-pound singles later over a mile and a half course. The winner was R. J. Ghel, of St. Catherine's, and the time, 10:25.25. W. Wakeman, Wollaston, defeated H. L. Parker, Glenora, 3, and E. W. Bruns, New Brunswick, defeated H. C. N. Clement, Kildare, 4 and 4.

Jersey Boxing Law Likely to Permit Decisions in Future

Doubt Over Outcome of Leonard-Tendler Bout Prompts Legislators to Make Effort to Alter Present Ruling; Official Verdict of Referee Urged

By Jack Lawrence

The most important outcome of the Leonard-Tendler fight at Boyie's Thirty Acres on Thursday night was the fact that a determined effort is to be made by certain legislators in Jersey to have the present boxing law of that state altered in many respects, and with the particular idea of giving the referee or the ringside judges the power to render decisions. Leaders in Jersey politics declared to the writer yesterday that this change in the law would be accomplished at the next meeting of the Legislature. The move will undoubtedly have wide support.

The present Jersey law limits fights to twelve rounds and prohibits decisions. The provisions of the new law now being considered in Jersey will be patterned closely after those that now govern boxing in this state. It remained for the Leonard-Tendler match to convince Jersey lawmakers that the present system of no decisions is unfair to the principals engaged in the battle, the spectators and those who read of the affair in the newspapers.

There can never be any official verdict on the Leonard-Tendler fight of Thursday night. While it seems to us to be a fact that Leonard won by a decisive margin, there were thousands at the match who believe that the match should have been called a draw. There were other hundreds, mostly from Philadelphia, Tendler's home town, who believed that Lefty Lew had won. The scrap left in its wake a fine subject for argument and speculation.

Newspaper Decisions Rule
While, in our opinion, Leonard won by a wide margin, we have met many who disagreed with us. Thousands of dollars changed hands on Thursday night on newspaper decisions. New York newspapers favored Leonard, while Philadelphia sheets were almost unanimous in giving the verdict to the challenger. The word of the referee, Harry Ertle, was banked on to a great extent, and a lot of confusion resulted when a statement, purporting to come from him, was sent out by a news agency, in which it was said that he expressed the opinion that Tendler had won.

We had dinner at the Jersey City Elks' Club with Mr. Ertle immediately after the fight. He had heard of the false statement attributed to him and said that he had been steps to correct it. We asked him who won the fight, and his reply was:

"Leonard." In discussing the fight, Mr. Ertle declared that after the final bell rang he could have rendered only one decision, and that one would have been in favor of the champion. The referee didn't seem to believe that the question was at all close. The timeskeeper and the men appointed by the New Jersey Boxing Commission appeared to share Harry Ertle's views, according to statements they made in the presence of the writer.

French Stars Play On Rye Courts To-day
WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL, chairman of the tournament committee of the Green Meadow Country Club at Harrison, N. Y., where the women's New York State championship lawn tennis tournament will be completed this afternoon, gained a wonderful added attraction for the closing day of the tourney last night.

Getting in wireless communication with the Paris, of the French Line, upon which the French Davis Cup team is due to arrive this morning, Campbell succeeded in obtaining the promises of Andre Gobert, Henri Cochet, Jean Borotra and Jean Samazeuilh that they would make their court appearance at Green Meadow this afternoon.

The French team will meet Australasia in the semi-final round of the Davis Cup matches, to be played on August 10, 11 and 12, at the Longwood Cricket Club.

Lawyer's Wildness Aids Marston To Final Round for Isham Cup

MANCHESTER, Vt., July 28.—Maxwell R. Marston, of Philadelphia, came as near to losing as was possible in the semi-final round of match play for the Isham Cup at Ekwanok Country Club to-day, but survived by virtue of a little wildness on the eighteenth hole on the part of George I. Lawyer, of Fox Hills, winning by 1 up.

Marston started with a lead of two holes and was 2 up at the turn, but Lawyer's eighth hole was a par, but he was very much off form. If he meets Leonard again, he will certainly win by a knockout. I think he was stale to-night."

It was Leonard, in our opinion. He was slow in getting started and his punches never had the snap and force behind them that had Rocky Kansas last at the Ekwanok Country Club. Many of Benny's punches went true and straight to the mark, landing on Tendler's jaw with the crunch of a subway turnstile, but they failed to do the stuff that was expected of them. Old followers of the game left the arena arguing the question of whether Lefty Lew was a great absorber of punches or whether Benny Leonard had left his punch and was going back.

Eatonville Poloists Lose Close Match To Whippy River
RUMSON, N. J., July 28.—Eatonville, which defeated the fast Bryn Mawr polo team on Tuesday and eliminated this four from the finals for the Monmouth County Cup after winning the Rumson County Club Cup, was beaten to-day by the Whippy River four by the score of 13 to 12.

The Eatonville players were not up to the form displayed in the Bryn Mawr game, and were unable to overcome the twelve goal handicap. The victory put Whippy River in the final match to be played Sunday with Rumson.

Sulloway Defeats Ewing For State Tennis Title
CRAWFORD, N. H., July 28.—James D. Ewing, of Yonkers, N. Y., holder of the New Hampshire state tennis title, was defeated in the final of the championship tournament at Crawford Concord, N. H., by Frank J. Sulloway, of Concord, being put up a hard fight, but could not hold out against Sulloway's greater experience. The score was 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Sulloway, paired with E. J. Toland, of Concord, also triumphed in the doubles event, by defeating M. W. Voce, Providence, and A. H. Branner, Jr., New York, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Platt Wins Golf Championship
BOSTON, July 28.—William J. (Zimmer) Platt, of Philadelphia, won the Carpet Trades Golf Association championship at Woodlawn to-day, defeating F. J. Beresbach, of Chicago, in the final, 1 up. Platt also won the title four years ago.

Leonard Lacks Lusty Wallop Of Olden Days

Tendler Left Himself Open in Trying to Knock Out Lightweight Champion

By Grantland Rice

In spite of the closeness and the swift pace that marked the Leonard-Tendler meeting the public call for any return match is quite faint and far away, not to be heard above the noise of traffic and street conversation. And the reason for this is the general belief that if they should meet again over any limited route the result would be about the same, very close at the finish, with Leonard still the better boxer and Tendler still the more aggressive, taking the larger chances over the route.

Both men beyond any argument gave their best on Thursday night, and neither had anything to speak of in reserve at the finish. Yet the milling was so closely woven that Leonard's boxing margin was slight. In a boxing way Leonard won on points. Yet there are these things to be considered when the battle is taken as a lightweight championship test:

First—Tendler did most of the leading and was the more aggressive in nine of the twelve rounds.

Second—Tendler was closer to a knockout and a claim on victory by a decisive result than Leonard was.

It must be remembered under the circumstances that Tendler could never win the crown by outpointing the challenger, as no official decision could be given. He had to take his chance on a knockout with less thought about defensive skill. He could not afford to play it safe in any outpointing deal. The pace he set in the first nine rounds was terrific, fast. After that Tendler was about through, and it was in the closing rounds that the champion got back his lost lead.

Challenger's Determination
Leonard had the greater boxing skill and the greater ring craft, due largely to greater experience under championship fire. In time of stress and trouble he never looked better. But there was a certain grim determination about the challenger that carried him headlong into one charge after another, and even after Leonard had landed hard and often it was Tendler who was still baring in, looking for his chance to slip one over, as he almost did in two rounds, notably the eighth, when for a moment Benny's knees sagged badly, his mouth flew open and he was forced to hang on in desperation until his balance returned, and his brain began working again.

If the contest is to be judged as a boxing bout on points the slight lead would be in Leonard's favor. If it is to be judged as a give and take battle over the shorter route, where no official decision could be given, then Tendler must be given his due as one doing, at least, his full share of the entertainment.

Leonard at no time was called upon to take any long chances after the first round or two he saw that he was up against more trouble than he had looked for, that Tendler was too tough a boy to be knocked out, so the challenger began working again.

When Tendler gets into the ring history, Leonard had all his skill and craft, and he needed both. There was not quite the old lusty kick to his wallop, and he was also showing a young man who soaked up punishment, a desire to keep from being unseated. He could afford to let Tendler do most of the rushing as he covered and blocked in his old, effective way. But even acting largely in a defensive capacity part of the way, he had two eyes closer than any he has known for a long time.

Tendler Nearly Gets Title
When these points are considered in the way of a championship test that the crown at stake, it can be seen just how even the whole affair was. No official decision could be given, but Leonard slightly in front as an outpointing boxer and Tendler in closer reach of a sudden decisive result.

There have been few better light-weight battles over the shorter route in ring history. Leonard had all his skill and craft, and he needed both. There was not quite the old lusty kick to his wallop, and he was also showing a young man who soaked up punishment, a desire to keep from being unseated. He could afford to let Tendler do most of the rushing as he covered and blocked in his old, effective way. But even acting largely in a defensive capacity part of the way, he had two eyes closer than any he has known for a long time.

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