Jackie Leclair, Boom Boom Were Real Dramatic Cases

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MONTREAL (CP) — Hockey layers by the score trudge into ie Montreal Forum clinic, get atched up and go right back on he ice. Some haven't been so ortunate.

Jackie Leclair almost bled to eath. Bernie (Boom Boom) eoffrion was in a critical state ecause of a ruptured intestine.

Those two were the most dra- atic cases that physiotherapist ill Head has seen since he took harge of the clinic in 1943.

Head has treated not only ockey players but athletes from any sports for all sorts of in- uries. He has pioneered methods ow generally accepted. He has amed the charleyhorse.

The same Bill Head, working losely with medical authorities, as treated private patients for arious types of illness. More re- ently he has had remarkable uccess, under medical approval, ith asthma cases.

WORST CASES

In Bill's experience the worst njuries—exc t those that might e termed freak accidents to Le- lair and Geoffrion—were those uffered by Elmer Lach. The for- er great centre of Montreal Ca- adiens at one time or another ad a skull fracture, a severe oncussion and fractures of the heek and jaw.

The mishaps to Leclair and Geoffrion still cause Bill to shud- er—"I hope I never have such experiences again."

Leclair now is with Quebec Aces. He was a centre with Ca- nadiens when, during a game against Toronto Maple Leafs five seasons ago, he as cut across the neck by a skate.

Fortunately, a top Montreal surgeon was at the game as well as the club's regular physician. Bill got them in a hurry, once he saw Jackie.

"Two carotid arteries were sev- ered," says Bill. "I could see Jackie's windpipe. It was bruised. The skate just missed cutting it.

"We got Jackie on a table. I was pressing his chest to slow the flow of blood. The club doc- tor was helping the surgeon and swabbing blood from Jackie's chest. The surgeon was tying up the severed arteries.

WOULD HAVE DIED

"All the while Jackie was squawking that he wanted to get back into the game. He didn't realize his precarious condition. Without the surgical attention he would have died before we could have got him to hospital."

Geoffrion was stricken during a hockey practice last season. Club trainer Hector Dubois helped Geoffrion, staggering and clutch- ing his abdomen, into the clinic. There was no doctor on hand.

"I thought at first Geoffrion had ruptured his spleen instead of the small intestine," says Head. "Before he collapsed, un- conscious, he asked for a priest.

"Hector and I turned him up- side down to get blood flowing toward his head and to help re- store consciousness. We got Geof- frion to a hospital fast. The emer- gency operation there saved his life."

Bill is particularly proud of his method of treating a charley- horse, something that used to lay athletes up as long as six weeks or more and often required sur- gery. Bill has hockey players back on skates in 24 hours.

The charleyhorse, usually asso- ciated with a severe blow, is a hemorrhaging of little veins and ruptured lymphatics.

CHANGED METHOD

"The old system called for hot towels and rubbing," says Bill. "I decided on ice and pressure— putting on pressure bandages—to stop the hemorrhaging and swell- ing. If the hemorrhaeg isn't stopped, calcium deposits form."

Bill Head, 47, is "Scottish by race, English by birth and Cana- dian by choice." He is of medium height and slender build. He has sensitive, muscular hands.

In his native London, Bill's family had a beauty culture busi- ness. He seemed destined for the same work. But when he was only nine years old he found he could make his mother's head- aches disappear by massage.

It wasn't long before everybody in the neighborhood brought to little Bill their aches and pains and bumps and stiff joints. He achieved quite a reputation and decided to take up massage tech- nique.

While still in his early 'teens he studied assiduously. He went to a couple of massage schools. He regularly sneaked into anat- omy classes with a cousin who was attending university.

TRAINED IN FRANCE

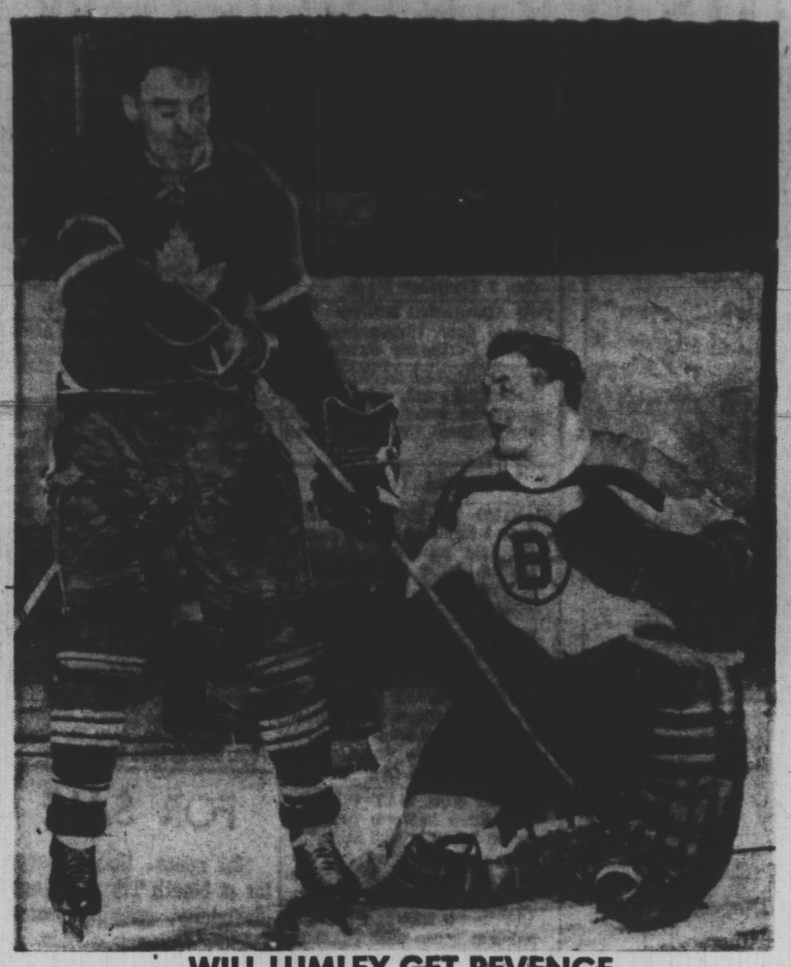
Bill decided to go to France where he felt there were better chances for a masseur. He also studied "medical hymnastics"— physiotherapy. To pay his way, he worked as a waiter and a pro- fessional dancer.

He decided to make his career in Canada and came to this coun- try in 1938. He took a job in the chemical research department with Anglo-Canadian Paper Co. in Quebec City. He volunteered for war service and was re- jected.

Bill got back into his chosen profession —physiotherapy— with the Quebec Aces hockey club. In 1943 he was offered the job in Montreal Forum.

Asked whom, among the thou- sands of athletes he has treated, he considered the best physical specimen, Bill replied:

"From a definition of muscle and reflexes, I would say Glen Harmon, former Canadiens de- fenceman. But from the 'body beautiful' viewpoint, I would say Butch Bouchard, also an ex- defenceman. Butch's body was superb, but he was something of the lumbering type and hadn't the smooth, rippling muscles and grace of movement that Harmon had."



WILL LUMLEY GET REVENGE

Here's Toronto Maple Leaf Frank Mahovlich getting stopped cold by Boston Bruins' goalie Harry Lumley. Harry has been terrific in all games and Satur- day night in Toronto he kept Bruins right in the thick of things. Lumley would surely love to oust the Leafs who let him go three years ago. Tonight's his greatest chance.

Brian London Is Defying Ban By British Stewards

SPORT FROM BRITAIN
By ED SIMON
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LONDON (CP)—The "ban" by British boxing authorities on Brian London's journey to Las Vegas in search of the world heavyweight title was greeted by one sports writer with an in- triguingly scrambled metaphor: "I am delighted that the stew- ards have rolled up their sleeves, flexed their muscles and proved that they are not a toothless authority."

The reasoning was about as sound logically as it was anatom- ically. Within an hour after the British Boxing Board of Control refused London's application for permission to fight Floyd Pat- terson for the title, the defiant Blackpool basher announced that he intended to keep his date re- gardless.

TURPIN CASE

In a similar case 18 months ago, the BBBC stepped in to stop a scheduled meeting between Randy Turpin, the aging onetime world middleweight champion, and Willie Pastrano, a United States heavy weight who was seven years his junior.

The Turpin-Pastrano ban stuck, chiefly because the bout was to have taken place in Britain and all parties concerned would have been exposed to the BBBC's wrath if they had gone through with it. But if London chooses to ply his trade in Nevada, the board's biceps are ill - equipped with dentures capable of making him change his mind.

The last heavyweight who dared tell the BBBC to go flex its muscles was Tommy Farr, who signed for a title bout with Joe Louis in 1937 against the board's advice and promptly had his British licence revoked.

Farr was outpointed in a mem- orable 15-round battle, enjoyed several lucrative paydays in American rings before the Brit- ish authorities forgav. him, and fought 15 times under BBBC auspices before Don Cockell ended his long career by knock- ing him out in 1953.

SPOTTY RECORD

London's ring record offers lit- tle evidence that he is in the same class as the lion-hearted Welshman and only his most courageous partisans give him more than the barest of outside chances against Patterson.

London, with all his faults, is virtually the only active British heavyweight who packs a punch. If, by some remote chance, on of his ungainly swings connects squarely with Patterson's chin, the BBBC will have a problem on its hands.

It will have to ponder whether it would be in the best interests of British boxing to allow the heavyweight champion of the world to have his licence back.

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Nothing Special In Norris Offer

By JACK SULLIVAN
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Jim Norris isn't the great bene- actor, after all.

A week ago, the 52-year-old illionaire owner of Chicago lack Hawks handed each player n unsigned cheque for $3,350 ith instructions to "bring them ack to me after you win the cup nd I'll sign them" At that time, he Hawks had lost the first two ames of the Stanley Cup semi- nal series to Montreal Cana- iens.

Chicago sports writers hailed Norris' gesture as one of the big- est psychological moves in hoc- ey history. A bonus of $3,350 to ach Hawk player, statisticians uickly figured, would amount to 55,000 which would make Norris he all-time big spender in the ational Hockey League.

But, it was all a mistake.

OT A BONUS

The story stayed alive four or ve days until NHL President larance Campbell pointed out hat the $3,350 was not a bonus, was simply the money due the awks if they won the cup. A hicago team official confirmed ampbell's interpretation.

Norris has already shovelled an stimated $2,000,000 into the awks is the last five seasons a free-spending effort to make he club a cup winner. He isn't he first man to try to buy hock- y's most prized trophy.

In 1910, Ambrose O'Brien, ngel of the Renfrew Millionaires eam, made an unsuccessful bid win the trophy with a cheque ook. He gave up in three years fter losing a bundle of money hich pointed up one thing—he idn't have the patience of Nor- s.

In O'Brien's day, when the dol- r wasn't as bloated as it is now nd when admission charges to up games was 50 cents, O'Brien ame up with a gimmick. In the eason's final game he offered 00 to be divided among Ren- ew players for every goal cored against Ottawa and $50 to he scorer.

IDN'T WIN CUP

Millionaires won 17-2, the flam- oyant O'Brien from Antigonish, S., paid out $2,550, but Ren- ew didn't win the cup. It went Montreal Wanderers, first- ace finishers of the National ockey Association who, under ules of the day, automatically ecame cup holders.

The situation at the time was this;

Wanderers had finished their league schedule three points up on the second - place Renfrew Millionaires who had an end-of- season home-and-home double- header with Ottaw This meant that the Millionaires had to win both games to finish on top but they lost the opener to Ottawa and the Renfrew townspeople were highly incensed.

O'Brien kept the fire going with his offer. He had brought in such players as Lester and Frank Patrick, Cyclone Taylor, Newsy Lalonde and Bert Lindsay at salaries out of proportion in those days—$2,700 to Lester Patrick, $2,000 to his brother Frank and $1,500 to $2,000 to the others for a three-month season.

The sky was the limit, the cup was their goal and Ottawa, a hated rival, had knocked the Mil- lionaires out of the cup picture. All the Millionaires wanted then was to plaster Ottawa.

The final game was played on March 8, 1910, and the bonus incentive worked. Two years later O'Brien called it quits—he had found out the hard way that the cup, bought by Lord Stanley in 1893 for £10 (then $48.60) couldn't be bought.

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Columnist Quotes Prexy As Saying Storey 'Froze'

OTTAWA (CP) — The Journal quotes Clarence Campbell, NHL president, as saying referee Red Storey "froze" on two calls in Saturday night's Stanley Cup game in Chicago, won 5-4 by Montreal Canadiens.

The story from Chicago by Bill Westwick, sports editor, says Campbell was interviewed when he stalked into a Chicago hotel after the game "as white, tense and entirely upset as you've ever seen him."

A 25 - minute demonstration, during which two fans attacked Storey on the ice followed Claude Provost's winning goal at 18:32 of the last period.

Campbell is quoted as saying Storey missed calling penalties when Canadiens defenceman Al- bert Langlois tripped Chicago's Bobby Hull just before the final goal and when Black Hawk Ed Litzenberger was tripped a little earlier.

FELT "ROTTEN"

"I've never felt so downright rotten about anything in my life," Campbell is quoted as saying.

"I was sitting there looking right at it and Storey missed the call on Langlois. I was never surer of anything than that he tripped Hull. . . .

"Storey also could have given a penalty to Canadiens for a trip on Litzenberger a little earlier when that provided the opportu- nity for Canadiens' fourth goal But Storey is one of my senior officials, and he just froze.

"Even then when the demon- stration began, why didn't Red drop the puck? It might have prevented some of what happened."

The win gave Montreal the semi-final series 4-2.

A game somewhat resembling modern billiards was played in Greece as long ago as 400 BC.

Title Bout Date May 1

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Floyd Patterson will defend his world heavyweight boxing champion- ship against former British cham- pion Brian London here May 1.

An announcement reschedulin the 15-round bout riginally se for April 21 in Las Vegas, Nev., was made Monday by Patterson's manager, Cus D'Amato, and Arch Hindman, executive secretary of the National Boxing Association.

The fight will be a warmup for Patterson's defence in June at New York against Ingemar Jo- hansson, Swedish champion.

CUBA WAR TRIALS

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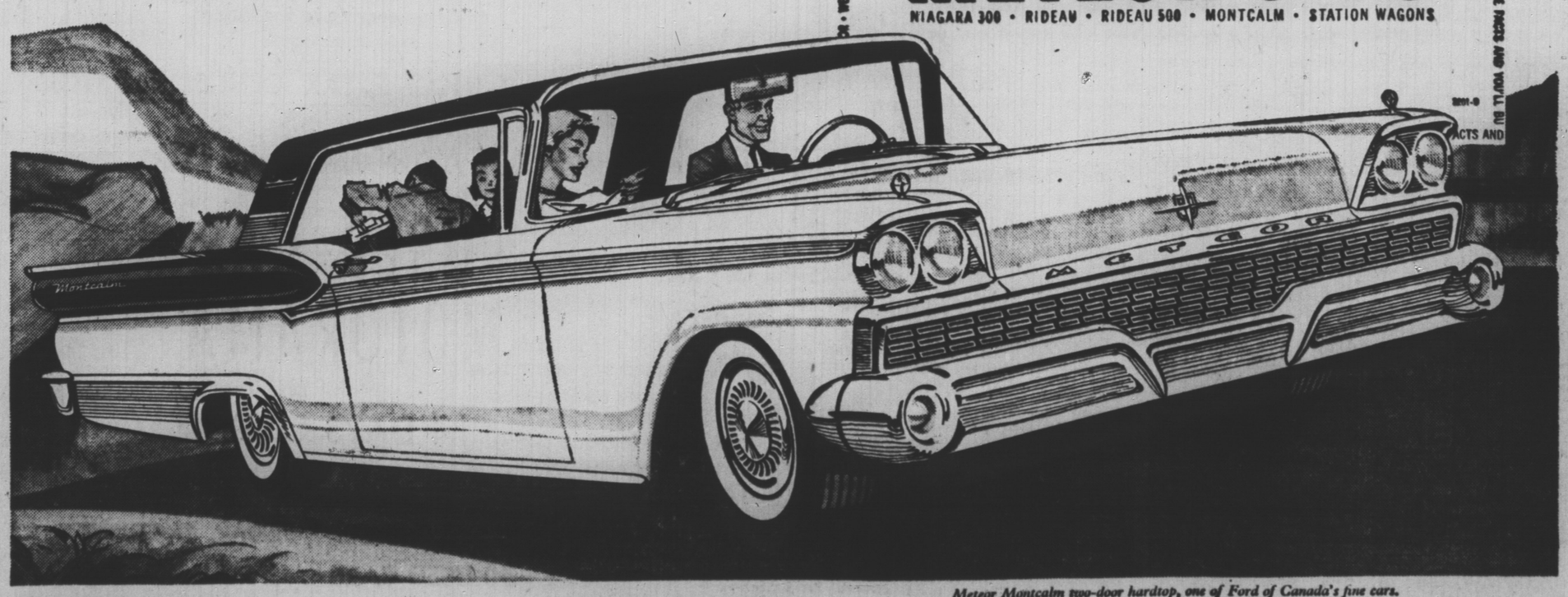

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