

# LEONARD STRIVES HARD TO RETAIN TITLE

## TENDLER FAILS IN EFFORT TO WREST LIGHTWEIGHT CROWN FROM CHAMPION

### FIGHT GOES TO FIFTEEN ROUNDS

#### LEONARD STRIVES HARD IN ROUNDS OF FIFTEEN-ROUND MATCH TO LAND KNOCKOUT PUNCH, BUT FAILS

(By Associated Press.)  
RINGSIDE, YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 22—Boony Tendler, king of the lightweight class for the past six years, demonstrated conclusively tonight his unshakable hold on the throne by trouncing Leonard, his Philadelphia challenger, in a clash that lasted the full 15-round match at Yankee Stadium.

Before a crowd of more than 10,000 that paid a half million dollars to see the match, with a high mark for championship prize the heavyweight class, Leonard outgeneraled, but never punched his foremost rival to finish. He held the crowd, had Tendler on the ropes and a knockout at the close and the judges' verdict in his favor which was merely a formality.

Spectacular as was the fight, the thrill, the suspense and the interest of their memorable year ago at Boyles thirty seconds, hanging on at one stage, barely able to gain a victory.

As Rugged Challenger Effort Leonard fought with commendable skill. A master of ring tactics, his rugged southern challenger led by the speed and precision attack while at the same time made futile most of Tendler's attempts on the offensive. The challenger landed three blows in nearly every round. Tendler, on the other hand, seemed slow and heavy by comparison to the champion. Blocked in his favored method of attack—for which Leonard apparently had perfected a formidable defense—the challenger was left with no effective weapon. He was wild repeatedly and frequently stood up gamely under a terrific spring in several rounds, but he was in much poorer form than he gave Leonard a shining example a year ago.

Leonard evidently had learned the lesson of his last fight with Tendler. Instead of permitting himself to get the jump, the title holder was the aggressive in the early rounds and quickly piled up a margin on points. He moved around the challenger, ducking and sparring with jolting uppercuts and body punches to the head and body. Tendler tried to stem the tide, tried to counter but the champion beat his own game.

Cuts Loose in Thirteenth For 12 rounds the champion held the upper hand with ease. In the thirteenth he cut loose with a drive that soon had Tendler in distress. Sensing the risk of the fight the crowd jumped to its feet, as Leonard, swinging his lefts to the head with tremendous force, drove Tendler about the ring, from a right to the head, Tendler slipped to his knees and he would take a count, but he jumped back to his feet, only to get with another withering blow.

Only the challenger tried to counter his left, but Leonard was too fast and the round closed with Tendler in full retreat.

By hard shots to the jaw he drove Tendler again in distress in the fourth. He weathered his onslaught to face another smashing blow in the final round. Leonard hit hard for a knockout, but he went reeling and bloody with jolting hooks and uppercuts to the head, but they lacked the power to bring down Tendler, who fought gamely, but ineffectively, to the end.

Tendler Given First Round Majority of ringside spectators gave Leonard every round except the first, which went to Tendler on a slim margin. Some gave Leonard an even break in the first, but the fact remained that no time did he appear to be in the lead.

Leonard bore few marks of his fight, he left the ring, to be seen on the shoulders of an attendant, while Tendler had cuts on his left eye and on his nose.

Tendler is the greater soul and one of the greatest fighters I have ever seen," said the referee later. "He put up a valiant fight and even in the final round I got him the hardest, I was unable to put him down, although I tried hard."

Pays Tribute to Champion Leonard is a great champion and Tendler in perfect style a conqueror. "I did the best I could but it wasn't good enough. He is a master ring general."

V. M. Pitchford, and Mrs. Pitchford left this morning for Portland and Seattle, while they will spend the next few days in Seattle. They will visit at Mrs. Claude Welch, Mrs. Pitchford, and will also visit with Mrs. F. H. Wood. Mrs. Pearce will have charge of the home stand in their absence.