

Leonard - Benitez tangle for title

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard and Wilfred Benitez fight for the welterweight championship and a million dollars apiece tonight in the richest non-heavyweight bout in boxing history.

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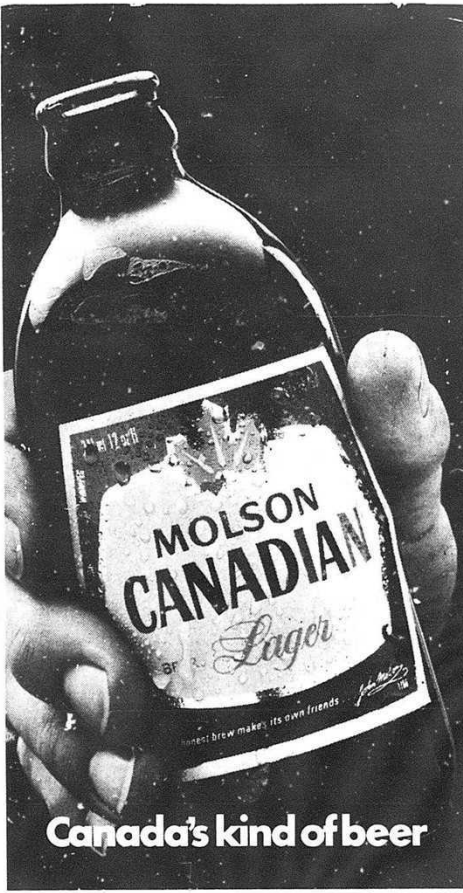
A champion, the 21-year-old Benitez is getting \$2 million, which is \$200,000 more than the purse for the 23-year-old Leonard, who has earned almost \$4 million in less than three years of pro fighting. The Benitez-Leonard gold rush will be

part of a championship double-header at Caesar's Palace that includes Vito Antuferrno's middleweight title defense against Marvin Hagler.

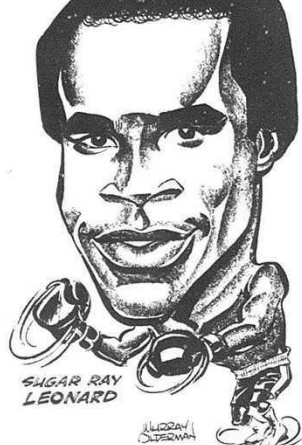
Those fights, plus the World Boxing Association light heavyweight title bout between champion Victor Galindez and Marvin Johnson in the New Orleans Superdome, will be nationally televised in the U.S.

Leonard, a former Olympic champion, has 10 knockouts in winning 25 pro fights. Benitez has scored 23 knockouts in posting a 37-0 record, but four of his five world title fights have gone the distance.

The Puerto Rican won the WBC welterweight title by outpointing Carlos Palomino last Jan. 14 and defended it with a decision of Harold Weston March 25.



Canada's kind of beer



UNDEFEATED Sugar Ray Leonard takes on Wilfred Benitez for the World Boxing Council welterweight title tonight in Las Vegas.



By BOB PLATT
The heavens have been withholding additional falls of snow needed to completely cover the Silver Star trails and make it possible to take advantage of all the good snow done to improve the various sections.

Last weekend, some hardy types ventured out along Loop 2 brushing through some smags and avoiding more awkward obstacles, but the ground is still a little too close to the surface for comfort. On the lake near the trail, there is a good practice area. The available space provides plenty of room for at least a dozen skiers at one time.

It is great to be able to drive up a ploughed and sandbed road to the new parking lot and be on the snow almost immediately.

BEGINNERS' CLINICS
This weekend, beginners' clinics will be in progress up there and these will get under way at noon, both Saturday and Sunday. The North Okanagan Cross Country Ski Club provides the instructors, to teach basic skills to those members who are new to Nordic skiing. If any other enthusiasts wish to participate, the club executive will be glad to enroll them on the spot. This action forms part of the broad range of amenities enjoyed by the club membership.

FITNESS AWARD
The Sports and Fitness Division of the provincial government offers an award to cross-country skiers who cover 500 km in any consecutive six-month period. This puts this form of recreation in line with hiking, running, cycling and other sports and reflects the wide interest shown by people intent on securing the benefits that accrue from Nordic skiing. The scheme is based on the skier keeping a record of distances achieved and it is recommended that at least two, but no more than 10 km, be attempted in any one day. Forms are obtainable from the Recreation Centre.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS
At present, lack of snow is restricting activities to some extent, but touring parties will be setting out in a few weeks, probably to places like Hunters Range. There was good skiing to be had on the mountain early this month. In the meantime, novices will be looked after on the Star, making them ready for trips further afield.

REPEATER ROAD
It is wise to mention that when leaving the parking lot and driving down the road to the junction with Silver Star Road, extreme caution is necessary. The grade is steep enough to require very slow speed and care in coming to a stop before entering the busy Silver Star road.

NHL TOP TEN
National Hockey League scoring leaders after Wednesday games:

Player	Team	Goals	Points
Donne, LA	LA	20	48
Blair, MI	MI	19	45
Simmer, LA	LA	19	37
Taylor, LA	LA	17	34
Tranter, NYI	NYI	17	34
Gene, BUF	BUF	16	32
Gratz, EDM	EDM	15	32
Lafouche, MI	MI	14	30
MacDonald, EDM	EDM	13	29
Perreault, BUF	BUF	13	29
Goring, LA	LA	12	29

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Philly keeps winning - streak stands at 19

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The constant reminders about Philadelphia's unbeaten streak make it impossible for the Flyers to ignore the fact that they have won 19 games and more than seven weeks since last they lost.

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"It" is a National Hockey League record for consecutive games without defeat, 29, set by Montreal Canadiens in 1977-78. Right now, the Flyers are nine games away from tying it.

The look one step closer Thursday night, rallying for a 6-4 triumph over Minnesota North Stars their 18th victory, with three ties, since a 2-2 loss to the Flames in Atlanta on Oct. 15. Ken Linseman, Reggie Leach and Bill Barber scored third-period goals for Philadelphia, which trailed 3-1 before taking charge.

TOOK GAME AWAY
North Stars coach Glen Sonnor said the Flyers "just took the game away from us for 18 minutes in the second period," referring to the session in which Philadelphia's outshot Minnesota 19-8 and got goals

from Paul Holmgren and Rick MacLeish.

"Our guys won't be a really good team until they do what the Flyers did tonight — play every shift for the whole game. You don't win without consistent players."

Mike Folich and Steve Payne gave the North Stars a 2-0 lead before MacLeish halved the deficit for Philadelphia. Al MacAdam made the difference as the Flyers rallied to improve their home record to 11 victories, with one tie, in 12 games.

Elsewhere Thursday night, Montreal Canadiens were hardpressed to hold off St. Louis Blues 3-2 and Buffalo Sabres needed a late fluke effort from Rick Martin to edge New York Rangers 2-1.

CANADIANS 3 BLUES 2
St. Louis coach Barclay Plager was disappointed with the outcome of the game in Montreal where in winning goal by Pierre Mondou resulted from a plesup in front of the Blues' goal.

"It's a shame they had to win the game that way," said Plager. "Both Mondou and Danny Gredifren were in the crease and didn't even try to get out," said Plager.

Guy Lafleur and Mario Tremblay scored earlier for the Canadiens, to avenge a 5-3

Kozak continues scoring heroics

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A goalie and a shooter had the hot hands Thursday night as Richmond Sockeyes and Kamloops Rockets recorded a British Columbia Junior Hockey League victory.

In Richmond, goaltender Rick Fautaux blocked 42 shots to lead the Sockeyes to a 4-1 victory over Nanaimo Clippers while Jay Kozak continued his string of three-goal games to lead the Rockets past Merritt Centennials in Kamloops.

The victory moved the Sockeyes into a third-place tie with Chilliwack Colts in the Coastal Division. The Sockeyes have played two fewer games.

Mike Johnson was the only Clipper to beat Fautaux

when he tallied in the third period. Tim Brown made 37 saves at the other end of the rink while giving up two goals to Dave Williams and one apiece to Brad Rand and Shawn Lyons before 400 fans.

Kozak scored three goals for the third game in a row.

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