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LOWLY BEAVERS CUT MARGIN OF LEAGUE LEADER

Hollywood is Only One Game Ahead; Sacramento Winner

(By the Associated Press)

Hollywood's grip on the coast leadership was cut to one game by the seventh place Portland Beavers who hammered two Star twirlers for 15 hits and a 12 to 2 victory. Fred Ortman, Portland pitcher, blanked the Stars for seven innings and home runs by Elmer Smith and Mickey Heath gave the Beavers their only counters. Ortman held the home boys to eight hits and struck out four. Batteries: Ortman and Rego; McCabe, Hulvey and Akenew.

Los Angeles' energy in the ninth forced the battle with the Senators into twelve innings. The score tied at four-all when Sacramento came to bat, the Senators filled the bases only to have

A triple play spoil their hopes. Each team got one run in the eleventh and Sacramento got the final count in the twelfth to win 6 to 5. The Angels took an early lead with three runs in the first but that was cut down and the remainder was a pitching battle. Batteries: Keating and Severid; Koshler; Cunningham and Han-nah.

Rally Saves S. F.

A ninth inning rally climaxed by Earl Averill's homer brought victory for San Francisco over Oakland, 6 to 5. The A's won a two run lead when the Seals came to bat but a walk, double and the homer was too many for them. Cooper and Mitchell, both southpaws, battled throughout for supremacy. Batteries: Mitchell, May and Sprinz; Cooper and Lombardi.

The Beils took Seattle into camp, 14 to 1, with 24 hits to their credit for the nine inning fracas. Wilson and Jimmy Middleton, who followed him, were unable to stop the Mission bats. Wilson got the only run for the tribe, a homer. Clyde Nance, late of the Indian lineup, forced his former team mates to eat out of his hand and five scattered hits were all they could collect. Batteries: Nance and Baldwin; Wilson, Middleton and Cox.

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By Al Demaree

(Former Pitcher N. Y. Giants)

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CHAMP KNOCKED GOLD IN SECOND BY FAST NEGRO

Jack Thompson of San Francisco Looks Like Another Joe Gans

By Charles W. Dunkley

(A. P. Sports Writer)

CHICAGO, Aug. 31. (AP)—The closest approach to the immortal Joe Gans flashed menacingly over the pugilistic horizon today.

The new star is young Jack Thompson, sleek looking young San Francisco negro, who last night caused a startling upset by knocking out Joe Dundee of Baltimore, the world's welterweight champion, in the second round of their scheduled ten-round battle in the White Sox park. Thompson is the welterweight titleholder in fact, if not officially, only because of a weight technicality.

The only reason Thompson is not proclaimed champion today was because Dundee forced him to weigh 148 pounds, one-pound over the welterweight limit.

Thompson, in conquering the welterweight king, made a tremendous impression. He seems to have inherited the great skill of his famous fellow man, Gans. He possesses a sterling combination of a perfect boxer and a terrific two-handed puncher. His style is strikingly like the old lightweight master.

Dundee Outclassed.

The San Francisco negro proved that he is fast and clever as was Gans and that he can punch like the famous lightweight king of two decades ago. He revealed these sterling qualities when he knocked Dundee down twice in the second round and stood there waiting to deliver the finishing punch when Referee Eddie Parry mercifully stepped between them and stopped the uneven battle. Parry's action gave Thompson a technical knockout victory, but actually Dundee was out on his feet when Purdy carried him to his corner.

Young Jack, boxing cautiously and deliberately, used up the first round in feeling out the champion. There were several exchanges of blows with honors about even. In the second Thompson swarmed all over the titleholder. A right hand shot to Dundee's chin sent him reeling across the ring. Thompson, cool as an iceberg, followed his advantage with a relentless two fisted attack. Another terrific right cross knocked Dundee sprawling across the ring and stretched him flat on his face.

Out On Feet.

The champion got up at nine, but he was a helpless, sorry looking fighter. Thompson charged in again with both hands flashing to Dundee's chin. Dundee sought shelter from that rain of fists on the ropes, but Thompson stepped back, measured him, banged over another fury of punches and Dundee went down again—this time on his back. He pulled himself to his feet at the count of nine, but his arms hung limp, his eyes were glassy and his legs still as he stood there waiting for the advance of his conqueror. He was defenseless and Referee Purdy waved the negro to his corner.

Young Thompson comes from fighting stock. His father, who used to be a fighter and trained with Gans among others, taught Young Jack a lot of his ring craft he picked up from the "Old Master" of the ring.

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YANKS AND A'S BOTH DEFEATED BY WEAK CLUBS

Senators and Red Sox Too Much for Leaders

By Herbert W. Barker

(A. P. Sports Writer)

The open season on pennant contenders is here again. The last month or so of the baseball season usually is rich in drama for it's then that cellar or near-cellar dwellers delight in knocking the props from under pretenders to baseball's two major crowns.

The Boston Braves, notorious in the last few years for their

ability to take the wind out of sails apparently set for a pennant winning cruise, crushed the New York Giants in three straight games this week in a series that saw most of the fight gone from the clan McGraw.

Yesterday the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Yankees, fighting a two-club battle for the American League pennant, were cut down by foes they should defeat with little trouble, the Yanks bowing to the Washington Senators and the A's to the last place Boston Red Sox. These reverses left the A's two and a half games back of the defending champions.

"Sad Sam" Jones, who once did his pitching chores for Miller Huggins, was the immediate cause of the Yankee's defeat at Washington. Sam allowed the champions 7 hits, won his game, 3 to 1, and would have had a shutout had not George Herman Ruth took it into his head to hit his 47th homer of the year in the seventh inning.

Relief pitchers, in the end, de-

cided the issue at Philadelphia where the A's were forced to accept a 3 to 2 reverse by the Red Sox.

Ed Morris, relieving Russell in the last half of the ninth, struck out Joe Hauser, Tris Speaker and Eddie Collins in succession, to make the Sox' on run lead safe.

Cubs in Second Place.

The Chicago Cubs took undisputed possession of second place and advanced to within five games of the Cardinals by downing the Cincinnati Reds, 2 to 0, in a battle ended by rain at the end of six innings of play.

The Braves kept up their winning streak by defeating the Phils, 6 to 5, Bell's double with the bases full in the sixth inning being the decisive blow of the game.

During the day, Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Braves, announced that Rogers Hornsby had signed a contract to manage Boston for the next six years. He disposed summarily of reports that "The Rajah" would be traded.

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