

'CHAMPION' HART IS HUGE JOKE

HOLDS TITLE BY SUFFERANCE ONLY

NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED

Has Never Won Title From Holder Thereof Nor Has He Ever Exhibited Requisite Caliber

The degeneracy of pugilism in the present day is the source of wonder to lovers of the sport and the voluntary retirement of the real heavyweight champion in favor of Marvin Hart has caused a cessation of interest in the big game.

Hart has never fought any champion holder of the title nor has he ever exhibited the requisite caliber of a champion. He claims to have won the title from Jack Root over at Reno a few weeks ago, but as Root was never champion and never could be unless he assassinated Jeffries while the latter was asleep, it is hard to figure where Hart won anything more than the purse by the fluky victory over Root.

Yet, technically, and in Louisville seriously, he is regarded as the "unbeaten champion." It is his first title and the cloud upon it mars the full enjoyment thereof. Should Jeff ever get in an unhappy frame of mind and decide to annex his abdicated title, Hart would speed for the topmost heights of the tallest alfalfa field in existence.

Time to Grin

With such a condition existing, that is, with a man claiming to be the holder of the championship title and the public in possession of absolute knowledge that another person is capable of booting this "champion" and all other heavyweight aspirants from the precincts of a 24-foot ring at the same time, it is time to grin at the suggestion of Hart as "champion of the world."

The American public has become so accustomed to owning a champion, who is able to defend his title against all comers, until some other American of a slightly better grade of punch shows up, that they do not take kindly to a champion who exists merely in name and is not believed to be a champion worthy of the honor. All the world yet recognizes Jeffries as the real champ, and pays but little attention to the claims of Hart.

Jeffries is a pride. He is the only champion who ever graced the shoes of Sullivan and demonstrated his right to the title. He is the only champion whom the American people believe could have whipped Sullivan at his palmist and as the champion, Jeffries receives the idolatry of the American public usually given to holders of that title.

Farcical Retirement

For him to retire because there were no others to be conquered and, by a neat little speech, hang the laurels he has won and so ably defended on the rail for two dubs like Hart and Root, both obscure members of the oblivious has-been fraternity, is farcical.

Any pair of amateurs, pugilists or otherwise, who possess the regulation weight, had equally the same right to fight for the championship as did Hart and Root.

Who are the two pugns who fought for the world's championship? Topnotchers? Scarcely. Root, who is admittedly the best of the two, passed into oblivion years ago when he permitted George Gardner, another mut, to give him a sound thrashing for light heavyweight honors. Gardner has been lost sight of in the shifting of scenes and will never be heard from again.

The man he conquered so easily bobs up a few years later and engages in a farcical bout for heavyweight championship honors as a worthy successor to the abdicated king of pugns.

Having all the best of the fight with another dub until the final round, he shows his mettle and his championship caliber by losing out ingloriously to a man admittedly his inferior at any stage of the game.

Hart is False Alarm

Hart, the claimant to heavyweight championship honors by reason of defeating Root, is about as much of a real champion as Brother Jack and it is like stealing money to bet that Jack Jeffries could wallop Hart to a finish in six rounds.

And so it is that if Jeffries persists in his determination to retire, some English second-rater has the chance of a lifetime to temporarily hold the championship by getting Hart into a ring. Then it would be up to Jeff to go out and bring the belt back home and retire again. He can whip a barnyard filled with Harts and Roots. If Jeffries has retired and will not re-enter the ring, the champion heavyweight title should have reverted to the auburn-haired blacksmith, who held it until Jeff wrested it from him and who is, despite his grandfathers' age, recognized as the second best pugilist in the world today and every American dollar bet on the mill would go on Fitzsimmons should he be engaged with any other than Jeffries for a finish fight.

Fitz is the Boy

Just what Fitz would do to Hart would depend upon how long Hart could face the music. Hart could achieve undying fame by lasting two rounds and his admirers would then

have the opportunity of doing some boasting, which they cannot do now. Grandpa Fitzsimmons' bones pop like a six-shooter every time he bends, but at that the wily old fox has the punch left and no one has ever out-gamed the Australian in a grilling contest.

If Hart would demonstrate his prowess let him go up against Bob. If he defeats him, which he never could do, let him take on Ruhlman and Sharkey and a few of the other has-beens, who are without quibble or doubt his masters in the ring today. Let Gabriel blow his horn and awaken the semi-dead ones and treat the American public to a qualifying sweepstakes to find out who is entitled to play understudy to Jeffries.

So long as no one turns up who can whip Jeffries, he is the champion in name and in fact. Whoever turns the trick will be a worthy successor to him and he will achieve fame as the only person who ever could whip the unbeaten champion and American faith would back him in all his battles in defense of the title and emblem.

Jeffries stands as a protector and guardian for Hart because no one cares to defeat him and then be forced to become a chopping block for the pious pile driver in human flesh. It's too much like committing suicide.

With the condition of affairs existing as they now are, it becomes a duty of the fight managers of America to pull off a festive festival and put up a sweepstakes purse for competition by all eligibles to the title. Let the winner become champion.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK SPLIT EVEN ON DOUBLE

By Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 24.—St. Louis and New York again split even on a double-header today. In the first game Peity held New York to one run, while St. Louis scored 2 off Orth, the visitors' errors in the infield helping out. St. Louis led up to the ninth inning of the second game but a combination of errors and a hit by Delehanty netted three runs. Attendance 3400. Score: First game—R. H. E. St. Louis..... 2 4 0 New York..... 1 0 0 Batteries—Peity and Spencer; Orth and Kleinow. Second game—R. H. E. St. Louis..... 1 7 3 New York..... 2 5 2 Batteries—Sudhoff and Suedgen; Powell, Griffith, McGuire and Kleinow.

GOOD PITCHING BY HUGHES WINS FOR WASHINGTON

By Associated Press. DETROIT, Aug. 24.—Washington won its third successive game from the locals, Hughes' pitching prevented a Detroit batsman reaching second base until the eighth inning. Killian's bases on balls were fatal and figured in two of Washington's runs. Attendance 600. Score: R. H. E. Washington..... 2 6 1 Detroit..... 0 3 4 Batteries—Killian and Warner; Hughes and Heydon.

CLEVELAND BLUNDERS BADLY; BOSTON WINS BOTH GAMES

By Associated Press. CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—Cleveland lost both games to Boston today. In the first game Cleveland could not bunch hits off Tannehill, while Boston secured five runs. Cleveland had the second game five to 0 in the sixth inning when Turned and Bradley fumbled three easy chances. Attendance 4300. Score: R. H. E. Cleveland..... 0 7 2 Boston..... 5 10 0 Batteries—Moore and Clarke; Tannehill and Criger. Second game—R. H. E. Cleveland..... 6 17 3 Boston..... 8 19 4 Batteries—Bernard and Buelow; Dineen, Young and Criger.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN IS SHUT OUT BY M'FARLAND'S PITCHING

By Associated Press. BROOKLYN, Aug. 24.—St. Louis shut out Brooklyn today. McFarland held Brooklyn safe throughout and pitched one of his best games this season. Attendance, 1600. Score: R. H. E. Brooklyn..... 0 7 2 St. Louis..... 0 3 2 Batteries—Jones and Sargent; McFarland and Grady. Umpire—Emslie.

NEW YORK WINS FIRST, TEAMS TIE IN SECOND

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—New York shut out Cincinnati in the first of two games played here today. The second game was close, ending in a tie, which could not be broken because of darkness. Scores: R. H. E. New York..... 0 3 2 Cincinnati..... 0 3 2 Batteries—Mathewson and Bowerman; Chech, Schiel and Street. Second game—R. H. E. New York..... 6 12 2 Cincinnati..... 5 9 0 Batteries—James and Bresnahan; Ewing and Schiel. Umpire—O'Day and Bausewine.

CHICAGO AND PHILADELPHIA PLAY TWENTY-INNING GAME

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TIDE TABLE FOR SAN PEDRO

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THE ANGELS DRUB PORTLAND GIANTS

NORTHERN TEAM PUTS UP POOR CONTEST

CAN'T FIELD, PITCH OR HIT

The Three California Cities Are Reaching for the Top Notches. Northern Towns Out of Running

Special to The Herald. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Cal Ewing, Henry Harris, Dave Evans, Mique Fisher and others of the baseball magnates were at the Vaughn street grounds to see the Angels administer a drubbing to Portland today. The Giants could not play ball. The feature was the rank playing of the home team, which could not hit, field, pitch or do anything else on the diamond worthy of praise.

It seems all California of late with the winnings made by San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles from the northwestern cities. The score: PORTLAND. Ate, ss..... 4 1 1 2 4 1 Van Buren, cf..... 4 0 1 2 4 0 Mitchell, lb..... 3 0 1 11 1 2 Schinley, rf..... 3 0 1 2 4 0 Householder, rf..... 4 0 1 2 1 0 McLean, c..... 4 0 1 6 0 1 Fleming, lf..... 4 0 2 0 0 0 Hoffman, 3b..... 4 0 1 2 1 0 Corbett, p..... 4 0 1 0 1 0 Totals..... 39 1 9 27 12 5

LOS ANGELES. Tozer, cf..... 4 1 2 0 0 0 Toman, 2b..... 4 0 1 1 1 0 Smith, 3b..... 4 1 2 3 5 1 Brashear, ss..... 4 1 2 3 5 1 Dillon, lb..... 4 0 1 13 0 0 Cravath, rf..... 4 0 1 1 0 0 Ross, lf..... 4 0 2 2 2 0 Spies, c..... 4 3 1 5 1 0 Baum, p..... 2 2 1 1 4 0 Totals..... 34 8 12 27 16 3

SCORE BY INNINGS: Portland..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 Base hits..... 0 1 0 2 1 1 2 1 1-9 Los Angeles..... 0 2 4 0 0 0 0 0-12 Base hits..... 0 1 2 0 0 1 3 2 3-12

SUMMARY: Struck out—By Corbett, 5; by Baum, 4. Bases on balls—Ort, 1. Two-base hits—Fleming, Brashear. Three-base hits—Mitchell. Double plays—Brashear to Toman. Left on bases—Portland, 8; Los Angeles, 7. Time of game—1:45. Umpire—Davis.

OAKLAND'S SLUGGING DAY; SHORT SHIFT FOR TWIRLERS

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—This was the Oakland team's slugging day. Roach of Seattle lasted six innings and then Fitzpatrick was given a drubbing. Roach was hammered for fourteen hits and Fitzpatrick was rapped for six hits in two innings. The northerners could not touch O. Graham. Score: SEATTLE. Walters, rf..... 4 0 0 0 1 0 0 Kane, 3b..... 4 1 1 0 1 1 0 Blankenship, c..... 3 0 1 1 2 1 0 Hart, cf..... 2 0 1 1 2 1 0 Frary, lb..... 2 1 1 0 12 0 0 Houze, lf..... 4 0 1 0 4 1 0 Runkle, 2b..... 4 0 0 0 2 2 0 R. Hall, ss..... 4 0 1 0 1 5 0 Roach, p..... 2 0 0 0 0 3 0 Fitzpatrick, p..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Clark, c..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Totals..... 31 3 5 2 24 14 0

OAKLAND. Van Haltren, cf..... 5 1 1 0 5 0 0 Egan, 3b..... 4 1 1 0 2 0 0 Dunleavy, lf..... 5 3 4 1 2 2 0 Kruger, rf..... 5 2 3 3 2 0 0 Kelly, 2b..... 2 2 2 2 2 0 0 Devereaux, ss..... 4 2 2 2 2 0 0 Moskiman, lb..... 4 0 2 0 9 0 0 Byrnes, c..... 1 0 0 0 4 2 1 O. Graham, p..... 1 0 0 0 0 3 0 Schmidt, lf..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Totals..... 41 12 20 8 27 10 2

Base hits by innings: Seattle..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0-3 Base hits..... 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 1-5 Oakland..... 2 1 4 0 0 12-12 Base hits..... 4 1 2 2 4 1 5 1-20 Shields batted for Fitzpatrick in ninth. Summary: Home run—Dunleavy; two base hits—Dunleavy, Devereaux. Two base hits—Kelly, Moskiman. Hits—Van Haltren, Frary, Sacrifice hits—Byrnes. First base on errors—Seattle, 2; Oakland, 0. Base on balls—off Roach, 3; off Fitzpatrick, 3; off Graham, 5. Left on bases—Seattle, 5; Oakland, 11. Struck out by Roach, 1; by Graham, 2. Hit by pitcher—Kane. Kelly. Double plays—Houts to Runkle, Devereaux to Moskiman. Hits—off Roach, 13. Roach pitched six innings. Time of game, 1:55. Umpire—McDonald.

CHAMPION TIGERS BEATEN BY SAN FRANCISCO SEALS

By Associated Press. TACOMA, Aug. 24.—San Francisco took kindly to Thomas' curves and in the first three innings scored sufficient runs to win. Emerson succeeded him and did much better. Henley was effective, holding Tacoma safe in all but one inning. Score: R. H. E. Tacoma..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0-2 6 3 San Francisco..... 1 3 1 0 0 0 2 0-7 12 2 Batteries—Thomas, Emerson, Henley, Henley and Wilson. Umpire—Perine.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

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RYAN AND GARDNER WILL FIGHT TONIGHT

WELTERWEIGHTS CONTEST FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Sports Expect Battle of Whirlwind Order, as Both Are Good Men in Their Class and Are in Prime Shape

Buddy Ryan, the welterweight champion of the world, has been training hard for his go with Jimmy Gardner, because he knows he is up against one of the toughest men in the country. With this knowledge and a defeat scored against him by Gardner, Ryan is sure he will turn the tables when the two meet in the ring at San Francisco tonight.

Those who have seen many fights and fighters know there are not two better men in the country to be brought together in a match and, with much reason, are expecting a battle of the whirlwind order. The popular prices of the new club assure a big house and the pavilion will probably be crowded.

Ryan has been down to weight for two or three days and will be in great trim tonight. He claims that when he last met Gardner and was defeated that he had just recovered from a fever and in consequence was very weak. He is now the recognized champion welterweight of the world and claims that he will hold that title for some time to come. He is acknowledged to be one of the cleverest men ever seen in a ring in this part of the country and has shown abundant speed in his boxing with Willie Fitzgerald.

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MANY RIFLEMEN TAKE PART IN MILITARY TOURNAMENT

West Point Cadets Make Good Showing in Competitive Marksmanship Contest

By Associated Press. SEAGIRT, N. J., Aug. 24.—The opening session of the military rifle tournament began at 9 o'clock this morning and ended at 6:08 o'clock tonight. The attendance broke all records. When the bugle sounded this morning 657 riflemen reported at the firing line. They started in at 200 yards. Some few concluded the work at 300 yards and began to exercise their scores at 500 yards before "cease firing" was sounded for the day.

The excellent showing of the members of the United States corps of cadets from West Point was a feature of the day's firing. Only 12 of the 657 competitors in the national individual match finished firing over the first four ranges today. Their scores follow: Lieutenant Austin, first Georgia, 179; Boatswain Hamilton, U. S. N., 178; Color Sergeant Hessman, Pennsylvania, 177; Captain Darlington, Washington, 176; Sergeant Hird, Iowa, 176; Private Durward, Massachusetts, 176; Private Pile, District of Columbia, 175; Captain Wells, New York, 175; Sergeant Plunkett, U. S. A., 175; Sergeant Short, New York, 174; Private Frett, Illinois, 174; Sergeant Wentworth, Maine, 174.

CREW NARROWLY ESCAPES FROM BURNING VESSEL

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The steam ketch Albatross, loaded with petroleum, caught fire in the English channel this evening and burned furiously. The crew was safely landed, but the vessel is a total loss.

Falling Scaffold Injures Painters

While painting a house at Bunker Hill and Court streets L. D. Wadsworth of 2107 South Main street and E. A. Briggs of 2113 Leobi avenue were injured yesterday afternoon by the breaking of the scaffold. Wadsworth sustained sprained ankles, bruises and cuts and Briggs was severely bruised. They were taken to the receiving hospital and later removed to their homes.

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