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RITCHIE BETTER THAN JOE RIVERS OR LEACH CROSS

Whatever the relative merits of Leach Cross and Joe Rivers may be it plain that neither strengthened his position as a championship possibility to any great extent by his performance on Tuesday night. Rivers is supposed to show up much better in twenty rounds than in ten, yet he weakened in the closing sessions with Cross, who is essentially a short distance boxer.

In their first bout it was Rivers who finished strong, and this was as expected; consequently when the situation was reversed on Tuesday night the dope was completely upset. Just why Rivers slowed up after taking a big lead in the early rounds is hard to account for unless he was caught out of condition.

But it has been said of Rivers that he is what is known as a front runner, and his actions seemed to bear out that view. He boxed in great style at first, and it looked as though Cross would not be able to place a round on his credit. But the moment Cross got over a few hard ones Rivers lost confidence and his lack of real class was apparent.

Champion Ritchie's ability is still something of a mystery, but apparently he should have little difficulty in defending his title against either Rivers or Cross. In view of the fact that Rivers is young, and can be expected to improve, he will probably be the one Ritchie will have to reckon with, as Cross is too much of a veteran to be taken seriously in a championship bout.

If Ritchie is the clever boxer he is supposed to be, Rivers will have to do a lot of improving to come out on top. The Mexican's style never varies, and should be easy to solve by a good ring general. As a boxer he does not class with Packey McFarland, Freddie Welsh or Jack Britton, and as a fighter pure and simple his dislike for punishment offsets to a great extent his superior strength.

If Cross gets a chance to meet the champion he would have an outside chance of landing a winning punch just as he did against Mandot, but he would have to be very lucky.

IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Clark Griffith and Connie Mack are after Wilson Collins, the young Vanderbilt University pitcher.

The St. Louis Cardinals have released Stevenson, an outfielder, to the Toledo club of the American association, and Speas, an outfielder, to the Portland club of the Northwestern League.

Bob Troy, a young pitcher, has been turned over to the Chattanooga club of the Southern Association by the Detroit Tigers.

Here's a fellow that didn't make a single error all last season. Jack Johnston, the recruit outfielder of the Browns, played in sixty-four games with Montgomery last season, accepted six hits, made six assists and never had an error.

"I'll release Jacques Fournier to Sacramento the same day I sell Ed Walsh to another minor league club," President Comiskey was heard to remark.

George "Honey Boy" Evans has appealed to the Baseball Writers' Association to help him formulate some plan so that the silver cup he offers each year in baseball can be kept out of the hands of Ty Cobb. The "Georgia Peach" has won it four years in succession for leading the major leagues in hitting.

Louisville has released Pitcher Harry Camnitz to the Lexington Ohio State League. Catcher Weaver has been turned over to Decatur.

George Johnson, the St. Joseph, Mo., Western League club's Indian pitcher has been sold to the Cincinnati Nationals.

Pittsburg has reduced its squad to 26 men.

Leonard and Foster are considered the best recruit pitchers in years who have joined the Boston Americans.

Deal is showing up well at third base for Detroit, but it would be no surprise if Moriarty is given the job in a few weeks.

Fred Carisch and other Cleveland catchers think they know how to stop Milan running wild on the bases. Milan stole home twice last season with Carisch catchings.

Daus, one of Detroit's new pitchers is said to have a great slow ball. He looks better than the other new twirlers, but lacks weight. He weighs but 142 pounds, and can hardly pitch oftener than once a week.

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