

On This Date

November 30, 1885

On September 10, 1911, Portland's Elmer Koestner (right) and Sacramento Jack Fitzgerald engage in a prolific mound battle that lasts for 24 innings before the game is called on account of darkness, ending in a 1-1 tie, in what was to have been the first game of a afternoon Pacific Coast (A) League double-header.

At the end of three hours and 45 minutes of play, umpire McGreevy calls the game saying that the home plate could not be seen clearly in the gathering shadows in front of the grand stand.

The game is played without a score after the sixth inning

when Sacramento ties the game on Patsy O'Rourke's single and Babe Danzig's double. The Beavers had taken the lead two innings earlier on Buddy Ryan's single and Tommy Sheehan's double.



PORTLAND

	AB	R	H	SB	PO	A	E
Chadbourne, lf	7	0	1	2	8	1	0
Lindsay, 2b	10	0	1	0	5	8	1
Rapps, lb	9	0	0	0	23	0	2
Ryan, rf	8	1	1	0	2	0	0
Krueger, cf	9	0	3	2	4	0	0
Sheehan, 2b	8	0	2	1	1	6	0
Peckinpaugh, ss	8	0	1	0	6	6	0
Kuhn, c	9	0	1	0	12	1	0
Koestner, p	8	0	0	0	0	11	0
Totals	76	1	10	8	72	23	3

SACRAMENTO

	AB	R	H	SB	PO	A	E
Madden, rf	7	0	2	1	3	0	0
Shinn, 3b	9	0	2	1	4	6	0
O'Rourke, 2b	8	1	2	0	5	7	0
Danzig, lb	10	0	2	0	29	1	0
Van Buren, cf	10	0	0	0	7	0	0
Lewis, lf	9	0	0	0	5	0	1
Thomas, c	9	0	1	1	15	4	2
Lerchen, ss	10	0	2	0	7	8	1
Fitzgerald, p	9	0	0	0	0	6	0
Totals	81	1	12	8	72	32	4

SCORE BY INNINGS

Portland	000	100	000	000	000	000	000	000	1
Basehits	011	200	111	010	000	000	000	001	10
Sacramento	000	001	000	000	000	000	000	000	1
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SUMMARY

Two base hits—Madden, Sheehan, Danzig. Krueger, Shinn, O'Rourke. Sacrifice hits—Koestner, O'Rourke (2), Rapps, Peckinpaugh. First base on called balls—Off Koestner 8, off Fitzgerald 8. Struck out—By Koestner 11, by Fitzgerald 14. Hit by pitched ball—Sheehan. Double plays—Lindsay to Rapps, Chadbourne to Kuhn. Time of game—Three hours and 45 minutes. Umpire—McGreevy.

After the ninth inning, Fitzgerald allows Portland only three hits in the 15 extra innings. Sensational fielding by the Senators cut the Beavers off numerous times. Fitzgerald yields 10 hits and strikes out 14, including Bill Rapps four times, while Koestner allows 12 hits and strikes out 12.

Born on November 30, 1885, Koestner will pitch two seasons in the majors with the Cleveland Naps (1910), Chicago Cubs (1914) and the Cincinnati Reds (1914). As a rookie, the 6-foot-1, 175-pound right-hander is 5-10 with a 3.04 ERA with eight complete games, including one shutout.