

On This Date

August 9, 1911

In a game that is "clean, fast and clever," pugilist [Leo "The Lancaster Thunderbolt" Houck](#), one of the United States' most promising contenders for the middleweight championship of the world, appears in right garden for the Lancaster Red Roses in a Tri-State League game at Altoona's Columbia Gardens.

An amateur ballplayer of note, Houck is given a tryout by Red Roses' manager Marty Hogan. After the game where he goes 0-for-4 against Altoona's [Roy Bentley](#), Hogan says, "All that Houck needs is a little training in the field and he will be as good an all-around player as there is in the Tri-State League. He has an awful sweep with that stick and knows how to stand up to the plate and he can run like a thief."

In his brief 10-game stint for Lancaster, Houck collects four singles in 32 at bats (.125) before returning to train for his September 16, fight against future Middleweight Champion [George Chip](#). In 23 years of boxing (1904-1926), Houck is 144-39-27. He was the boxing coach at Penn State from 1922 to 1949 and later is inducted the Ring Magazine Hall of Fame (1969), the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (1972), and the International Boxing Hall of Fame (2012).

ALTOONA—						
	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Zinn, lf	4	1	2	2	0	1
Durmeyer, ss	3	0	0	3	5	0
Clark, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
McKenna, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Himes, 1b	4	1	2	12	1	0
Brothers, 3b	2	0	2	3	0	0
Scott, 2b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Broezele, c	2	0	0	6	2	0
Bentley, p	3	0	0	0	4	0
Crist, x	1	0	1	0	0	0

Totals 30 2 8 27 15 1
xhatted for Scott in the ninth.

LANCASTER—						
	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Murray, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Joyce, cf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Damrau, ss	3	1	1	1	5	0
J. Coveleskie, 3b	3	0	1	1	2	0
Hooper, 1b	3	0	1	11	1	0
Heist, 2b	4	0	0	3	5	0
Houck, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Rementer, c	4	2	3	8	1	0
S. Coveleskie, p	4	0	1	0	2	0

Totals 33 3 9 27 16 0
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Two base hits, Joyce, Rementer; bases on balls, Bentley 1, Coveleskie 1; struck out, Bentley 6, Coveleskie 6; stolen bases, Himes, Clark; sacrifice hits, Durmeyer, Brothers, J. Coveleskie, Hooper; sacrifice fly, Broezele; left on bases, Altoona 6, Lancaster 6; passed ball, Broezele; first base on errors, Lancaster 1; time, 1:45; umpire, Connor.

