

# Paul Cobb, "Georgia Peach II"

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"Hammerin' Hank" had Tommie, "The Yankee Clipper" had Vince and Dom, "Big Poison" had "Little Poison", "Dizzy" had "Daffy" and "The Georgia Peach" had Paul.

Born in the small rural community town of Narrows, Georgia, on February 23, 1889, John Paul Cobb II finds out that being the younger brother of Detroit Tigers outfielder Ty Cobb comes with both superfluous expectations and harsh condemnations.

## Augusta Chronicle, Nov. 21, 1908

"Paul Cobb is a brilliant young athlete. Paul is expected to be a big and shining star in the American League in a year or two."

## Atlanta Constitution, May 1909

"He looks very much like Ty did when the latter made his start with Augusta a few years ago."

## Ty Cobb, "Safe at Home"

"Paul Cobb is a brilliant young athlete . . . and is considered as promising as his wonderful brother was at the same age."

## NEA wire story, March 1909

"The St. Louis Browns have let out Paul Cobb. His only resemblance to his brother was in his name."

## Washington Times, July 11, 1911

"Cobb lacks ambition."

## Great Falls Leader, July 30, 1913

"Cobb lacks the arm to wing the ball in from the field. Cobb's throwing arm is the weakest thing seen here this year."

## Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette, May 28, 1916

"The Greatest outfielder in the land is Ty Cobb and it looks as if the worst is Paul Cobb."

Cobb enrolls at Georgia Tech in the fall of 1906 but reportedly does not last the semester and returns home to Royston, Georgia, where like his older brother, he is a standout for the local amateur team. After signing with Kalamazoo in January, 1907, Cobb becomes a celebrity even before his first practice. Upon his arrival from Georgia, Cobb is greeted at the Kalamazoo train depot by team manager Maurice Myers and a brass band.



Paul Cobb  
1912 Lincoln Railsplitters

The honeymoon is short-lived however, and Cobb is handed his walking papers on June 28, after hitting only .242 with four extra base hits in 34 games Cobb isn't out of a job long as the *Grand Rapids Press* reports that he has signed with the Mt. Clemens Bathers of the Southern Michigan (D) League on July 1.

I am unable to find to confirm that Cobb plays even one game with the Bathers before signing with the aptly named Leavenworth Convicts on July 23. Cobb makes 11 errors and hits only .250 in 52 games for the Convicts, who will finish last in the eight-team Western (C) Association with a 29-108 record (.212) and 71 games out of first place.

On August 15, 1908, it is reported that St. Louis Browns manager Jimmy McAleer has purchased the contracts of two Joplin Miners - outfielder Paul Cobb, second baseman Clarence Wanner - for \$5,000, with "consideration" for Cobb being \$3,000. However, three days later McAleer denies purchasing either Cobb or Wanner and adding insult to injury, McAleer says he doesn't even know the second baseman he supposedly signed.

Three weeks later Cobb is one of nine minor leaguers drafted by the St. Louis Browns, but is released to the Southern Association's Memphis Turtles in time for the start of the 1909 season.

## PAUL COBB IN TOWN TODAY

First Recruit Will Report to Manager of White Sox Squad and Begin Spring Training.

Almost everyone in the country has been making various predictions as to when spring would be here and has seen various indications of good weather and heat, but the most feasible sign of spring is the first baseball player, Paul Cobb, who will arrive in Kalamazoo this morning from Macon, Georgia.

Cobb is an outfielder who signed with Maurice Myers some time ago and has since been in the south work-



PAUL COBB,  
Heavy-weight Outfielder Who Will Report in Kalamazoo Today For Practice.

ing out with the Detroit Tigers. He has been en route for two days, and yesterday telegraphed Manager Myers from Cincinnati that he would arrive at 7:56 this morning without fail. Myers will be at the station with a brass band to welcome Cobb.

Cobb will start training at once and will work out with Carl Speaker and A. Nick Whalen, who have been in Kalamazoo some time. Glenn Hale is also expected to arrive in Kalamazoo this morning, although Manager Myers has not learned definitely when he will report.

## Paul Cobb [2 of 7]:

Cobb hits .310 and .306 in back to back seasons with the Lincoln Railsplitters in 1910 and 1911, respectively. In 1914, he hits a career-high .331 for the Ogden Cannery of the Union (D) Association and leads all of minor league baseball with 43 doubles.

After sitting out the entire 1915 season at his family residence in Georgia, Cobb plays one final season in the minor leagues (1916), hitting .257 splitting time between three teams. He finishes a nine-year minor league career with 206 doubles, 49 triples, 44 home runs and a .285 batting average.

Retiring from baseball following the 1916 season, Cobb plays for several semi-pro teams in Ohio and Arizona before joining the Marine Corp in 1918.

Following his discharge in 1920, he moves to Sarasota, Florida, and enters the real estate business.

In an interview with the *Sarasota Journal* on July 18, 1961, the younger Cobb said of getting his start in minor league baseball:

**“Ty had been playing for quite some time, but he did not get me a job. I got my first job (in baseball) by talking to Billy Smith, manager of the Atlanta professional ball team. Smith got me a job with Kalamazoo, Michigan, and I stayed there about a year.”**

Cobb dies in Sarasota, Florida, on October 27, 1964, at the age of 75.

## COBB CHRONOLOGY

April 18, 1907

After working out with the Detroit Tigers, Paul Cobb is one of the first players to report to Kalamazoo White Sox spring training ... White Sox manager Maurice Myers welcomes his “heavyweight” 18-year-old outfielder at the train station with a brass band.

June 28, 1907

There are no brass bands as Cobb, batting .242 with only four extra base hits in 34 games, is issued his walking papers by Kalamazoo ... played both the outfield and pitched for the White Sox ... supposed trouble with his eyes and a disagreement with team management reportedly leads to his release.



Paul Cobb  
1912 Lincoln Railsplitters



Paul Cobb  
1914 Ogden Cannery

### Paul Cobb Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Lev	AB	HT	2B	3B	HR	SB	AVG		
<b>1907</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>2 Leagues</b>	<b>C-D</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.247</b>		
	Kalamazoo White Sox	Southern Michigan	D	128	31	3	1	0	6	.242		
	Leavenworth Convicts	Western Assoc.	C	192	48	-	-	-	-	.250		
1908	Enid Railroaders, Joplin Miners	Western	C	479	131	15	<b>10</b>	10	34	.273		
<b>1909</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>2 Leagues</b>	<b>Ind-A</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.222</b>		
	Memphis Turtles	Southern	A	14	5	1	0	0	2	.357		
	Fresno Raisin Growers	California State	Ind	130	27	5	1	9	4	.208		
1910	Lincoln Railsplitters	Western	A	613	190	25	12	6	37	.310		
1911	Lincoln Railsplitters	Western	A	620	190	36	5	9	48	.306		
1912	Lincoln Railsplitters	Western	A	567	150	39	9	2	22	.265		
<b>1913</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>2 Leagues</b>	<b>A-D</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.279</b>		
	Lincoln Railsplitters	Western	A	292	74	20	1	2	7	.253		
	Ogden Cannery	Union Assoc.	D	141	47	15	3	0	5	.333		
1914	Ogden Cannery	Union Assoc.	D	314	104	<b>43</b>	4	5	23	.331		
<b>1916</b>	<b>3 Teams</b>	<b>3 Leagues</b>	<b>C-B</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.257</b>		
	Terre Haute Highlanders	Central	B	18	5	1	0	0	0	.278		
	Newport News Shipbuilders	Virginia	C	21	3	0	1	0	0	.143		
	Jacksonville Tarpons	South Atlantic	C	62	18	3	2	1	1	.290		
	Sanford (Fla.)	Central Florida	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
1917	Perfection Springs	Cleveland League	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
1917	Lima (Ohio) Independents		Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
1917	Toledo Rail Lights		Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
1918	Douglas (Ariz.) Demons	Arizona Desert	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
1918	Quantico (Va.) Marines	Navy Interbureau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	....		
<b>Minor League Totals</b>						<b>3591</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>.285</b>

**Bold denotes led league**



## Paul Cobb [3 of 7]:

### SIGNS NEW PLAYERS

#### Mount Clemens Champs in Dire Need of Batting Strength.

In an effort to secure additional batting strength for his Mount Clemens club, which has gone for something like forty-six innings without scoring a run, A. S. Burkart has signed Paul Cobb, recently released by Kalamazoo and Ed. McDonnell, released by Jackson. Both will report immediately. It was understood that Jackson had secured Cobb, but there was a hitch in this deal and Burkart grabbed the player, who is a brother of Tyrus Cobb of the Detroit club.

Burkart is also after a former Central High school infielder, who has a fine batting record.

#### ◀ July 1, 1907

In dire need of hitting after been held scoreless for the last 46 innings, the Mt. Clemens Bathers sign Cobb and Ed Jackson ... Cobb reportedly has signed with league rival Jackson, but there is a "hitch" in the deal and he instead signs with Mt. Clemens.

#### July 23, 1907

The Leavenworth Convicts announce the signing of outfielder Paul Cobb ... the Convicts will finish last in eight team Western Association with a



LEAVENWORTH, KANS. TEAM—Western Association

1, A. Rohr, pres.; 2, Cobb; 3, Ashley; 4, Selby; 5, Gilbert; 6, Price; 7, Quiesser; 8, Hollingsworth; 9, Middleton; 10, Shumeyer, mgr.; 11, Turner; 12, Vaughn; 13, Fisher.

29-108 record (.212) and 71 games behind the first place Wichita Jobbers (98-35).

January 1908

Cleveland fans are "clamoring" for manager Nap Lajoie to give Paul Cobb a chance with the Naps.

#### St. Louis Buys Paul Cobb.

JOPLIN, Mo., Aug. 15.—Outfielder Paul Cobb, a brother of Tyrus Cobb of Detroit, and Second Baseman Clarence Wanner of the Joplin Western association club, were sold to the St. Louis American league club tonight for \$5,500, the consideration for Cobb being \$3,000. Wanner leads the association in fielding and base running.

#### ◀ August 15, 1908

St. Louis Browns manager McAleer purchases the contracts of Joplin Miner outfielder Paul Cobb, the first player in the Western Association to reach 100 hits on the season, including nine straight at one point, and second baseman Clarence Wanner for \$5,000, with "consideration" for Cobb being \$3,000.

August 18, 1908

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addition, McAleer says he doesn't even know the second baseman he has supposedly signed.

September 2, 1908

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November 21, 1908

The Augusta Chronicle:

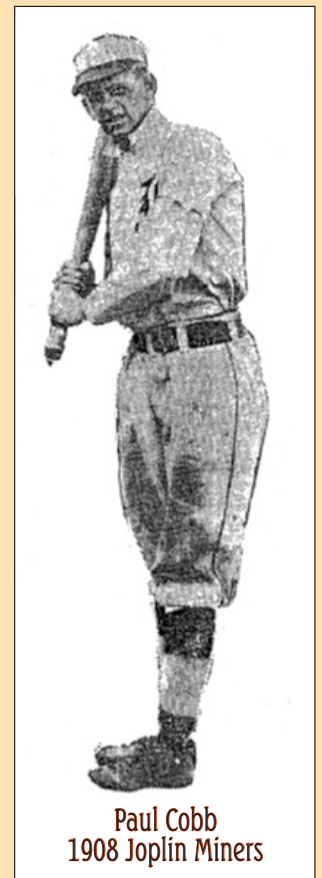
"Paul Cobb is a brilliant young athlete whom [Manager] Jimmy McAleer of the St. Louis Browns drafted from Joplin, Missouri. Paul hit near the .350 mark and is considered as promising as his wonderful brother was at the same age. Paul is only 19 years of age and looks even younger. He is about as tall as Ty is, but is not so heavy and he resembles his 'big bud' in many particulars. Paul is expected to be a big and shining star in the American League in a year or two.

March 7, 1909

Unsure of what to do with Ty Cobb's younger brother, McAleer tells him not to report to the Browns.

April 1909

With the season nearing opening day, McAleer has yet to place Paul Cobb with a club ... Cobb remains at the family home in Royston, Georgia.



Paul Cobb  
1908 Joplin Miners

## PAUL COBB IS ANXIOUS

Brother of the Famous  
"Ty" Wonders Whether  
He Is To Be Given  
Contract.

Paul Cobb, the famous "Ty's" youthful brother, who was drafted from the Joplin (Western association) club by Manager McAleer of the Browns, is anxious to know just how he stands. He's wintering at the Cobb home down in Ralston, Ga. President Hedges heard from Cobb Monday. Hedges has not yet sent out contracts to his young players. Failure to receive the document is what is worrying Paul and caused him to write.

He assures Mr. Hedges that he is positive he is going to make good; that if he proves too inexperienced the coming spring he doesn't want to be sent back to Joplin, but that he wants to be played with some strong or team. Cobb hit .273 for Joplin. In his cluster of 131 hits were fifteen doubles, ten triples and ten homers. He held forth in the right meadow and worked in twenty-six assists.

April 1909

According to Ty Cobb, his brother, Paul, was not turned down by St. Louis, but quit because he was "only offered a \$1,200 contract" ... Ty says his brother will remain on the farm in Georgia this season.

May 2, 1909

Cobb finally gets back on the field playing several pre-season games with the Augusta Tourists, however the Tourists and the Browns are unable to come to an agreement on a purchase price for the 20-year-old outfielder ... the *Atlanta Constitution* opines:

**"Paul Cobb, brother of the famous Tyrus, is playing right field for Augusta, having been secured from St. Louis American League Club. Paul was with Joplin, Mo., in the Western Association, last summer, and played 140 games, batted .273 and stole 34 bases. He looks very much like Ty did when the latter made his start with Augusta a few years ago."**

May 14, 1909

The Memphis Turtles announce that it has secured Paul Cobb, a brother of the famous Ty to help pull the team out of last place.

May 26, 1909

Cobb has five hits in 14 at bats (.357) when he is released by Memphis after a 10-day tryout ... Cobb says his eyes are "affected" and that he may retire from the game

... the Turtles say there is a dispute over his contract.

July 1909

Now a free agent, Cobb signs with the Fresno Raisin Growers of the "out-law" California State League.

June 3, 1911

*The Washington Times* reports that the Washington Nationals have entered into negotiations for Cobb.

Mrs. French is Not Happy  
Escanaba (Michigan) Morning Press  
June 4, 1911

### NOTICE TO SALONKEEPERS.

You are hereby forbidden from selling, giving or furnishing intoxicating liquors in any form to George French of 911 Langley street. He is to be closely watched. Signed, Mrs. George French. 153-3t

June 7, 1911

*The Washington Evening Star* reports that the Washington Nationals have acquired Cobb for arrival at the end of the season ... Lincoln manager Bob Unglaub says the Railsplitters are in the race for first place in the Western League and "cannot spare their star hitter."

July 11, 1911

*The Washington Times* says Cobb "lacks ambition and form necessary in a performer under the maintop."

August 19, 1911

Washington passes on adding Cobb to the roster ... Nationals' scout Mike Kahoe, says that Cobb "isn't ripe" for the major leagues "just yet".



Ty & John Paul Cobb



**Paul Cobb [5 of 7]:**

September 28, 1911

Ty Cobb is reported to be interested in buying the Lincoln Railsplitters of the Western Association ...Ty's younger brother Paul is in his second year playing for the Railsplitters.

**RIGHT FIELDER COBB HAS FRACTURED WRIST**

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 11.—Paul Cobb, right fielder on the Lincoln Baseball club, is out of the game for the balance of the Western league season, having been struck on the wrist by a pitched ball in Des Moines yesterday. On returning home this morning an examination disclosed that some of the small bones in the wrist had been fractured. His place will be taken by Red Smyth, late of the Hannibal club in the Central association.

March 21, 1912

Dissatisfied with his salary, Cobb is given permission to negotiate his release from the Lincoln Railsplitters.

July 1912

Mrs. A. Cobb and Miss Florence Cobb, mother and sister of "Ty" and Paul Cobb, declare that Paul, hitting over .300 for Lincoln is as great a player as the famous "Georgia Peach."

**◀◀ September 10, 1912**

Cobb fractures his wrist after being hit by a pitched ball in a game with Des Moines and is lost for the remainder of the season.

July 26, 1913

Cobb is hitting .252 in 82 games when he and former major league pitcher "Tabasco Tom" Tuckey are both given their unconditional release by the Lincoln Railsplitters.

**Paul Cobb's Ogden Debut  
August 2, 1913**

**TY COBB'S YOUNG BROTHER HELPS OGDEN TO VICTORY**

Ogden, Aug. 2.—Pitching up five runs in the third inning, Ogden held Helena from making enough scores after that disaster so that the locals won, 6 to 4. Jones and Risberg of Ogden had three-bag hits to their credit. Paul Cobb, brother of Ty Cobb, made his initial Ogden appearance in right field with two hits in three times at bat, one putout and one assist, with no errors. Risberg, shortstop, accepted 16 chances with 3 errors. Score:

HELENA.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Spencer, lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Cronin, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	2	0
Menges, ss	4	1	1	4	3	0	0
Quigley, 2b	4	1	1	2	4	0	0
Lussl, 1b	4	0	2	9	0	0	0
Gibson, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dorch, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Crittenden, c	4	0	0	7	3	0	0
Sullivan, p	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
Williams, p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

OGDEN.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Woolums, 1b	2	1	0	13	1	0	0
Moorehead, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Jones, 3b	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wessler, 2b	4	1	1	0	4	0	0
Risberg, ss	4	1	3	7	5	3	0
Murray, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Cobb, rf	3	0	2	1	1	0	0
Perkins, c	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Hallinger, p	2	1	0	0	2	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

Helena . . . . .0 0 1 0 0 2 0 1-4  
Ogden . . . . .0 0 0 6 0 0 0 1 x-6  
Two-base hits—Spencer, Quigley, Gibson. Three-base hits—Jones, Risberg. Stolen bases—Murray, Cobb. Sacrifice hits—Moorehead, Hallinger. Double plays—Quigley to Crittenden, Risberg to Woolums to Jones, Risberg to Woolums, Cobb to Perkins to Risberg, Wessler to Risberg to Woolums. Struck out—By Williams 6, by Hallinger 2. Bases on balls—Off Sullivan 3, off Williams 3, off Hallinger 1. Hits—Off Sullivan 2 in 2 innings off Williams 6 in 6 innings. Wild pitch Sullivan. Hit by pitcher Murray by Williams. Left on bases—Helena 4, Ogden 4. Time of game—One hour and 30 minutes. Umpire Frary.

July 30, 1913

Cobb signs with the Ogden Cannery of the Union Association.

August 1, 1913

Cobb arrives in Ogden and puts in an appearance at the ballpark during the eighth inning ... the *Salt Lake Telegram* reports,

**"The game was all but forgotten while the grandstand craned its neck to get a peep at the brother of famous Tyrus."**

**◀◀ August 2, 1913**

Making his Ogden debut, Cobb starts in right field and bats seventh, going 2-for-3 with a stolen base and combines with 18-year-old shortstop Swede Risberg for a double play in a 6-4 win over the visiting Helena Senators ... Risberg, a third-grade dropout, is later banned from organized baseball for his participation in the Black Sox Scandal in the 1919 World Series.

September 11, 1914

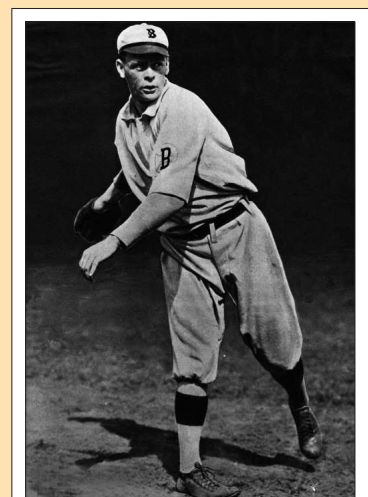
After hitting .331 with a minor league-best 43 doubles for John Gimlin's Cannery, Cobb is named to the Official Scorer's Union Association All-Star team.

February 19, 1915

The *Springfield (Mass.) Union* reports that Elmira of the New York State League is trying to sign Cobb who has declared himself a free agent.

March 1915

Cobb is officially listed on Elmira's winter roster, however the reluctant outfielder



**Tom Tuckey**

"Tabasco Tom" Tuckey pitches a 2-0 shutout against the St. Louis Cardinals in his first major league game on August 11, 1908. In two years (1908-09) with the Boston Doves, Tuckey is 3-12, including a 0-9 mark in 1909.

## Paul Cobb [6 of 7]:

elects to sit out the entire 1915 season at the family residence in Royston, Georgia.

### COBB TO TERRE HAUTE,

#### Brother of Ty Gets Central League Birth.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 25.—Paul Cobb, brother of the famous Ty Cobb, has signed to play with Terre Haute of the Central league the coming season. He has been wintering at his farm near here, where he and Art Phelan have been working out.

and chest) that occurs during a team trip to Louisville, Kentucky.

May 3, 1916

Following a 3-3 start, Terre Haute player/manager Rufus Gilbert gives Cobb his unconditional release and sells outfielder Ted Kaylor to the Hannibal Mules of the Three-I (B) League ... Cobb is hitting .278 with five hits in 18 at bats at the time of his release.

Beulah files for a divorce  
September 15, 1916

### WIFE WANTS DIVORCE; HUSBAND PLAYS BALL

Beulah Cobb has petitioned the district court for a decree of divorce from John Paul Cobb, baseball player. The plaintiff alleges that she was married to the defendant in Lincoln in June, 1912, and that he has failed to support her, though earning good wages. He is a professional baseball player, it is declared, and devotes his time to playing ball to the neglect of his wife. In addition to a divorce the plaintiff asks for the restoration of her maiden name, Postle. The defendant has filed an answer in which he makes general denial of the allegations of plaintiff.

### BROTHER OF TY COBB PLAYS BALL VS. HUNS

Paul Cobb, Sensational Detroit Outfielder, Will Score Against Kaiser's Men.

Cleveland, O., April 26.—Paul Cobb, brother of Ty Cobb, the sensational Detroit outfielder, and at one time a big league ball player himself, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps here and is now on his way to the Marine training camp at Paris Island, S. C.

Young Cobb was given a trial with the Detroit club several years ago, but was turned over to Cleveland, which club finally turned him over to the Topeka club of the Western League. His light batting was responsible for his exit from the big tent.

Cobb makes the third ball player of note to join the Marines, Dots Miller, captain of the St. Louis Cardinals and Nig Clarke, Cleveland catcher, being already at Paris Island.

### ◀◀ February 25, 1916

A 28-year-old Cobb returns to baseball, signing with the Terre Haute Highlanders of the Central (B) League.

April 13, 1916

Cobb is confined in a Terre Haute hospital with a "severe attack" of Pleurisy (Inflammation of the of the lining of the lungs

May 8, 1916

Five days after being released by Terre Haute, Cobb signs with the Newport News Shipbuilders of the Virginia (C) League ... Cobb hits a meager .143 (3-for-28) in six games before drawing his second release of the season on May 27.

June 1, 1916

Cobb signs as a player/manager with the Jacksonville Tarpons.

June 2, 1916

In his first game with the Tarpons, Cobb hits the 44th and final home run of his professional career in a 4-3 win over the Albany Babies in a South Atlantic (C) League game.

June 26, 1916

For the third time in the first two months of the 1916 season, Cobb draws an unconditional release when Jacksonville releases him ... as a manager, Cobb directs the Tarpons to a 12-8 record, but team directors decide that he has too much "temperament" following a fight with an opposing player.

August 1, 1916

Playing for a semipro team in Sanford, Florida, Cobb hits a home run in a 9-5 win over visiting Orlando.

### ◀◀ April 18, 1918

Cobb enlists in the United States Marine Corp in Cleveland, Ohio, and is sent to the Marine training camp at Paris Island, South Carolina ... Cobb will join Dots Miller, the captain of the St. Louis Cardinals and veteran Cleveland Indians catcher Nig Clarke at Paris Island.

Fred Fort to Cobb's Rescue  
Lincoln (Neb.) Evening Journal  
May 16, 1916

### THE RECORD OF PAUL COBB

Reader Says Some Slips Were Made  
in Discussing It.

Several flaws in a story regarding the career of Paul Cobb are found by a News reader who comes to the defense of the slender Georgian in this way:

"Dear Sir: In yours of May 5 under caption of 'The Case of Paul Cobb,' you seem to be laboring under several kinds of delusions.

You say he began at the top and gradually descended the ladder round by round.

"Paul Cobb never had a try out with Detroit nor Buffalo, nor Salt Lake, nor did he come here from Buffalo. He did play ball either at Joplin or Oklahoma City in the Western association was drafted by St. Louis, turned loose without a trial, at eighteen years of age, went back to the minors and was brought to Lincoln from a defunct out-law league on the Pacific coast, played ball in Lincoln 1919-11-12 and part of 13. was released in middle of season of 1913. Finished season in Ogden, Utah, played with Ogden until Union association disbanded in 1914. Did not descend to Terre Haute but to his Florida fruit farm. Did not play in 1915.

If you care to investigate Paul Cobb's record you will find that outside of 1913 he played good ball wherever he played. He played centerfield for Ogden, Utah, in 1914, and in eighty-four games, made ten more putouts, two more assists than Tyros Raymond did in ninety-seven games, fielding twenty-six points better than his marvelous brother. His record of thirty-seven two base hits in eighty-four games was the best in organized ball for 1911. In regard to his failure to make good at Terre Haute, I wish to say in his behalf, that I have a letter from Paul written on hospital stationery in which he stated that he was recovering from an attack of pneumonia and hoped to be out in a few days. This letter was dated just a few days before the opening of the Central league season. I remain yours truly.

"FRED F. FORT."

## Paul Cobb [7 of 7]:

July 21, 1918

Cobb has three hits, including two home runs, to lead the Quantico Marines past visiting Camp Meigs 10-6.

**October 27, 1964 ▶▶**

Cobb dies in Sarasota, Florida, at the age of 75.

### J. Paul Cobb

**J. Paul Cobb, 75**, brother of the immortal Ty Cobb, died at Sarasota, Fla., October 27. Cobb never played a game in the majors, but was an outfielder-first baseman on a number of minor league clubs. He was obtained by the old St. Louis Browns from Enid in 1908, but was released to Memphis for 1909. Instead of reporting to Memphis, he jumped to Douglas, Ariz.

Hartford claimed it had negotiated for Cobb's contract with the Browns and, in 1910, the National Commission decided he was the property of Lincoln. He was with the Nebraska team for three years and later played with Terre Haute, Newport News and Jacksonville. He retired in 1916 and was in the U. S. military service in 1918.

Following his arrival in Sarasota in 1924, he helped bring the Red Sox and Indianapolis clubs to the Florida city for spring training.