

On This Date

September 2, 1925

Salisbury second baseman [Gale Staley](#) sets several Piedmont League single-game records when he is 5-for-5 with three home runs, five runs scored and five RBIs in a 13-2 win over Danville.

Two of his home runs come in an eight-run eighth inning as the Colonials move into a tie with Raleigh for fifth-place with a 24-30 record. On the other side of the ledger, the Virginians fall to 5 1/2 games behind front-running Winston-Salem, a 5-4 winner over Durham.

Despite a .351 batting average with the Salisbury, Staley is thinking about "giving it up" when his contract is purchased for the "record price" of \$5,000 by the seventh-place Chicago Cubs on September 11. On September 16, two weeks after his record-setting performance against Danville, the De Pere, Wisconsin, native makes his major league debut. He is 1-for-1 with a walk and an RBI against Boston Braves' starter Larry Benton in an 8-6 loss.

The left-handed hitting Staley will play in seven games for the Cubs at the end of the 1925 campaign and has a least one hit in each game. He ends his rookie season with 11 hits, including a pair of doubles, in 26 at bats and a .423 batting average with three RBIs.

The following January, the Cubs trade Staley, shortstop [Johnny Mitchell](#) and outfielder [Art Weis](#) to the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League for infielder [Clyde Beck](#). Beck will hit .232 in six subsequent major league seasons while Staley will not play another game in the majors again.

