

August 30, 1905

Ty Cobb debuts...

18-year-old Detroit Tiger outfielder Ty Cobb makes his major league debut against the visiting New York Highlanders ... starting in center field and batting fifth in the lineup against Yankee ace Jack Chesbro, Cobb goes 1-3 and handles both of his fielding opportunities flawlessly.

In his first major league at bat, Cobb drives an 0-2 pitch over left fielder Ed Hahn's head for an RBI double and the first of his 4,189 career hits.

Cobb is batting a league-leading .326 in 103 games for the Augusta Tourists of the South Atlantic (C) League when his contract is purchased by Detroit for \$700 on August 24 ... the Tigers instruct Cobb to report to the American League team immediately following Augusta's game the following afternoon.

On August 25, Cobb plays his final game for the Tourists, collecting two hits in four at bats in a 3-0 loss to the Macon Brigands ... during the game, Cobb is presented with a \$50 gold watch and a bouquet of roses ... the watch is a present from the fans and team while the roses are from a "young lady".

Following the Macon game, Cobb does not leave for Detroit as instructed ... *The Augusta Chronicle* reports that Cobb is demanding a percentage of the \$700 the Tigers paid for him and that he is also dissatisfied with the \$200 per month salary that he reportedly will receive in Detroit.

Cobb later agrees to a \$160 agreement for "back pay" from Augusta and train fare from the Tigers, before leaving for Detroit from his home in Royston, Georgia, on August 27 ... his arrival in the "Motor City" is further delayed when he misses train connections in both Atlanta and Cincinnati.

New York Loses Another.

DETROIT, August 30. — Detroit started batting Chesbro in the first inning and assumed a lead which was never lost. Mullin was effective in tight pinches. Dolahanty sprained his ankle sliding to third in the seventh. Coughlin was put out of the game for disputing a decision in the eighth. Attendance 1,200. Score:

Detroit, A.B.R.H.O.A.					N. York, A.B.R.H.O.A.						
McIntyre, lf.	4	2	1	2	0	Conroy, 1b.	5	0	0	13	1
Lindsay, 1b.	4	1	2	13	0	Koehler, rf.	4	0	2	0	0
Schaefer, 2b.	2	1	1	3	3	Elberfeld, ss	4	0	1	1	2
Crawford, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	Williams, 2b	3	0	0	4	7
Cobb, cf.	3	0	1	2	0	Yeager, 3b.	4	1	3	0	4
Coughlin, 3b	3	0	0	2	5	Hahn, cf-if.	3	0	0	1	0
Lowe, 3b.	1	0	0	1	0	Dolahanty, lf	3	0	1	1	0
O'Leary, ss.	4	0	1	0	3	Fultz, of.	1	0	1	0	0
Drill, c.	3	1	2	4	1	McGuire, c.	1	1	1	4	1
Mullin, p.	3	0	1	0	4	Chesbro, p.	3	0	0	0	2
						Orth	1	0	0	0	0
						Chase	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	3	27	16	Totals	32	3	9	24	17

*Batted for Chesbro in the ninth inning.

†Ran for McGuire in the ninth inning.

Detroit 2 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 *—5

New York 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1—3

Errors—Detroit, none; New York, Conroy 1, Williams 1, McGuire 1.

Earned runs—Detroit 4, New York 1. Two-base hits—McIntyre, Cobb, Schaefer. Sacrifice hits—Schaefer, Hahn, McGuire. Stolen bases—Schaefer, Crawford, Chase. Bases on balls—Off Mullin 5, off Chesbro 2. Left on bases—Detroit 5, New York 9. Struck out—By Mullin 3, by Chesbro 4. Double play—Elberfeld, Williams to Conroy. Time—2:02. Umpire—O'Loughlin.