

On This Date

December 2, 1893

Born on December 2, 1893, in Baltimore, Maryland, noted local semipro pitcher **Tommy Vereker** appears in two games with the Federal League's Baltimore Terrapins in June of 1915.

On June 9, a 21-year-old Vereker is pitching for Marshalls when he has a tryout for Baltimore at Terrapin Park. Impressing manager Otto Knabe with his assortment of curveballs, the 5-10 right-hander is given a uniform and told to be ready and should a Terrapin hurler be given "a bumping" he will be given a chance.

A star pitcher for four seasons the St. John's Athletic Association in Baltimore's vanunted Catholic League, Vereker makes his Federal League debut on June 17, 1915, against the Kansas City Packers. The third of four Terrapin pitchers, Vereker pitches a scoreless eighth inning with one strikeout in a 9-5 loss to the Kansas City Packers.

In between appearances for the Terrapins, Vereker is given a day off on June 19, to pitch Elk Mills to a seven-hit, 4-2 win over Parkside. In his second major league appearance on June 22 against the Chicago Whales, Vereker is roughed up, allowing five runs on three hits and two walks in two innings.

During World War I, he spends 10 months stationed in France between 1918 and 1919. Returning stateside in 1920, Vereker leads the Blue Ridge (D) League in wins with 17, playing for the Hagerstown Champs.

