On September 21, 1882, 20-year-old Harry Maskrey makes his major league debut when he fills in at centerfield for the depleted Louisville Eclipse in a Thursday afternoon affair with the Pittsburgh Alleghenys.

With Pete Browning and Guy Hecker given the day off - Browning for an illness and Hecker to visit his wife - the Eclipse attempt to play that afternoon's game with only eight players.

The Alleghenys agree, but the game's umpire tells Louisville manager Denny Mackhe must find a ninth player or forfeit the game.

The younger brother of Louisville outfielder Leech Maskrey and an amateur player of note in their Pennsylvania hometown of Mercer, younger Harry starts in centerfield and is 0-for-4, striking out twice and making an error, in Louisville's 6-4 loss to the homestanding Alleghenys in front of 1,500 fans.