

On This Date

May 17, 1902

Henry Cooper's single to left field drives home catcher David Lehman with the game's only run as Charlotte tops Raleigh 1-0 in an 18-inning North Carolina State League game in the Queen City.

Cooper's single makes a hard luck loser of the Red Birds' John Leonard. Both Leonard and the Hornets' John Bishop strike out nine and allow only nine hits in a game that takes only two hours and 25 minutes to complete.

In other North Carolina State League action, Greensboro edges New Bern 2-1, while

Wilmington and Durham are scoreless in the sixth inning when Wilmington manager Edgar Bear pulls his team off the field following a call by umpire George Proud. Proud then declares the game forfeited to the homestanding Bulls 9-0. After the game, Bear tells the media that unless Durham leaves the league his team will withdraw from the six-team circuit. Later that evening, Bear goes to Durham's Central Hotel and assaults the arbiter in the lobby. Bear is arrested and eventually fined \$28.50, including \$3.50 for court costs.

Three years later, Bear, also a circus trick rider known by his stage name of "Eddie Merode," is found dead in an opium den in Salt Lake City, Utah. A couple of years earlier, Bear, a Wilmington native, had received \$30,000 from his father's estate which he had spent before going into show business.

CHARLO'E.	AB.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.	RALEIGH.	AB.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.
Cooper, lf...	6	0	1	5	0	0	Pastor, ss....	6	0	0	2	5	0
Weaver, cf..	3	0	2	1	1	0	Soffel, 2b.....	7	0	0	10	7	0
Persons, rf..	2	0	0	0	0	0	Hook, 3b.....	7	0	0	0	2	0
Armstr'g, 1b	6	0	1	19	0	0	Farrell, 1b,..	7	0	1	22	0	1
Osteen, ss...	7	0	0	8	6	0	Roy, cf.....	7	0	4	2	0	0
Ashenb'k, rf	5	0	2	5	0	0	Myers, rf....	7	0	0	2	0	0
Brothers, 3b	6	0	2	4	6	0	Traeger, lf..	7	0	2	2	0	1
Hempl'n, 2b	5	0	0	3	4	1	Smith, c.....	5	0	2	11	4	0
Lehman, c...	6	1	1	9	2	0	Leonard, p...	6	0	0	1	5	0
Bishop, p....	6	0	0	0	3	0	Total.....	59	0	9	52	23	2
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Charlotte.... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1

Two-base hit—Ashenback. Sacrifice hits—Smith. Soffel, Persons, Armstrong, Hempleman, Lehman, Bishop. Stolen bases—Brothers 2. First on balls—Off Leonard 5. Struck out—By Bishop 9, Leonard 9. Hit by pitcher—Cooper. Left on bases—Raleigh 7, Charlotte 10. Double play—Osteen, Hempleman, Armstrong. Umpire—Mace. Time—2.25.