

A rumored trade of Walter Johnson for Ty Cobb draws newspaper headlines across the nation. Detroit Tiger President Frank Navin denies the rumor saying he would never trade Cobb.

JOHNSON MORE VALUABLE TO NATIONALS THAN TY COBB

Rumored Deal Would Not Be Sanctioned by McAleer or the Fans—Fogel's Repudiation of the Cincinnati Deal Causes Trouble

The Washington Post reports:

"The fact that no one connected with either club knows anything about such a deal, and that Manager McAleer has not met President Navin, who does the trading for the Tigers, since the season closed, does not lessen the gossip and the speculation on the effect on either club that the swap would have.

Were such a deal possible, and completed, each team would lose its best gate card, as well as a man on whom it depends for much of its success. Without Johnson the Nationals would have been in a bad way the past season, while Detroit probably never would have landed any one of its three pennants if deprived of Cobb's hitting and base running."

This isn't the first time that Cobb has been mentioned in trade discussions. Earlier in the year, Boston offers outfielder Tris Speaker and third baseman Harry Lord for the Georgian. But trade talks end when the Red Sox send Lord to Chicago on August 11.

On this date fifty years later, the American League grants Calvin Griffith his wish by allowing him to move the Washington Senators to Minnesota, where the team is renamed the Twins. American League owners also grant Washington an expansion team along with Los Angeles, growing the American League to a 10-team circuit.

Threatening to move the team since 1956, Griffith finally gets consent to end the family's 48-year ownership reign in the Nation's Capital and he takes with him the legends of Walter Johnson, Goose Goslin, Sam Rice, etc.