

On This Date

June 11, 1927

Augusta Tygers third baseman [Fritz Werber](#) steals seven bases in an 8-5 win over the homestanding Columbia Comers in the first game of a South Atlantic (B) League double-header. Werber steals home once, third base twice and second base four times. In the third inning he steals second, third and home.

Many in attendance feel that he should have had eight steals, but on one attempted theft he was ruled safe on an error by the game's official scorer.

The older brother of long-time major league standout [Bill Werber](#), the [Berwyn, Maryland](#) native is 4-for-5 against starter [Adolph Holzhauser](#) and reliever [Ernest Walters](#).

With the twin bill sweep, the last-place Tygers (22-31) move to within 1 1/2 games of the seventh-place Comers (23-29).

Werber started the season with the Knoxville Smokies and despite a .333 batting average while splitting time between third base and the outfield, Smokie manager [Bob Coleman](#) releases him on May 16.

Although never rising above A-level ball, Werber will bat over .300 in five of his seven minor league seasons and finish with a .310 career mark, but with only four home runs in 3,013 at bats.

