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COBB'S BATTING AVERAGE

FOR THIRTEEN YEARS IN MAJORS IS .370.

The Detroit Star Has Performed Some Wonderful Feats Since Joining the Jenning's Tigers.

So much has been said about Ty Cobb's playing that there is little left to be said. The following is only the high spots in the Georgia Peach's career. For instance:

Ty's grand batting average for 13 years is .370 and his grand slugging average over the same period of time is .518. Best batting average for a season is .420, in 1911.

Ty's best batting in one day was on July 19, 1912, when he clouted Connie Mack's twirler for 15 bases in a double-header; in the first game he hit Brown and Pennock for three singles and two homers in as many tries, while in the last game he touched Houck for a single and triple.

During his career as a Tiger, the Peach has made 1,683 singles, 363 doubles, 183 triples and 62 home runs, for a total of 3,203 bases, scored 1,211 runs and stole 681 bases.

Ty played 1,644 games and only only failed to get one or more hits in 338 games, his average for hitting safely in games being .794.

Chesbro First Felt.

Cobb made his debut as a big leaguer in the Yankee-Tiger game played on Aug. 30th, 1905. He immortalized himself in that affair on his first trip to the plate, by soaking one of Jack Chesbro's offerings for a double to left, which scored McIntyre and Lindsay.

Ty's first triple was on April 26th off Otto Hess, of the Naps.

His first home run was pitched to him by Cy Falkenberg, of Washington, on Sept. 23rd, 1905.

He got his first sacrifice on Sept. 7th, off Jimmy Glade, of the Brownies pitching.

Scored his first run during his fifth game, while playing against the White Sox, with "Doc" White pitching.

Ty committed his first error on Sept. 8th, 1905, playing against the Browns.

He stole his first base Sept. 12th, 1905, with Addie Joss pitching and Clarke catching for Cleveland.

Ty figured in his first double play Sept. 14th, 1905, while the Tigers were playing Cleveland. He caught a terrific liner and shot it to second base, beating the runner in the race back to the bag. The double in question retired the side and enabled "Wild Bill" Donovan to score a shutout against the Ohioans.

Only once did a pinch hitter take Cobb's place, and that time was on a freak. When his umps announced "Payne now batting for Cobb" on May 30th, 1906. Ty had hit safely in 31 out of his last 32 games. "Doc" White was pitching. Ty always admitted that Addie Joss and "Doc" White were the two pitchers he feared most of all.

In the 25 games that Joss faced him, Ty could only hit White for an average of .253. While he hit White for .335 in 46 games, doing his best hitting toward the end of White's career.

Cobb played in 17 games during three world's series, and hit the pitching of "Miner" Brown, "Babe" Adamas, Jack Pfeister and others for 13 singles, four doubles and one triple for an average of .262.

Ty has faced over 200 pitchers during his 13 years in the American league and found "Bullet" Joe Bush the softest of them all, for he nicked his offerings for .474. He hit Eddie Plank for .340 in 52 games, and he touched Walter Johnson's cannon ball for .326 in 50 contests.

Cob got five hits in a single world's series game. It was off Jack Pfeister during 1908.

Cobb got four hits in a game 41 times during 13 years.

Ed. Walsh Stopped Ty.

Ty holds the major league record of hitting safely in consecutive games, for in 1911 he got 80 hits in 40 straight games, when Ed. Walsh stopped him during the morning game of July 4th.

Cobb played in every game which the Tigers engaged in during 1915, 156 games. This is the only year that he did not miss a game.

The most runs Cobb ever scored in one game was on July 30, 1917, against Washington. The most stolen bases in one game was four.

Ty's poorest day at the bat was on July 16th, 1909, when the Tigers and Senators played to an 18-inning scoreless tie. Both Cobb and Crawford went to bat seven times in that game without making a hit.

Cobb's busiest day in the field was Sept. 29th, 1911. He chased and caught 10 flies; he also scored three runs and hit a double and two triples outside of that he did not do a thing.

An odd feature is that Ty got four hits in a game eight times in 1916, which is the most times he did this feat in a season. That is the only season he failed to attain the batting championship, Tris Speaker taking the batting crown.

Ty Cobb's batting record from Aug. 30th, 1905, to Aug. 6th, 1917, inclusive: Grand 13-year batting average, .370; grand 13-year slugging average, .518.

WEAK PITCHING KEEPS CLEVELAND DOWN

But Fohl Believes They Can Finish Third in American League Race.

Lee Fohl, manager of the Cleveland Indians, believes his team will finish third.

"Pitchers is what I need," Fohl declared. "Two strong, husky heavers are drawing Cleveland pay cheques, and they're nearly or quite equal anything in the league. Bagby and Covaleskie would look good in any American League uniform. But right there the resemblance to a championship pitching staff ends. Lambeth can twirl cleverly at times, but not enough time to make him a star.

Klepfer has been an in-and-outer. Gould needs development, and Joe Wood is still in the experimental stage. Guy Morton has made noises like a comeback, and if he ever succeds in making it stick the Indians will be far more troublesome than the bearers of their names have been for some years.

Fohl, aside from a pitching staff, has a team that would be figured a pennant possibility. He has a fine outfield, one of the best catchers in the game, and an infield that ranks with the best. Harris, first baseman, is devolping into a star.

An added pitcher would suddenly fling Cleveland into the suspense of waiting decisions for a pennant.

Sporting Notes

George("Duffy") Lewis, of the Boston Red Sox, has enrolled as a yeoman in the Naval Reserve.

Purchase of Don. R. Flynn, outfielder, from the Shreveport club of the Texas League, has been announced by the Pittsburg club.

Joe Jackson, star outfielder of the Chicago White Sox, has been summoned to appear before the exemption board of his home town.

In order to retain their players and territorial rights next season the National Commission has ruled that disbanded leagues must pay all salaries in full.

Publication of betting odds on horse races wherever conducted is illegal under a Michigan law which has just become effective. Detroit newspapers have eliminated betting odds from their race records.

Joe Judge and Eddie Foster, of Washington club, have been drafted. They will probably claim exemption.

Barney Oldfield lowered two world's automobile records for a dirt track at St. Louis.

When Sun Briar beat a selected lot of two-year-olds in the Saratoga Special he brought home $11,750 to Willis Sharpe Kilmer.

McGillen, the young pitcher of the Worcester club, pitched a no-hit, no-run game against the New Haven team last Saturday. This is the first time this feat has ever been accomplished in the Eastern League.

John L. Hackett has forwarded a cheque for $200, being the first instalment of his stake for the rowing match with Eddie Durnan.

A world's record was set on Friday last at Saratoga when thirty-one yearlings by Star Shoot, the property of John E. Madden, sold for a grand total of $73,387, or an average of $2,367.

HAVANA RED SOX - WIN

THE GAME WITH A PICKED CITY LEAGUE TEAM.

On Wednesday Afternoon by 3 to 1 —The Game Did Not Start Until Five O'clock.

In a little over an hour some of the nicest baseball that has been played on the cricket field for many a day was handed out to the fans on Wednesday afternoon when the Havana Red Sox won from a picked team of the City League by 3 to 1.

The Sox are still a big drawing card and there were fully 1,500 people scattered over the grounds. It was quite evident, however, that the visitors were not going to have a walkover from the first innings. They came to Kingston direct from Gananoque, where they had played early in the afternoon and they were quite tired. It was five o'clock before the game started.

The Red Sox started off their scoring in the first innings, but they had to work hard after that to get in a run. Rees singled, stole second and scored on a three base smash of Omay, who afterwards scored. Casson fouled to third. Dandridge out pitcher to first. Allen walked. Bennett took first on an error of Sommerville and Forest was out, pitcher to first.

C. Stewart slammed a hard one out to the right field, but on the run-in he muffed the ball and Charlie took first. Nicholson and Hall were both out and Sommerville shot a liner to first.

In the second innings "Pop Watkins' boys went out one after the other. Daley kicked over the reins for the locals and hammered out past left centre one of the neatest home-run hits that has been seen for some time. He shipped the ball a long way past centre. It was the only run that the locals snatched in the whole game.

The watermelon eaters kept things quiet in the third innings. Omay, Allen and Bennett were all put out second to first, Dandridge walked but Casson sent out a two-bagger along the right line. For the locals Stewart singled but was put out at third base, and Nicholson and Urie fanned.

After the first innings the visitors had a hard time navigating, and "no runs, no hits, no errors" was chalked up for them. The locals, although they didn't get any runs, corked up some hits, Cotman, Dick, Sommerville and Saunders each getting one.

In the seventh Walters got a double but was left on a base. Dick and Stewart fanned and Urie was put out, third to first.

The ebony boys worked hard in the eighth and managed to get one run. Allen walked, went to second on an error and then managed to get home. Sommerville slammed a double but the other men up were called.

Some excitement was provided in the ninth. Rees shot out one good for three sacks over centrefield's head. Omay knocked another and got to first on a fielder's choice, when Somerville threw the ball home and Rees was put out.

For the locals two pinch hitters, Spencer and Thompson, were put in in the ninth, but everyone went out in one-two-three order and the game ended 3 to 1.

Havana Red Sox.

	R.	H.	E.
Rees, 2b	1	2	0
Omay, 1b	1	1	0
Casson, c	0	1	1
Dandridge, ss	0	0	2
Allen, rf	1	0	1
Bennett, lf	0	0	0
Forest, cf	0	0	0
Morton, 3b	0	0	0
Walters, p	0	1	0
	3	5	4

City Leaguers.

	R.	H.	E.
Stewart, 3b	0	1	0
Nicholson, cf	0	0	0
Hall, rf	0	0	0
Sommerville, 2b	0	2	1
Saunders, 1b	0	1	1
Cotman, c	0	1	0
Daley, lf	1	1	0
G. Dick, ss	0	1	0
Urie, p	0	0	0
	1	7	2

John Colson, of Guelph, an old time ball player and a member of the Guelph Maple Leafs fifty years ago, died yesterday at his home in Guelph. He was 72 years of age.

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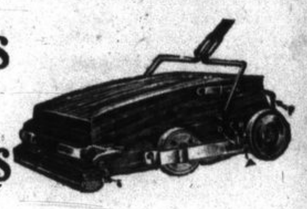

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