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Lou Gehrig, although overshadowed much of his career, nevertheless had more big batting days than any other player. To start with, he hit a record 23 grand slam homers. On five occasions he had 4 long hits in a game. He had 8 RBIs in a game three times. He hit for the cycle twice. On seven occasions he had 12 or more total bases in a game. This included a 4-homer game, and three 3-homer games. Then there was that time he hit 3 triples in 4½ innings and had the game washed out. Lou even had 3 stolen bases in one game as well as 15 career steals of home. A few of these games are highlighted in the text of this book.

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Preface

In March 1976, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National League and the 75th anniversary of the American League, the Society for American Baseball Research issued a special publication entitled *This Date in Baseball History*. We took a game-oriented approach to the review of baseball's first century and dealt with the significant games and related happenings during the full time spectrum of the baseball season, from April 4, which was the earliest opening game, to October 26, which was then the latest World Series game in this century. We had at least one entry for each date; in some cases we had to be selective because the list for a certain date was getting too long.

All the copies of the 1976 edition have been exhausted. Therefore, we have decided to publish an updated and expanded version which follows essentially the same format. About ten old items have been dropped and about 65 new ones added, only a portion of which are from the 1976-82 period. We have tried to make a balanced selection, both by era and area, and to publish unusual happenings not generally known as well as accounts of the more familiar, historically significant games. The items are necessarily brief. If any reader desires more information, a check of old newspaper accounts for the particular date might prove rewarding.

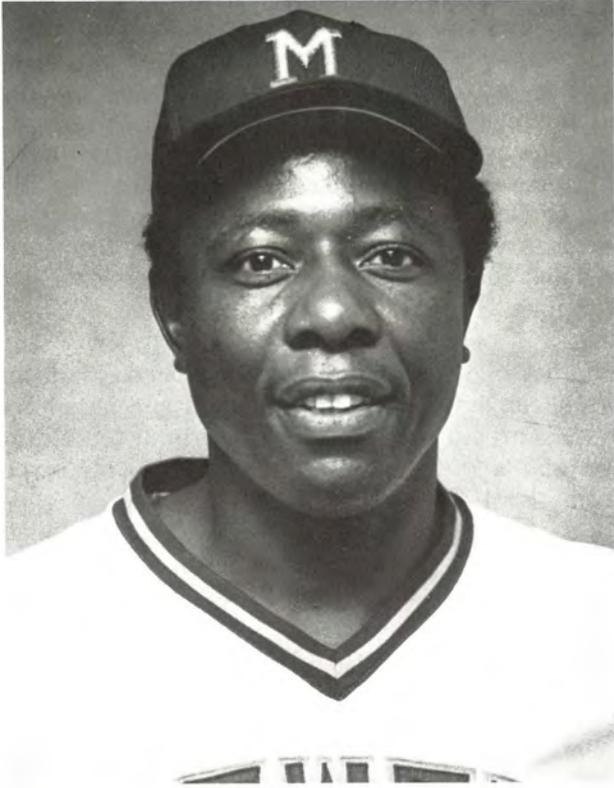
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Henry Aaron

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April 4

1974—In the earliest opening in major league history, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in 11 innings before a crowd of 52,000 at Riverfront Stadium. Vice President Gerald Ford threw out the first ball. In his first time at bat, Henry Aaron hit a 3-run homer off Jack Billingham. It was his 714th, tying Babe Ruth's career record.

April 5

1971—In what was to be their last opening day in Washington, the Senators behind Dick Bosman beat the Oakland A's 8-0 before 45,000 at RFK Stadium.

April 6

1972—For the first time in history, the major leagues failed to open because of a general player strike that was to last for 9 days.

1973—Ron Blomberg of the Yankees became the first major league designated hitter. With the bases loaded in the first inning, he was walked by pitcher Luis Tiant, but the Red Sox won 15-5.

April 7

1969—The Yankees spoiled the managerial debut of Ted Williams by defeating the Senators 8-4 in the opener at Washington's RFK Stadium. President Nixon and a crowd of 45,000 were in attendance.

1979—Ken Forsch of Houston pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Atlanta to duplicate the no-hitter hurled by his brother Bob of the Cardinals against the Phillies on April 16, 1978. They are the first brothers to hurl no-hitters.

April 8

1974—In the home opener at Atlanta, Henry Aaron broke Babe Ruth's career record by slugging his 715th home run off southpaw Al Downing in the 4th inning. The Braves downed the Dodgers 7-4 before a crowd of nearly 54,000.

April 8—Continued

1975—Frank Robinson, making his debut as player-manager of the Cleveland Indians, hit a home run in his first at bat (as a designated hitter) to help beat New York 5-3.

April 9

1913—Ebbets Field was opened in Brooklyn and the Phils spoiled the inaugural by defeating the Dodgers 1-0 before a chilled crowd of 10,000. Tom Seaton beat Nap Rucker.

1947—Leo Durocher, manager of the Dodgers, was suspended one year by Commissioner Happy Chandler for incidents detrimental to baseball.

1965—The Houston Astrodome was opened with an exhibition game between the Yankees and Astros. President Lyndon Johnson attended, Governor John Connally threw out the first ball, and Mickey Mantle hit the first home run. The Astros won 2-1.

1981—Fernando Valenzuela made his first major league start a stunning success by hurling a 2-0, five-hit triumph over the Astros in Los Angeles. He was pressed into the opening day assignment when Jerry Reuss pulled a calf muscle.

April 10

1913—New President Woodrow Wilson threw out the first ball as the Senators edged the Yankees 2-1 in the Washington opener. Walter Johnson gave up an unearned run in the first inning, but was not to allow another run for 56 consecutive innings.

1962—The first major league game played in Texas saw the Houston Colts defeat the Cubs 11-2 before 25,000.

April 11

1891—Clark Griffith made his major league pitching debut for St. Louis in the old American Association and beat Cincinnati 13-5.

1962—The New York Mets played their first game and lost 11-4 to the Cardinals at St. Louis.

1969—The newly created Seattle Pilots played their first game, with Gary Bell shutting out the White Sox 7-0 at Sicks' Stadium.

April 12

1892—Inaugurating the first 12-team National League season, Amos Rusie of the Giants nosed out Tim Keefe of the Phils 5-4.

April 12—Continued

1966—A crowd of 50,000 welcomed the Braves to Atlanta, but Willie Stargell spoiled the occasion with a 2-run home run in the 13th inning to give the Pirates a 3-2 win.

1980—In an awesome display of power, Cecil Cooper and Don Money each belted a grand slam homer in the second inning of Milwaukee's 18-1 victory over the Red Sox.

April 13

1914—The first Federal League game was played in Baltimore and the Terrapins defeated Buffalo 3-2 behind Jack Quinn. A crowd estimated at 27,000 stood 15 rows deep in the outfield to witness the return of Big League baseball to Baltimore.

1925—In an opening day thriller, Walter Johnson of the Senators defeated Eddie Rommel of the A's 1-0 in 15 innings.

1953—For the first time in half a century, a new city was represented in the American and National Leagues. The Braves moved from Boston to Milwaukee and opened in Cincinnati where Max Surkont set down the Reds 2-0.

1954—Henry Aaron made his major league debut in left field for the Braves and went 0 for 5 in a 9-8 loss to the Reds.

April 14

1915—In the opening game at Philadelphia, southpaw Herb Pennock of the A's blanked the Red Sox 5-0. He allowed only one hit—a scratch single by Harry Hooper with two out in the ninth.

1969—The first major league game outside of the United States was played in Montreal's Jarry Park with the Expos defeating the St. Louis Cardinals 8-7.

April 15

1909—Leon Ames of the New York Giants pitched a no-hitter for 9-1/3 innings on opening day, but lost 3-0 to Brooklyn in 13 innings.

1910—President William Howard Taft initiated the custom of the Chief Executive throwing out the first ball at a Washington opener. Walter Johnson responded by holding the Athletics to one hit in a 3-0 win.

1947—Jackie Robinson played his first major league game at first base for the Dodgers. He went 0 for 3 at bat, but scored the deciding run in a 5-3 victory over the Boston Braves at Brooklyn. He was the first Black to appear in the majors since 1884.

April 15—continued

1958—Major League baseball came to California as the transplanted Giants and Dodgers played the first game on the Pacific Coast. Playing in Seals Stadium in San Francisco, Ruben Gomez blanked Los Angeles 8-0.

1968—Houston and the Mets played 24 innings in a night game in the Astrodome before the Astros won 1-0. The game lasted more than 6 hours.

April 16

1935—Babe Ruth, 40, made a sensational National League debut at Boston. His single and homer off Carl Hubbell led the Braves over the Giants 4-2.

1940—Bob Feller of Cleveland defeated the White Sox 1-0 in an opening day no-hitter at Chicago.

April 17

1892—The first Sunday game in National League history saw the Cincinnati Reds defeat St. Louis 5-1. Biddy McPhee helped the cause with a homer.

1953—Mickey Mantle cleared the bleachers at Griffith Stadium with a 565-foot home run off Chuck Stobbs. The blast came in the 5th inning of a 7-3 win over the Senators.

1976—Mike Schmidt of the Phillies hit 4 home runs and a single in an 18-16, ten-inning victory over the Cubs in Wrigley Field. Hitting a dismal .167 going into the game, he connected twice off Rick Reuschel, once off Rick's brother Paul Reuschel, and once off Darold Knowles. He knocked in 8 runs.

April 18

1899—John McGraw, still only 26, made his managerial debut with the Orioles. He led them to a 5-3 win over the New York Giants, a team he would later manage for more than 30 years.

1923—In the first game played in Yankee Stadium, a record crowd of 72,400 watched Babe Ruth lead the Yankees to victory over the Red Sox with a home run.

April 19

1890—In the first game in the Players League, Buffalo routed Cleveland 23-2. It was a great start, but Buffalo finished the season deep in the cellar.

April 19—Continued

1920—Al Schacht, who later became the “Clown Prince of Baseball,” was all business as he pitched the Senators to a 7-0 victory over the Athletics.

1981—The International League game between Rochester and Pawtucket which started at 8 the previous evening was suspended at 4:07 on Easter morning after 32 innings with the score tied at 2-2. When the game was resumed on June 23, Pawtucket scored one run in the 33rd to win. It was easily the longest game in O.B. history.

April 20

1910—Addie Joss of Cleveland pitched the second no-hitter of his career, a 1-0 win over the White Sox in Chicago.

1912—Fenway Park was opened in Boston and the Red Sox beat the visiting New York Yankees 7-6 in 11 innings.

1920—Manager Gavy Cravath of the Phils inserted himself as a pinch hitter and beat the Giants with a 3-run homer, 3-0. It was his last in the majors.

April 21

1898—Bill Duggleby made his pitching debut for the Phillies and defeated the New York Giants 13-4. More important, he became the only player ever to hit a bases-loaded home run in his first at bat. The blow came in the second inning off Cy Seymour, who later became a NL batting champ.

April 22

1876—In the first National League game ever played, Joseph Borden of Boston beat the hometown Philadelphia club 5-4.

1970—Tom Seaver of the Mets fanned the last 10 Padres he faced for a 2-1 victory. He gave up only 2 hits while whiffing a total of 19 San Diego players.

April 23

1939—Rookie Ted Williams had 4 hits in 5 trips, including his first major league home run, but the Red Sox lost to Philadelphia 12-8 at Fenway Park.

1952—Bob Feller of the Indians and Bob Cain of the St. Louis Browns matched one-hitters but Cain was able to pull out the victory 1-0.

April 23—continued

1952—Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants won his first major league game (in relief), but more dramatically, hit a home run at the Polo Grounds in his first at bat. Although he pitched in 1070 games in the majors, he never hit another homer.

April 24

1901—The American League, in its first year in the majors, played its first game with Chicago defeating Cleveland 8-2. Three other games were scheduled but were rained out.

April 25

1876—Al Spalding pitched the first shutout in the National League as Chicago, in its first game, blanked Louisville 4-0. The Chicago franchise is the only one to spend the full 107 years in the league.

1901—In the American League opener in Detroit, the home club was trailing Milwaukee 13-4 going into the last half of the ninth. In one of the great comebacks, Detroit scored 10 runs to win 14-13. Frank Dillon had 4 doubles in this game.

1933—Pitcher Russ Van Atta of the Yankees made a most spectacular debut by shutting out Washington 16-0 and collecting 4 hits himself.

April 26

1905—Jack McCarthy of the Cubs became the only outfielder in major league history to throw out three runners at the plate, each of whom became the second out of a double play. The victims were the Pirates in a 2-1 loss.

1931—An unusual game between Washington and New York saw Lou Gehrig hit a “home run” into the centerfield stands at Griffith Stadium, but the ball bounced back and Lyn Lary, rounding second base, saw the centerfielder catch it. He jogged past third and into the Yankee dugout unnoticed by Joe McCarthy, coaching at third. Gehrig was declared out for passing a runner and lost a homer. In the same game, Ossie Bluege hit a short fly to rightfielder Dusty Cooke, who ran in for it, flipped over trying to catch it and disabled himself. Gehrig ran out to get the ball but Bluege circled the bases on one of the shortest homers ever.

April 27

1944—Jim Tobin of the Braves pitched a no-hitter over the Dodgers at Boston, winning 2-0. He also hit a homer.

April 27—continued

1947—Babe Ruth Day at Yankee Stadium drew a crowd of more than 58,000 to honor the ailing star. In the game, Sid Hudson of the Senators beat Spud Chandler 1-0.

April 28

1930—The first night game in Organized Baseball was played at Independence, Kansas, in the Western Association. Muskogee defeated Independence 13-3.

1934—Goose Goslin of the Tigers was embarrassed by hitting into 4 consecutive double plays, but Detroit beat Cleveland 4-1.

April 29

1931—Wes Ferrell of the Indians pitched a 7-0 no-hitter over the Browns, including his brother Rick. Wes also knocked in 4 runs with a homer and double.

1933—In a strange play at home plate, catcher Luke Sewell of the Senators tagged out two Yankee runners on the same play. Lou Gehrig had held up thinking a fly ball would be caught. Dixie Walker closed up on him and both were tagged out.

April 30

1922—Charlie Robertson of the White Sox pitched a perfect game against the Tigers, winning 2-0.

1939—Lou Gehrig played the last game of his 2130-consecutive game streak, and of his career.

1961—Willie Mays of the Giants unloaded four home runs in a lopsided win over the Braves in Milwaukee.



Charles "Chief" Bender

May 1

1920—Joe Oeschger of the Braves and Leon Cadore of the Dodgers pitched the full 26 innings of a 1-1 tie game, the longest in major league history.

1926—Satchel Paige made his debut for Chattanooga in the Negro Southern League, beating Birmingham 5-4. He was 20 at the time.

1959—39-year-old Early Wynn of the White Sox was the whole show against the Red Sox as he pitched a one-hitter, struck out 14, and hit a double and home run for a 1-0 victory.

May 2

1917—Fred Toney of the Reds and James “Hippo” Vaughn of the Cubs pitched a double no-hitter for 9 innings, but the Reds won on 2 hits in the 10th, 1-0. Jim Thorpe was credited with the winning RBI.

1954—Stan Musial collected 5 home runs in a doubleheader split with the New York Giants at St. Louis.

May 3

1936—In his major league debut for the Yankees, Joe DiMaggio collected 3 hits in a 14-5 rout of the St. Louis Browns.

May 4

1871—The first National Association game was played at Fort Wayne, Indiana, with Bobby Mathews of the Kekiongas beating the Forest City club of Cleveland 2-0. Deacon White was the first batter and made the first hit.

1910—The Browns and Cardinals both played home games in St. Louis and President Taft, visiting there, saw fit not to offend either club. He saw parts of both games at Robison Field and Sportsman’s Park.

May 5

1904—Cy Young of the Red Sox pitched a perfect game against the Philadelphia Athletics, beating Rube Waddell 3-0. Having pitched 9 hitless innings in two previous efforts, he ran his string of hitless innings to 18.

1925—Manager Ty Cobb of the Tigers carried a big stick against the Browns, hitting 3 homers, a double, and 2 singles.

May 6

1915—Babe Ruth, pitching for the Red Sox, hit his first major league home run. He connected off Jack Warhop of the Yankees at the Polo Grounds.

1953—Bobo Holloman of the Browns pitched a no-hit game against the Athletics in his first start. He never pitched another complete game in the majors.

1982—Gaylord Perry won the 300th game of his career, a 7-3 triumph over the Yankees in Seattle before 27,369 fans.

May 7

1906—Pitcher Bill Donovan of the Tigers singled in the 5th, stole second and third (while Ty Cobb was striking out), and then stole home on a double steal. He also hit a triple in an 8-3 triumph over Cleveland.

1917—Babe Ruth gave up only 2 hits as he outdueled Walter Johnson of the Senators 1-0. Ruth knocked in the winning Boston run with a sacrifice fly.

1925—Pittsburgh shortstop Glenn Wright made an unassisted triple play in the 9th inning against the Cardinals when he caught Jim Bottomley's liner, stepped on second to double Jimmy Cooney, and tagged Rogers Hornsby coming from first.

1960—Norm Sherry, a replacement catcher for the Dodgers, hit a home run in the 11th inning to give his brother, relief hurler Larry Sherry, a 3-2 win over the Phils at Los Angeles.

May 8

1890—Wee Willie McGill, 16-year-old hurler with Cleveland in the Players League, pitched a complete game victory over Buffalo 14-5. He also hit a single and knocked in a run.

1906—Connie Mack needed a substitute outfielder in the 6th inning of a game against Boston and called on pitcher Chief Bender to fill in. He hit 2 home runs, both inside the park, for an Athletic victory.

1968—Jim "Catfish" Hunter of Oakland pitched a perfect game against the Twins. There was not even a tough fielding play behind Hunter, who fanned 11. He also got 3 hits and 4 RBIs.

May 9

1888—Roger Connor, big first baseman for the Giants, hit 3 homers and a single in an 18-4 victory over Indianapolis.

1916—In his major league pitching debut, Bruno Haas of the A's walked 16 Tigers in a game marred by a record 30 bases on balls.

May 9—Continued

1929—Carl Hubbell pitched a no-hitter against the Pirates, the first by a lefthander in the majors in 13 seasons.

1961—Jim Gentile of the Orioles hit consecutive grand slam homers in the first and second innings in a 13-5 thrashing of Minnesota.

1969—Mike Marshall, starting pitcher for Seattle, shut out Washington on 2 hits, 2-0.

May 10

1909—Pitching for Winchester in the Blue Grass League, Fred Toney worked 17 no-hit innings before winning 1-0 over Lexington.

1934—Lou Gehrig played 5 innings before removing himself from the game because of illness. By that time he had hit 2 homers and 2 doubles for 7RBIs against the White Sox.

May 11

1919—Walter Johnson turned in a scintillating performance in a 12-inning scoreless battle with Jack Quinn of the Yankees at the Polo Grounds. The Big Train gave up only 2 hits and retired 28 men in a row. Future football immortal George Halas, batting leadoff for the Yanks, went 0 for 5, fanning twice.

1923—Setting several Pacific Coast League records, Pete Schneider of Vernon hit 5 homers and a double and knocked in 14 runs in a 35-11 win over Salt Lake City.

May 12

1955—Sam “Toothpick” Jones of the Cubs got a no-hit, no-run game the hard way. In the 9th against Pittsburgh, he walked the bases full and then proceeded to fan the next three batters for a 4-0 win. It was the first no-hitter in Wrigley Field in 38 years.

May 13

1942—Pitcher Jim Tobin of the Braves hit 3 consecutive home runs in defeating the Cubs 6-5 at Braves Field.

1958—Giants teammates Willie Mays and Darryl Spencer each collected four long hits as San Francisco beat the Dodgers at Los Angeles 16-9. Mays had 2 homers, 2 triples and a single (4 RBI), and Spencer had 2 homers, a triple and a double (6 RBI) for a combined 28 total bases.

May 14

1914—Jim Scott of the White Sox pitched 9 innings of no-hit ball against the Senators, but lost 1-0 in 10 innings.

May 15

1919—After 12 scoreless innings, Cincinnati broke through and scored 10 runs off Al Mamaux in the 13th to beat Brooklyn. Hod Eller won for the Reds 10-0.

May 16

1889—Buck Ewing, remembered primarily as a catcher, took to the mound for the New York Giants and pitched a complete game win over Cleveland 6-3.

1953—The White Sox loaded the bases against the Yankees in the 9th inning, but Vern Stephens, who had 10 grand slams to his credit, was lifted for a pinch hitter. Pitcher Tommy Byrne, the substitute batter, hit a jackpot wallop off Ewell Blackwell.

1965—Jim Palmer won his first major league victory and hit his first homer as the Orioles beat the Yanks 7-5. He was 19 at the time.

May 17

1903—In a regulation game played at Columbus, Ohio, because of Sunday restrictions in Cleveland, the Indians beat New York 9-2 behind Addie Joss. Clark Griffith took the loss; Elmer Flick had 3 hits.

1906—Ty Cobb's bunt single ruined Rube Waddell's no-hitter as the A's won 5-0 over Detroit.

May 18

1897—Scrappy Bill Joyce hit 4 triples in 5 trips as the Giants walloped Pittsburgh 11-5.

1912—Detroit players struck in protest over Ty Cobb's suspension. To avoid a forfeit and fine, Manager Hugh Jennings recruited college players and others who played and lost to the A's 24-2.

1969—Cesar Tovar and Rod Carew ran wild on the basepaths in the second inning against the Tigers, both stealing home for the Twins. Tovar singled and Carew walked; they pulled a double steal. Tovar then stole home and on the next pitch Carew swiped third. He then made a clean theft of home to tie the score at 2-2. Lolich and Freehan were the embarrassed battery for the Tigers, who still won 8-2.

May 19

1968—After hitting 10 home runs in six consecutive games, Frank Howard of the Senators was stopped at Detroit by pitcher Earl Wilson, who won 5-4.

May 20

1925—The Indians scored 6 runs in the last of the 9th to beat the Yankees 10-9. Tris Speaker scored the winning run from first on a single.

May 21

1952—The Dodgers got off to a quick start against the Reds, scoring 15 runs in the first inning at Brooklyn. The final score was 19-1.

May 22

1884—Hugh Daily, one-armed hurler for Chicago, fanned 13 Baltimore players in a Union Association game.

May 23

1954—Five Cardinals went to bat in the 8th inning against Cincinnati, but Ed Bailey, the Reds' catcher, did not handle a pitch. Swinging on the first pitch from Jackie Collum, Red Schoendienst singled. Stan Musial also singled on the first offering, and Collum was relieved by Frank Smith. Smith threw only three pitches as Ray Jablonski, Tom Alston and Rip Repulski flied out. The Reds beat the Cards 13-6 at St. Louis.

1962—Yankee recruit Joe Pepitone hit 2 homers in the 8th inning in a 13-7 win over Kansas City.

May 24

1935—The first major league night game under lights was played at Cincinnati with the Reds beating the Phils 2-1 before 25,000.

1936—Tony Lazzeri, batting 8th for the Yanks, drove in 11 runs with 1 triple and 3 home runs—two of them grand slams—in a 25-2 rout of the A's.

May 25

1882—Charles Foley of Buffalo became the first player to hit for the cycle when he hit a grand slam homer, a triple, double, and single in that order in a 20-1 shellacking of George Bradley of Cleveland.

1935—Babe Ruth, winding up his career with the Boston Braves, hit 3 homers and a single at Pittsburgh, but the Pirates won 11-7.

May 25—Continued

1937—The Tigers' manager and catcher, Mickey Cochrane, who had homered on his previous trip to the plate, was seriously beamed by Bump Hadley of the Yankees. He never played again.

1951—Willie Mays, highly touted rookie for the Giants, went 0 for 5 in his debut against the Phils.

May 26

1929—In a free-swinging game, pinch hitters Pat Crawford of the Giants and Les Bell of the Braves both hit grand slam homers. New York prevailed 15-9.

1930—Joe Sewell of the Indians, who fanned only 3 times during the season, was whiffed twice in the same game by southpaw Pat Caraway of the White Sox. He never struck out again in 1930.

1959—Harvey Haddix of Pittsburgh pitched 12 perfect innings before losing to Milwaukee 1-0 in the 13th on an error, a sacrifice, and Joe Adcock's double.

1976—Joe Niekro, pitching for Houston, beat his older brother Phil, hurling for Atlanta, 4-3. Joe also hit a home run off his brother, the only roundtripper he has hit in the majors through 1982.

May 27

1937—Carl Hubbell, working in relief for the Giants, won his 24th game in a row over two seasons, beating the Reds 3-2. The string had started July 17, 1936.

May 28

1951—After going 0 for 12 in his first 3 games, Willie Mays hit a home run off Warren Spahn in a 4-1 loss to the Braves.

1956—Dale Long of the Pirates connected for his 8th home run in 8 consecutive games, a new record.

May 29

1916—Christy Mathewson defeated the Braves 3-0 for the Giants 17th consecutive victory, all on the road.

1922—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Organized Baseball was primarily a sport and not a business and therefore was not subject to anti-trust laws and inter-state commerce regulations.

May 30

1894—After going 0 for 6 in the morning game, Bobby Lowe of Boston hit 4 home runs and a single off “Icebox” Chamberlain in a 20-11 win over Cincinnati. Two of his homers came in the third inning.

1922—Between the morning and afternoon games of a Memorial Day twinbill, Max Flack of the Cubs was traded to the Cards for Cliff Heathcote. They played one game for each team.

1927—In the 4th inning of the morning game against the Pirates, Shortstop Jim Cooney of the Cubs took Paul Waner’s liner, stepped on second to double Lloyd Waner and then tagged Clyde Barnhart coming from first for an unassisted triple play.

May 31

1927—One day after the Cooney triple play, Johnny Neun, Detroit first baseman, made an unassisted triple play against Cleveland. He caught Homer Summa’s liner, tagged Charlie Jamieson between first and second and then touched second base before Glenn Myatt could return.

1958—Hank Aaron, Ed Mathews and Wes Covington hit home runs on successive pitches off Ron Kline of the Pirates in the first inning. Milwaukee won 8-3.



Ty Cobb

June 1

1893—Boston hurler Harry Staley found men on base every time he came to bat and was never found wanting. He knocked in 9 runs on 2 homers, a single, and 2 sacrifices in a 15-4 win over Louisville.

1923—The New York Giants scored in every inning to beat the Phils at Baker Bowl 22-8. Heinie Groh, Ross Youngs, and Jimmy O'Connell each collected 5 hits; O'Connell had the game's only four-bagger.

1925—Lou Gehrig batted for Pee Wee Wanninger in the 8th inning and started his streak of 2130 consecutive games. The Senators beat the Yanks 5-3.

1975—Nolan Ryan of the Angels pitched his 4th no-hitter, a 1-0 win over the Orioles. It was his 100th major league victory.

June 2

1949—The Phils hit 5 homers in the 8th inning against Cincinnati. Andy Seminick hit 2 (3 for the game), and Del Ennis, Willie Jones, and Schoolboy Rowe hit the others that inning.

1941—Lou Gehrig, the Game's "Iron Horse," who was struck down by illness two years before, died in New York at age 37.

June 3

1932—Lou Gehrig became the first American League player to hit 4 home runs in a game, giving the Yankees a 20-13 win over the A's, but the event was overshadowed by the resignation of John McGraw as manager of the Giants.

June 4

1968—Don Drysdale of the Dodgers blanked the Pirates 5-0 for his sixth straight shutout en route to a record 58-2/3 scoreless innings.

1974—The game between the Indians and Rangers at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium was forfeited to Texas. Umpire Nestor Chylak had problems with the fans throughout the evening—primarily because it was ten-cent beer night at the park—and they got out of control when the Tribe tied the score in the bottom of the ninth.

June 5

1911—Smoky Joe Wood fanned three Chicago White Sox pinch hitters in the 9th inning to preserve a 5-4 Red Sox win.

June 6

1892—Willie Keeler made his pro baseball debut as a lefthanded shortstop for Binghamton in the Eastern League. He made one hit and one error. In the National League, President Benjamin Harrison watched Cincinnati beat Washington 7-4 in 11 innings. It marked the first visit to a Senior Circuit game by a U.S. President.

1913—The New York Yankees, managed by Frank Chance, lost their 13th straight game, 2-1, to the Indians.

June 7

1906—The Cubs scored 11 runs in the first inning off Giant ace Christy Mathewson and Joe McGinnity and went on to a 19-0 trouncing.

June 8

1950—At Fenway Park, the Red Sox slaughtered the Browns 29-4. Bobby Doerr had 3 homers, Ted Williams and Walt Dropo 2 each, and Al Zarilla had 4 doubles.

1961—Eddie Mathews, Henry Aaron, Joe Adcock, and Frank Thomas hit successive homers in the 7th inning for the Braves against Cincinnati.

June 9

1946—Manager Mel Ott of the Giants was banished from each game of a twinbill for protesting umpires' decisions too vigorously.

1963—Ernie Banks hit 3 homers for the Cubs but they still lost 11-8 to the Dodgers.

1963—Playing the first Sunday night game in major league history, the Houston Colts handed the Giants their 7th straight loss in Houston, 3-0. Turk Farrell and Skinny Brown pitched the shutout before 17,437 fans. Permission was granted because of the excessive heat in Houston during the day. This was before the Astrodome was built.

June 10

1892—Wilbert Robinson, Orioles catcher, made 7 hits in 7 trips and batted in 11 runs as Baltimore beat St. Louis 25-7.

1944—Joe Nuxhall, at 15 years and 10 months, became the youngest player in major league history when he pitched 2/3 of an inning in an 18-0 loss to the Cards.

1959—Rocky Colavito of Cleveland hit 4 successive home runs at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, a tough home run park.

June 11

1967—The Chicago Cubs hit 7 homers and the Mets hit 4 to tie a major league mark set by the Yankees (6) and the Tigers (5) in 1950.

June 12

1880—John Richmond of Worcester pitched the first perfect game in history, shutting out Cleveland 1-0.

1922—Hub Pruett struck out Babe Ruth 3 times in a row as the Browns beat the Yankees 7-1.

1938—The Philadelphia A's beat the Browns 8-3 and Bob Johnson drove in all 8 runs.

June 13

1905—Christy Mathewson of the Giants pitched his second no-hit game, beating the Cubs and Mordecai Brown 1-0.

June 14

1924—George "Highpockets" Kelly hit 3 home runs and drove in all the Giants' runs as they defeated Cincinnati 8-6.

1969—Reggie Jackson of Oakland had his biggest batting day when he knocked in ten runs with 2 homers, a double, and 2 singles against the Red Sox in Boston. In the 8th he drove in 3 runs with a single when he easily could have made second base. Oakland won 21-7.

June 15

1902—Corsicana defeated Texarkana 51-3 in a Texas League game played in nearby Ennis, because of the Sunday blue laws. In this game, Nig Clarke of Corsicana took advantage of a small park to hit 8 home runs. Some telegraph operators, thinking there was a mistake, reported the score as 5-3.

1925—The Athletics went into the last half of the 8th inning trailing 15-4, but scored 13 times to defeat Cleveland 17-15.

1938—Johnny Vander Meer of the Reds pitched his second straight no-hit game, defeating the Dodgers 6-0 in the first night game played in Brooklyn.

June 16

1938—Sluggger Jimmie Foxx did not get much chance to hit as the Browns walked him 6 times in succession. The Red Sox won anyway, 12-8.

June 17

1880—Only a week after Richmond had pitched his perfect game, Monte Ward tossed another gem. The 20-year-old hurler from Providence beat Jim Galvin of Buffalo 5-0.

1915—George “Zip” Zabel of the Cubs was called into the game with Brooklyn with 2 out in the first. He won 4-3 in the 19th in the longest relief effort in the majors.

June 18

1953—At Fenway Park, the Red Sox scored 17 runs in the 7th inning to defeat Detroit 23-3. Gene Stephens collected 3 hits and Sammy White scored 3 runs in that big inning.

1975—Fred Lynn batted in 10 runs with 3 homers, a triple and a single in a 15-1 Red Sox win at Detroit.

June 19

1889—Washington outfielder Dummy Hoy threw out three players at home plate, all on base hits, but Indianapolis still won 8-3.

1973—Pete Rose of the Reds and Willie Davis of the Dodgers both collected their 2000th hits. It was a single for Rose against the Giants, and a home run for Davis against the Braves.

June 20

1912—In a busy 9th inning, the Braves scored 10 runs and the Giants 7, but New York prevailed 21-12 as Josh Devore stole 4 bases.

1980—Freddie Patek, one of baseball’s smallest players, hit three home runs and a double to lead California in a 20-2 trouncing of the Red Sox in Fenway Park.

June 21

1890—Silver King not only lost a no-hit game but the recognition that went with it when he dropped a 1-0 game to Brooklyn. His Chicago team in the Players’ League, playing at home, elected to take first at bats and the game was over after Chicago batted in the top of the ninth. This left King with only 8 hitless innings and no record book no-hitter.

1938—In two successive doubleheaders (4 games), Pinky Higgins of the Red Sox banged out 12 consecutive hits (with 2 walks interspersed).

1957—Von McDaniel, 18-year-old Cardinal rookie, hurled a brilliant 2-hit, 2-0 win over the Dodgers in his first start.

June 21—Continued

1964—Jim Bunning pitched a perfect game for the Phillies over the Mets. It also gave Bunning a no-hit game in each league.

1970—Detroit shortstop Cesar Gutierrez had 7 hits in 7 times at bat in a 12-inning victory over the Indians.

June 22

1925—The Pirates beat the Cardinals 24-6 with Kiki Cuyler and Pie Traynor each hitting grand slam homers and Max Carey collecting 2 hits in both the first and eighth innings.

1947—Ewell Blackwell almost duplicated the Vander Meer double no-hit record by following his June 18 gem over Boston with 8-1/3 hitless innings against the Dodgers before the bubble burst.

June 23

1889—Louisville of the old American Association defeated St. Louis 7-3 to end a string of 26 consecutive defeats — longest in major league history.

1917—In baseball's greatest relief effort, Ernie Shore of the Red Sox relieved pitcher Ruth with nobody out and a man on first. The base runner was cut down stealing and Shore retired all 26 batters he faced to gain a 4-0 victory over Washington.

1963—Jimmy Piersall, playing for the Mets in New York, hit his 100th career home run and celebrated by running around the bases backward. Dallas Green, pitching for the Phils, was not happy with the show, nor was Commissioner Ford Frick, but the high-keyed outfielder was not deterred.

1971—Rick Wise of the Phils pitched a no-hitter over the Reds and also hit 2 homers in a 4-0 win.

1973—Pitcher Ken Brett of the Phils hit a home run in the fourth consecutive game that he pitched in June. He beat Montreal 7-2.

June 24

1936—Rookie Joe DiMaggio hit 2 homers in the 5th inning and added 2 doubles in an 18-4 win over the Browns.

1955—Harmon Killebrew, 18, hit his first major league roundtripper off Billy Hoeft at Griffith Stadium, but the Tigers beat the Nats 18-7.

1962—Jack Reed, substitute outfielder for the Yanks, hit a homer off Phil Regan in the 22nd inning to give Jim Bouton a 9-7 win over the Tigers. It was the only homer Reed hit in the majors.

June 25

1881—George Gore of Chicago stole 7 bases against Providence — second 5 times and third twice — to give his team a 12-8 victory.

1924—Relief hurler Emil Yde of Pittsburgh doubled in the 9th to tie the Cubs and then tripled in the 14th to win his own game.

1937—Augie Galan of the Cubs became one of the first switch hitters to belt a home run lefthanded and one righthanded in the same game. The Cubs beat the Dodgers 11-2.

1968—Bobby Bonds broke in with a bang, hitting a grand slam homer in his first game with the Giants.

June 26

1916—In a game with Chicago, the Indians appeared on the field with numbers on their sleeves. It marked the first time that players were identified by numbers corresponding to the score card.

1970—Frank Robinson hit two grand slam homers for the Orioles as they clobbered Washington 12-2.

June 27

1917—Catcher Hank Gowdy of the Braves became the first player to enter military service in World War I.

1958—Billy Pierce of the White Sox retired 26 Washington batters in a row before pinch hitter Ed FitzGerald doubled for the only hit. Pierce won 1-0.

June 28

1907—Branch Rickey, catcher for the Yankees, watched 13 Washington players steal safely in a 16-5 New York loss.

June 29

1897—Chicago scored in every inning and set a major league record for runs as they defeated Louisville 36-7. Barry McCormick collected 6 hits and pitcher Jim Callahan 5.

June 30

1894—Fred Clarke hit a triple and 4 singles in his major league debut with Louisville.

1908—Cy Young of the Indians pitched the third no-hit no-run game of his career against the New York Highlanders (Yankees). At 41 years and 3 months, he was the oldest to hurl a no-hitter.

June 30—Continued

1934—Lou Gehrig hit 3 triples in 4-1/2 innings but the game was washed out at Washington when a rain storm prevented the Senators from completing their 5th inning.

1970—Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati was dedicated, but Henry Aaron spoiled the show with a first inning homer off Jim McGlothlin. Atlanta won 8-2.



Honus Wagner

July 1

1890—Billy Sunday, later to become famous as an evangelist, stole 4 bases for the Pirates in a 16-2 victory over New York.

1920—Walter Johnson defeated the Red Sox on a no-hitter at Fenway Park. Only an error by second baseman Bucky Harris kept him from a perfect game, but it was a hit by Harris that gave Washington a 1-0 victory.

1925—Hack Wilson, young outfielder for the Giants, hit 2 home runs in the third inning in a 16-7 win over the Phillies.

July 2

1903—Washington outfielder Ed Delahanty fell or jumped from a railroad bridge at Niagara Falls and drowned, although the exact circumstances of his death were never fully clarified.

1933—Carl Hubbell of the Giants beat the Cardinals 1-0 in a spectacular 18-inning game. He gave up only 6 hits and no walks. In the second game of the twinbill, the Cards were again blanked 1-0 with Roy Parmelee outdueling Dizzy Dean in the regulation 9 innings. Parmelee also issued no walks while fanning 13.

1941—Joe DiMaggio hit a home run to extend his consecutive game hitting streak to 45 games. This surpassed Willie Keeler's record 44 straight games for the Orioles in 1897.

1963—Juan Marichal beat Warren Spahn 1-0 in a classic 16-inning duel when Willie Mays hit a home run off the 42-year-old southpaw.

July 3

1912—Rube Marquard of the Giants ran his season record to 19-0 with a 2-1 win over Brooklyn. His win streak ended 5 days later against the Cubs.

1966—Atlanta pitcher Tony Cloninger became the first National League player to hit two grand slam homers in one game. He added a single for 9 RBIs in a 17-3 win over San Francisco.

1973—Jim Perry of Detroit and brother Gaylord of Cleveland faced each other for the only time as opposing hurlers. Neither finished the game, but Gaylord took the loss, 5-4.

July 4

1905—The Athletics scored 2 runs in the 20th inning to give Rube Waddell a hard-fought 4-2 victory over Cy Young of Boston. Both went the distance.

1911—Ed Walsh of the White Sox held Ty Cobb hitless in 4 trips to end his batting streak at 40 games. The Tigers lost 7-3.

July 4—Continued

1912—George Mullin of the Tigers, who was born on the 4th of July, celebrated his 32nd birthday by pitching a no-hitter over the Browns. St. Louis was also humiliated in the morning game when Ty Cobb stole second, third, and home in the 5th inning.

1925—Two of the great southpaw pitchers — Herb Pennock of the Yankees and Lefty Grove of the Athletics — hooked up in a hurling duel that the New Yorkers won 1-0 in 15 innings. Pennock gave up only 4 hits and no walks.

1976—The Phillies' Tim McCarver lost credit for a grand slam homer when he passed Garry Maddox on the basepaths. Maddox was on first en route to second but returned to the initial sack thinking McCarver's drive might be caught. While he was retracing his steps McCarver passed him. The Phils still beat the Pirates 10-5 at Pittsburgh.

July 5

1947—Larry Doby became the first Negro to play in the American League. He fanned as a pinch hitter as Cleveland lost 6-5 to the White Sox.

July 6

1933—The first major league All-Star game was played at Comiskey Park, Chicago. The American League, managed by Connie Mack, defeated the National League, managed by John McGraw, 4-2 on Babe Ruth's 2-run homer.

July 7

1923—Lefty O'Doul, pitching for the Red Sox, gave up 13 runs in the 6th inning to the Indians, who won 27-3. In 1928 he was to return to the majors as a great hitting outfielder.

July 8

1941—Ted Williams hit a homer with two on and two out in the 9th inning to give the American League a dramatic 7-5 win in the All-Star game at Detroit. Claude Passeau was the victim. Up to that point Arky Vaughan was the NL hero with two home runs. Joe and Dom DiMaggio both played for the AL, marking the first time that brothers appeared in the same All-Star game.

July 9

1902—Rube Waddell beat Bill Dinneen 4-2 in 17 innings when light hitting Monte Cross hit a 2-run homer for Philadelphia.

July 9—Continued

1932—Ben Chapman of the Yankees hit 3 home runs against the Tigers and two were inside-the-park blows at Yankee Stadium.

1946—In the most one-sided of the All-Star games, the Americans trounced the Nationals 12-0 at Fenway Park. Ted Williams had two homers and two singles.

July 10

1932—The A's defeated Cleveland 18-17 in an 18-inning game that saw John Burnett of the Indians collect a record 9 hits, Jimmie Foxx collect 16 total bases, and Eddie Rommel of the A's pitch 17 innings in relief and win although giving up 29 hits and 14 runs.

1934—Carl Hubbell fanned Ruth, Gehrig, Foxx, Simmons and Cronin in succession, but the American League came back to win the All-Star game 9-7 as Mel Harder gave up only 1 hit in the last 5 innings.

1936—Chuck Klein hit 4 homers in a 10-inning win for the Phils, and it wasn't in cozy Baker Bowl. He belted them in spacious Forbes Field in a 9-6 triumph over the Pirates.

July 11

1914—Babe Ruth made his major league debut for the Red Sox and received credit for a 4-3 win over Cleveland. Ironically, he was removed for pinch hitter in the 7th, and Duffy Lewis' single led to the winning run.

1967—Tony Perez' home run in the 15th inning off Catfish Hunter gave the National League a 2-1 victory in the longest game in All-Star annals. The game was played in California's Anaheim Stadium.

1973—Jim Northrup batted lead-off for the Tigers but he still knocked in 8 runs in a 14-2 win over Texas.

July 12

1951—Allie Reynolds of the Yankees beat Bob Feller of the Indians 1-0 with a no-hit game at Cleveland. A home run by Gene Woodling in the 7th was the margin of victory.

July 13

1896—Ed Delahanty of Philadelphia hit 4 homers and a single off Adonis Terry, but the Chicago team won 9-8.

July 13—Continued

1934—Babe Ruth hit his 700th home run in a 4-2 win over Tommy Bridges and Detroit. This also was the game where Lou Gehrig left in the 1st inning with a severe case of lumbago. In the most serious threat to his streak, he returned for one at bat (a single) the next day.

July 14

1969—Young Joe Niekro of the Padres bested older brother Phil of the Braves in a 1-0 hurling duel.

1972—In a major league first, Bill Haller was the umpire behind the plate while his brother Tom was the catcher for Detroit.

July 15

1876—George Bradley of St. Louis pitched the first National League no-hitter, beating Hartford 2-0 at St. Louis.

July 16

1920—After pitching 16 scoreless innings against the Giants, Earl Hamilton of the Pirates crumbled in the 17th and lost 7-0. Rube Benton pitched the distance and won for New York.

July 17

1914—Babe Adams of Pittsburgh did not give up a base on balls in his classic 21-inning duel with Rube Marquard of the Giants. Adams did give up a home run to Larry Doyle in the 21st and lost 3-1.

1941—Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak of 56 games was stopped by Al Smith and Jim Bagby of the Indians before 67,000 in a night game at Cleveland. The Yankees won, however, 4-3.

1969—Minnesota hurler Jim Kaat, Gold Glove winner for seven straight years, was charged with three errors, leading to three unearned runs against the White Sox. Nevertheless, he won the game at Minnesota 8-5.

July 18

1882—Ambidextrous hurler Tony Mullane of Louisville pitched with both hands in a major league game at Baltimore. Normally a right-hander, Mullane switched to the left hand in the fourth inning. He did quite well for several innings but eventually lost to Baltimore 9-8.

1912—The Cubs made 21 hits in 11 innings but still lost to the Phillies when Gavvy Cravath stole home to win 9-8.

July 18—Continued

1962—Bob Allison and Harmon Killebrew each hit bases loaded home runs for the Twins in the first inning against the Indians, who lost 14-3.

July 19

1910—Cy Young registered his 500th victory as Cleveland beat Washington 5-4 in 11 innings.

1933—Rick Ferrell of the Red Sox hit a home run off brother Wes who was pitching for Cleveland. Wes also homered in that game, marking the only time the two connected in the same contest.

1955—Babe Birrer came in to pitch 4 innings of relief for the Tigers, but helped more with his bat as he belted two 3-run homers.

1960—Juan Marichal broke in with the Giants by pitching a 1-hit, 2-0 win over the Phillies.

1964—In his major league debut, Luis Tiant of the Indians blanked the Yankees 3-0 on 4 hits.

1982—In the first Oldtimers All-Star Classic, played at Washington's RFK Stadium before 29,000 fans, the American League won 7-2. 75-year-old Luke Appling, leading off for the AL, hit a home run over the shortened left field fence off Warren Spahn.

July 20

1969—Vida Blue, 19, made his debut with Oakland and lost 7-3 to California. He gave up 2 homers.

1973—Wilbur Wood of the White Sox started both games of a double-header against the Yankees, but was knocked out in each game, losing both.

July 21

1945—The Tigers and Athletics battled 24 innings to a 1-1 tie. Les Mueller pitched 19-2/3 innings for Detroit.

1975—Joe Torre of the Mets grounded into 4 double plays in a 6-2 loss to the Astros. Felix Millan had 4 singles but was wiped out each time.

July 22

1906—Long Bob Ewing pitched the Reds to a 10-3 win over Philadelphia without a single assist from his teammates.

July 23

1964—Bert Campaneris hit 2 home runs in his first game for the Kansas City Athletics. He homered on the first pitch from Jim Kaat of the Twins, and then he connected again in the 7th.

July 24

1882—Cleveland second baseman Fred Dunlap handled 6 putouts and 12 assists, but Chicago still won by the lopsided score of 35-4.

1911—A group of American League All-Stars played the Indians in a benefit game for the late Addie Joss. The All-Stars, with players like Speaker, Eddie Collins, Cobb, Crawford, Baker, Chase, Bobby Wallace, Joe Wood and Walter Johnson, beat Cleveland 5-3. Cy Young, Nap Lajoie, and Joe Jackson played for the Indians.

July 25

1918—Walter Johnson pitched a 4-hitter over 15 innings before winning 1-0 from the Browns. The only hit off him in the first 11 innings was a triple by George Sisler.

1930—The Athletics came up with a triple steal in the first inning and again in the 4th against Cleveland. This marked the only time two triple steals were achieved in one game.

1969—Tony Conigliaro of the Red Sox suffered a wrenched back while hitting a fourbagger in the 3rd inning against the Pilots and Seattle fans saw the strange spectacle of a player slowly walking around the bases. He was then replaced by Joe Lahoud.

July 26

1970—Johnny Bench of the Reds hit 3 straight homers off Steve Carlton of the Cardinals. On the same day, Orlando Cepeda of the Braves hit 3 straight homers in an 8-3 win over the Cubs.

July 27

1892—George Van Haltren of the Orioles came through with 9 straight hits in a doubleheader.

1969—Tommy Harper of Seattle hit a homer in the bottom of the 20th inning, but it did not match the 2-run homer that Joe Lahoud hit in the top of the 20th, and the Red Sox won.

July 28

1958—For the sixth time, Mickey Mantle hit one home run left-handed and the other righthanded in the same game. He would do it 4 more times.

July 29

1908—Rube Waddell struck out 16 of his old teammates as the Browns beat the A's 5-4.

1915—Honus Wagner hit a bases-loaded homer off Jeff Pfeffer of the Dodgers in the 8th inning. At 41, the Pirate star was the oldest to hit a grand slam in this century.

1933—Fred Lindstrom of the Pirates extended his hitting streak to 25 games by connecting as a pinch hitter in each game of a twinbill triumph over the Reds.

July 30

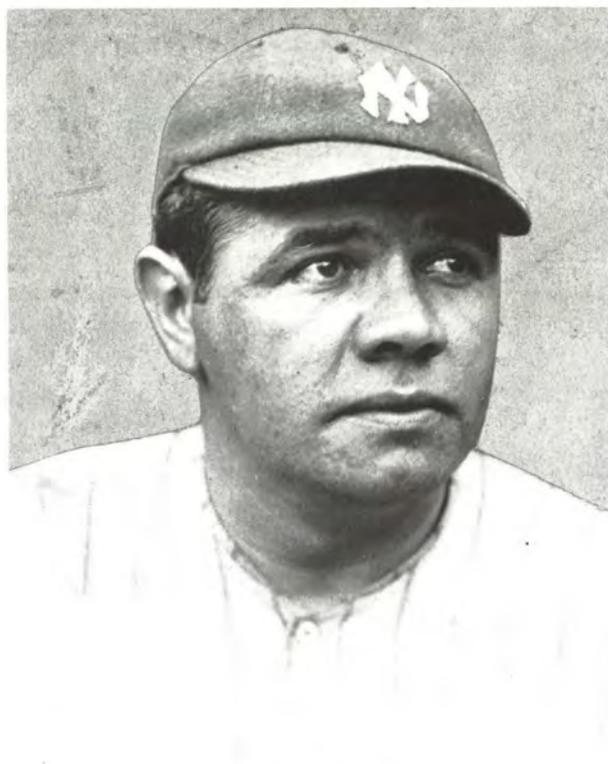
1947—The New York Giants beat Ewell Blackwell of the Reds 5-4 in 10 innings to snap his 16-game winning streak.

1959—Willie McCovey, just up from Phoenix, collected four hits in four trips in his debut with the San Francisco Giants. His hits included two triples in a 7-2 triumph over the Phillies. Regular firstsacker Orlando Cepeda was switched to third base to make room at the initial sack for the big rookie.

1968—Ron Hansen, shortstop of the Senators, executed an unassisted triple play in the first inning of a 10-1 loss to the Indians at Cleveland. With runners going on the 3-2 pitch, Joe Azcue lined to Hansen, who stepped on second to retire Dave Nelson, who was running for third, and tagged Russ Snyder coming in to second.

July 31

1954—Joe Adcock hit 4 home runs and a double for a 15-7 Milwaukee win over Brooklyn. The 18 total bases established a new major league record.



Babe Ruth

August 1

1906—After pitching a no-hitter for 10-2/3 innings, Harry McIntire of Brooklyn weakened in the 13th and lost to Pittsburgh 1-0.

1972—Nate Colbert of San Diego drove in 13 runs in a doubleheader victory on 5 home runs and 2 singles. Atlanta lost 9-0 and 11-7.

1978—After hitting in 44 consecutive games, Pete Rose of the Reds was stopped by Atlanta pitchers Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber at Atlanta in four official at bats.

August 2

1907—Walter Johnson made his major league debut with Washington, losing 3-2 to the Tigers. The first hit off him was a bunt single by Ty Cobb. Later Sam Crawford reached him for an inside-the-park home run.

1927—On the 20th anniversary of his debut, Walter Johnson lost 7-6 to Detroit on Johnson Day in Washington.

1938—At the initiative of General Manager Larry MacPhail, the Brooklyn Dodgers used a baseball the color of dandelion yellow to defeat the visiting St. Louis Cardinals 6-2. The player and fan reaction was generally good but nothing came of the experiment.

1979—Yankee catcher Thurman Munson died in the crash of a plane he was piloting at the Canton, Ohio, airport. He was 32.

August 3

1930—In an outstanding Negro League game between the Kansas City Monarchs and Homestead Grays of Pittsburgh, Smoky Joe Williams of the Grays beat Chet Brewer 1-0 in 12 innings. Williams gave up only 1 hit and fanned 27. His catcher was Josh Gibson and Oscar Charleston scored the winning run at Kansas City.

1933—After going a record 308 games without being shut out, the Yankees were blanked by Lefty Grove of the A's 7-0. They had not been shut out since Wilcy Moore of the Red Sox did it 1-0 on August 2, 1931.

August 4

1910—Ed Walsh of the White Sox and Jack Coombs of the A's engaged in a pitching duel that ended in a 16-inning scoreless tie. Coombs allowed only 3 hits and fanned 18.

1932—Catcher Bill Dickey of the Yankees hit a 4-run homer and 3 singles. It was his first day back after being suspended 30 days for breaking Carl Reynolds' jaw in a fight on July 4.

August 4—continued

1982—Outfielder Joel Youngblood knocked in the winning run in the New York Mets 7-4 victory over the Cubs in Chicago. In the course of the day-game he was traded to the Montreal Expos, who were playing that night in Philadelphia. Youngblood caught a plane for Philly and appeared in rightfield for the Expos in the 4th inning. He later contributed a single. He became the only person to play (and also collect hits) for two teams in two different cities in the same day.

August 5

1921—The first radio broadcast of a major league game was announced by Harold Arlin over KDKA, Pittsburgh. The teams were the Pirates and Phils.

1931—Tommy Bridges of the Tigers retired the first 26 Senators before pinch hitter Dave Harris got a bloop single. Bridges won 13-0.

August 6

1884—In the short-fenced park in Chicago, Cap Anson hit 3 homers in a victory over Cleveland. This gave him 5 in two games.

1952—Satchel Paige, 47, beat Virgil "Fire" Trucks of the Tigers 1-0 in 12 innings. Paige, then with the Browns, was the oldest hurler to pitch a complete game or a shutout.

August 7

1922—Ken Williams of the Browns hit two home runs in the 6th inning of a 16-1 win over Washington.

1956—The largest crowd in minor league history (57,000) up to that point saw 51-year-old Satchel Paige of Miami beat Columbus in an International League game played in the Orange Bowl.

August 8

1903—A week after hurling his first twinbill triumph, Joe McGinnity scored a double victory over Brooklyn, 6-1, and 4-3. To top it off, he stole home in the second game.

1973—Designated hitter Orlando Cepeda of the Red Sox hit 4 doubles in a 9-4 win over Kansas City.

August 9

1916—The A's ended their 20-game losing streak as Joe Bush beat Detroit 7-1.

August 9—Continued

1975—Davey Lopes of the Dodgers stole his 32nd consecutive base without being caught in a win over the Mets. This broke Max Carey's 1922 record. Lopes tacked on 6 more steals before being nipped on August 24.

August 10

1888—Tim Keefe won his 19th straight victory as the Giants scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

1944—Charles "Red" Barrett of the Boston Braves threw only 58 pitches in defeating the Reds 2-0 in a 9-inning game.

1981—Major league play resumed after a two-month players' strike. In the Cards-Phillies game at Philadelphia, attended by 60,561 fans, Pete Rose broke the NL career hit record of Stan Musial when he singled for his 3631st hit. It came off Bruce Sutter in the 8th.

August 11

1907—In the second game of a twinbill, shortened by agreement, Ed Karger of the Cardinals pitched a 7-inning perfect game, beating Boston 4-0.

August 12

1952—Stu Miller of the Cardinals blanked the Cubs 1-0 in his major league debut.

1966—Art Shamsky of the Reds came off the bench to pinch hit in the 8th and hit a home run. He stayed in the game and connected again in the 10th and 11th innings, but Cincinnati still lost to Pittsburgh.

1974—Nolan Ryan fanned 19 Red Sox batters as California defeated Boston 4-2.

August 13

1906—Jack Taylor of the Cubs was knocked out of the box by Brooklyn in the third inning. This ended a string of 187 complete games and 15 relief games that Taylor had finished without relief help.

1910—In a unique statistical game, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh played to an 8-8 tie. Each team had 38 at bats, 13 hits, 12 assists, 2 errors, 5 strike outs, 3 walks, 1 hit batsman, and 1 passed ball.

1932—Red Ruffing of the Yankees hit a home run in the 10th to win his own game over Washington 1-0.

August 13—Continued

1939—Red Ruffing collected 4 hits and shut out the A's 21-0 in a game called after 8 innings.

August 14

1929—On Charlie Gehringer Day in Detroit, the "Mechanical Man" hit a homer and 3 singles, and stole home.

1958—Vic Power, Cleveland first baseman, stole home twice in the same game. He had only 3 steals all year.

August 15

1886—Pitcher Guy Hecker of Louisville beat Baltimore 22-6. He was a terror at bat with 6 hits, including 3 homers, and a record 7 runs scored.

1916—In a great pitching duel, Babe Ruth of Boston beat Walter Johnson of the Senators 1-0 in 13 innings at Fenway Park.

August 16

1893—William Hawke of Baltimore pitched the first no-hitter at the pitching distance of 60-1/2 feet, beating Washington 5-0.

1948—Babe Ruth died of cancer in New York, age 53.

1969—Boog Powell, weighing about 250 pounds, thundered around the bases with an inside-the-park homer in a 15-3 Oriole victory in Seattle. The drive rebounded off the wall past center fielder Wayne Comer. In the same game, 160-pound Chico Salmon hit two homers out of the park.

August 17

1882—Providence beat Detroit 1-0 in 18 innings when Charles Radbourn, playing rightfield, hit a home run. Monte Ward pitched the distance for the win.

1920—Ray Chapman, Cleveland shortstop, died from a beaming by Carl Mays of the Yankees the day before. This was the only field fatality in major league history.

August 18

1965—Henry Aaron of the Braves hit a Curt Simmons pitch on top of the pavilion roof at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, for an apparent home run. However, umpire Chris Pelekoudas called him out for being out of the batter's box when he connected. The Braves nevertheless won the game 6-2.

August 19

1951—Bill Veeck used a 43-inch midget named Eddie Gaedel as a pinch hitter for the Browns Frank Saucier. Tiger pitcher Bob Cain walked him, and then Jim Delsing ran for Gaedel. It was all legal, but the experiment ended at that point.

August 20

1945—Tommy Brown, 17-year-old shortstop of the Dodgers, became the youngest major league player to hit a home run when he connected in Ebbets Field against Preacher Roe of the Pirates.

1961—The Phillies beat the Braves 7-4 to end a string of 23 straight losses.

August 21

1926—Ted Lyons of the White Sox pitched a no-hitter over the Red Sox at Fenway Park. The 6-0 victory was achieved in 1 hour and 7 minutes.

1937—George Wright, last surviving member of the Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, died in Boston at age 90.

1975—Pitching brothers Rick and Paul Reuschel of the Cubs combined to hurl a 7-0 shutout over the Dodgers. Rick went 6 and 1/3 innings and Paul finished the shutout, the first ever by two brothers.

August 22

1961—Roger Maris, en route to a new home run record, became the first player to hit his 50th home run in August. He connected against the Angels, who beat the Yankees 4-3.

August 23

1906—On their way to the American League pennant, the Chicago White Sox beat Washington for their 19th straight victory.

1931—Lefty Grove of the Athletics was beaten 1-0 by Dick Coffman of the Browns after he had won 16 games in a row. A misjudged fly ball by outfielder Jim Moore led to the winning run.

1952—The Cardinals beat the Giants at a game in the Polo Grounds where Bob Elliott, batting for the Giants in the 7th inning, complained loudly about the second strike call by umpire Augie Donatelli. Elliott kicked dirt on the plate and was banished from the game. The Giants called on Bobby Hofman to finish the at bat and he also complained when the umpire called the next pitch “strike three.” Donatelli then ejected Hofman, who also kicked dirt on the plate. The strikeout was charged to Elliott.

August 23—Continued

1982—With a reputation for doctoring the ball which dated back many years, 43-year-old Seattle pitcher Gaylord Perry was ejected in the 7th inning for throwing a spitball against the Red Sox. It was the first ejection for Perry, who was subsequently suspended for ten days.

August 24

1940—Outfielder Ted Williams pitched the last two innings for the Red Sox against the Tigers at Fenway Park. He allowed three hits and one run but struck out Rudy York on three pitches. Tommy Bridges hurled the 12-1 victory for the Bengals.

1943—The Philadelphia Athletics lost their 20th straight game in the opener with the White Sox, but took the nightcap 8-1.

1974—Davey Lopes of the Dodgers, who hit 3 homers, a double and a single in one game on August 20, showed his versatility by stealing 5 bases against the Cards. He was thrown out on his 6th attempt.

August 25

1922—In one of the wildest games ever played, the Cubs beat the Phils 26-23. The Cubs led 25-6 in the 4th inning, but barely won as the Phils had the bases loaded in the 9th when the game ended.

1968—Outfielder Rocky Colavito, pressed into service as an emergency hurler for the Yankees, held the Tigers to 1 hit in 2 and 2/3 innings and became the winning pitcher when the Yanks rallied to win 6-5. In the nightcap, Colavito played right field and hit a home run in a 5-4 sweep over his former mates.

August 26

1935—Big, lumbering Zeke Bonura of the White Sox stole home in the 15th inning to beat the Yankees 9-8.

1939—Major league baseball was televised for the first time as the Dodgers and Reds split a twinbill at Ebbets Field. Bucky Walters took the opener and Hugh Casey the nightcap.

August 27

1887—Hugh Nicol, the 5-foot, 4-inch native of Scotland who played the outfield for Cincinnati, made 6 hits and stole 5 bases in a 16-2 rout of the Baltimore American Association club. Actually, five of the "hits" were walks, which counted as hits that year. He was a notoriously poor hitter, but a great base stealer.

August 27—Continued

1897—Roger Bresnahan, later a Hall of Fame catcher, made his debut as an 18-year-old pitcher for Washington. He shut out St. Louis 3-0 on six hits. It was a big lift for the home-town Senators, mired in 11th place in a 12-team league.

1977—Toby Harrah and Bump Wills of the Texas Rangers hit back-to-back inside-the-park homers on consecutive pitches in the seventh inning as the Rangers beat the Yankees 8-2 at Yankee Stadium.

1982—Rickey Henderson not only broke Lou Brock's season stolen base record of 118, but swiped three more bases in the A's 5-4 loss at Milwaukee. This gave Henderson 122 thefts in 127 games.

August 28

1926—Emil Levens of the Indians pitched two complete game wins over the Red Sox 6-1 and 5-1. He did not fan a batter in either game. An added feature was that the Indians used the same identical lineup of players in each game.

August 29

1973—Nolan Ryan of the Angels gave up one tainted hit in a 5-0 win over the Yankees. Two Angel infielders called for Thurman Munson's pop fly, and then let it drop between them.

August 30

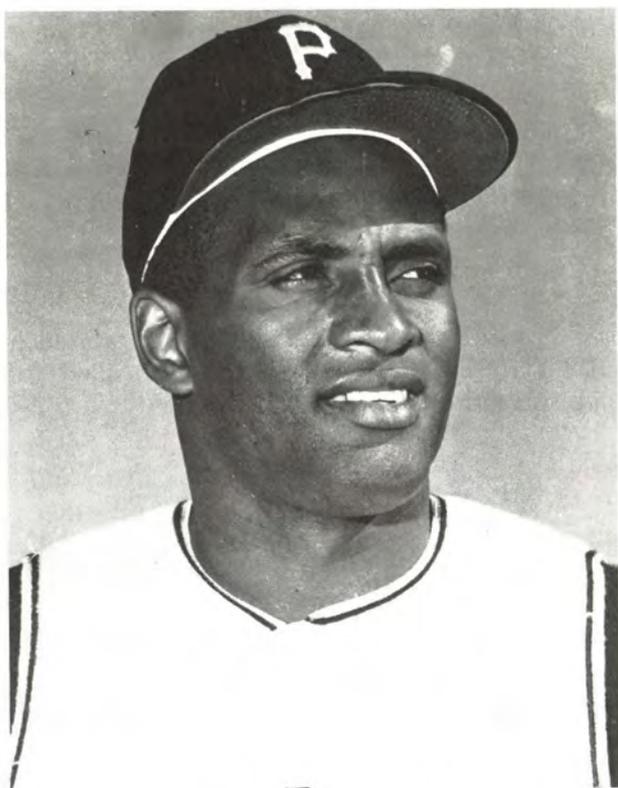
1905—Ty Cobb made his major league debut, collecting a double off Jack Chesbro of New York to help the Tigers win 5-3.

August 31

1906—The Tigers, crippled by injuries to Ty Cobb and other players, called 46-year-old Sam Thompson out of retirement for help in the outfield. He responded by knocking in 2 runs in a 5-1 victory over the Browns.

1937—Rudy York of the Tigers hit his 17th and 18th home runs of the month to set a new record as the Tigers beat the Senators 12-3.

1950—Gil Hodges of the Dodgers hit 4 homers and a single and batted in 9 runs in a 19-3 win over the Braves at Brooklyn.



Roberto Clemente

September 1

1906—Jack Coombs of the A's pitched all 24 innings as the A's beat Boston 4-1. He fanned 18 batters and stole 2 bases himself in the long game.

1912—Smoky Joe Wood of the Red Sox beat Walter Johnson of the Senators 1-0 in a specially arranged pitching duel at Boston. This was the 14th straight win for Wood; Johnson had won 16 straight earlier in the season. When the season ended, Wood had 34 wins, Johnson 32.

1963—Curt Simmons proved his verstaility in a 7-3 win over the Phillies. The Cardinals' southpaw allowed only six hits, hit a triple and knocked in two runs, and stole home on a squeeze play in the second inning. He was the most recent pitcher to steal home.

1971—Nearly a quarter century after Jackie Robinson broke into the majors, the Pirates started what was believed to be the first all-Black line-up (including several Latin players) in a 10-7 win over the Phils.

September 2

1970—Billy Williams of the Cubs played his 1117th consecutive game, a National League record. He asked to be kept out of the line-up the next day.

1971—Cesar Cedeno's 200-foot fly in the 5th inning fell for a grand slam homer as second baseman Jim Lefebvre and rightfielder Bill Buckner of the Dodgers collided. The hit helped Houston beat Los Angeles 9-3.

September 3

1896—Hugh Duffy chipped in with 2 home runs, a triple and a single to help Boston beat St. Louis 28-7.

September 4

1906—New York blanked the Red Sox twice, 7-0 and 1-0, behind Clarkson and Orth to register their 5th straight doubleheader victory, a big league mark.

1913—Vean Gregg of Cleveland fanned Ty Cobb the first 3 times he faced him, but it was Cobb's double in the 12th that scored Sam Crawford and sent Gregg down to defeat 4-3.

1916—Long time pitching rivals Christy Mathewson and Mordecai Brown closed out their careers by special arrangement in the same game. Matty, now manager of the Reds, finally won 10-8 in his only game for Cincinnati.

September 5

1914—Babe Ruth, pitching for Providence in the International League, blanked Toronto 9-0 on one hit. He also hit his first and only minor league home run, a 3-run smash.

1969—Pitcher Steve Blass of the Pirates collected 4 hits himself while holding the Cubs to 4 hits and winning 6-2. However, the 4 Cub hits were all by Billy Williams and all extra base-hits, 2 homers and 2 doubles.

September 6

1950—Big Don Newcombe tried to pitch a doubleheader for the Dodgers, but retired in the 7th inning of the second game trailing the Phils 2-0. Newcombe had won 2-0 in the first game.

September 7

1911—Rookie Grover Alexander of the Phils took a 1-0 thriller from 44-year-old Cy Young, closing out his career with the Boston Braves.

1931—Van Lingle Mungo broke in with the Dodgers by blanking the Braves 2-0 on 3 hits and fanning 12. He also chipped in with a triple and single at bat.

1896—Baltimore swept a tripleheader from Louisville, winning the morning game 4-3 and the afternoon games 9-1 and 12-1.

1945—Joe Kuhel hit the only home run by any Senator in Griffith Stadium all season, and it was an inside-the-park fourbagger.

1971—In a twinbill with the Yankees, the Red Sox used entirely different line-ups of 10 players in each games. It didn't help; they lost both games.

September 8

1965—Bert Campaneris of the A's played all 9 positions but had to retire after a 9th inning collision with Ed Kirkpatrick of the Angels. The Angels won 5-3 in 13 innings.

September 9

1965—Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers pitched a perfect game against the Cubs, fanning 14 and winning 1-0. His opponent, Bob Hendley, allowed the Dodgers only 1 hit, a double by Lou Johnson.

September 10

1881—Roger Connor of Troy hit the first major league grand slam homer in an 8-7 victory over Worcester. The game was played at a neutral field in Albany, N.Y.

September 10—Continued

1950—Joe DiMaggio became the first player to hit 3 home runs in one game at Griffith Stadium as the Yankees beat Washington 8-1.

September 11

1912—Eddie Collins stole 6 bases for the Athletics as they defeated Detroit 9-7. On September 22, Collins again stole 6 bases, marking the only times this has been done by a player in this century.

1936—The White Sox got 26 hits off Hod Lisenbee of the A's who lost 17-2. Luke Appling, Zeke Bonura, and Mike Kreevich each collected 5 hits.

1974—The Cards beat the Mets 4-3 in a 25-inning night game in Shea Stadium. Bake McBride scored the winning run on a single and 2 errors.

September 12

1954—A record crowd of 86,563 packed Cleveland's Municipal Stadium to see the Indians sweep a Sunday doubleheader from the Yankees 4-1 and 3-2 behind Bob Lemon and Early Wynn.

1962—Tom Cheney of the Senators set a record by fanning 21 Orioles in a 16-inning game which he won 2-1.

1976—Minnie Minoso singled in three trips to the plate as designated hitter for the White Sox. At age 53 he became the oldest player to collect a hit in a regulation game.

September 13

1883—Hugh Daily, one-armed hurler for Cleveland, pitched a no-hit game over Philadelphia 1-0.

1936—Fireballing Bob Feller, only 17, beat the A's 5-2 on 2 hits. The Cleveland youngster fanned 17 for a new American League record.

September 14

1903—Leon Ames' debut with the Giants became a 5-inning no-hit victory for him over the Cardinals when the game was called in mid-afternoon because of unusual darkness (it never actually rained).

1913—Larry Cheney of the Cubs shut out the Giants 7-0 although he allowed 14 hits.

1951—Bob Nieman of the Browns hit home runs in his first two at bats in the majors. Both came off Maury McDermott, but the Red Sox won 9-6.

September 15

1901—The Tigers, with Ed Siever pitching, blanked the Athletics 21-0 in an 8-inning game.

1929—Evar Swanson, speedy outfielder of the Reds, circled the bases in 13.3 seconds in a test run. Two years later, with more refined timing, he did it in 13.2 seconds while with Columbus in the American Association.

1938—Brothers Lloyd and Paul Waner hit back-to-back homers for the Pirates off Cliff Melton of the Giants. This is the only time brothers hit successive home runs in a major league game. It was Lloyd's last roundtripper in the majors.

1963—The three Alou brothers—Felipe, Matty, and Jesus—played briefly in the Giant outfield at the same time in a regular game. This necessitated “benching” Willie Mays.

1969—Steve Carlton of the Cardinals fanned 19 Mets but lost 4-3 as Ron Swoboda drove in all 4 runs with 2 homers.

September 16

1914—Roger Peckinpaugh, 23, was named to finish the season as manager of the Yankees.

1924—Jim Bottomley got 6 hits in 6 trips and batted in a record 12 runs as St. Louis beat the Dodgers 17-3. His hits included 2 homers.

1975—The Pirates annihilated the Cubs in Wrigley Field 22-0. It was the most one-sided shutout since 1900. Rennie Stennett got 7 hits in 7 at bats, which is more in a 9-inning game than any National Leaguer has achieved in an extra inning game since 1900. He twice had two hits in one inning.

September 17

1916—George Sisler of the Browns pitched a 1-0 victory over Walter Johnson of Washington. It was Sisler's last win as he soon became a full-time first baseman.

1941—Stan Musial made his debut with the Cardinals, going 2 for 4 in a victory over the Braves.

1955—Brooks Robinson made his debut with the Orioles, going 2 for 4 in a victory over the Senators.

1971—In the White Sox 9-4 win over the Angeles, each of the Chicago players knocked in 1 run.

September 18

1968—After Gaylord Perry had pitched a no-hitter over the Cardinals the day before, Ray Washburn retaliated with a no-hitter over the Giants in the same San Francisco park.

September 19

1925—Ted Lyons lost a no-hitter when Bobby Veach singled with 2 out in the 9th, but the White Sox smothered the Senators 17-0.

1973—Frank Robinson of the Angels homered against the Texas Rangers in Arlington Stadium, giving him 32 different parks in which he had connected in his long career in both leagues.

September 20

1958—Hoyt Wilhelm, considered almost washed up as a relief hurler, tossed a no-hitter over the Yankees. The Orioles won 1-0 on a home run by Gus Triandos.

September 21

1934—The Cardinals scored a double shutout over the Dodgers as Dizzy Dean hurled a 3-hit, 13-0 win in the opener, and brother Paul pitched a no-hitter in the nightcap, winning 3-0.

September 22

1911—Cy Young won his final victory (511), a 1-0 whitewash of the Pirates. He was 44 years old.

1904—Jim O'Rourke, although 52-years old, caught a full game for the Giants, which turned out to be their pennant-clinching victory. He was 1 for 4.

1936—In the biggest double shutout of them all, the Tigers beat the Browns 12-0 and 14-0 behind Eldon Auker and Tommy Bridges.

1968—Cesar Tovar of the Twins played 1 inning at each position, duplicating the feat first performed by Bert Campaneris in 1965.

September 23

1908—In a crucial game with the Cubs, Fred Merkle of the Giants failed to touch second base as the apparent winning Giant run crossed home plate. This resulted in a great dispute and the game was eventually declared a tie and played over on October 8 when the Cubs and Giants ended the season in a tie.

1942—Larry French of the Dodgers beat the Phils on a one-hitter 6-0. The batter, Nick Etten, was wiped out in a double play and French faced only 27 men. It was his last game in the majors as he went into military service.

September 24

1916—Marty Kavanagh of Cleveland hit the American League's first pinch hit grand slam home run in a 5-3 win over the Red Sox. The ball rolled through a hole in the fence and could not be recovered in time.

1922—Rogers Hornsby completed a record NL home run year by blasting two against the New York Giants. No. 41 was hit off Jesse Barnes, and No. 42 off his brother Virgil Barnes.

September 25

1934—Phil Cavarretta, 18-year-old high school star up with the Cubs, hit a home run for a 1-0 victory over the Reds.

1965—Satchel Paige became at 60 the oldest person to play in the majors as he took the mound for Kansas City and pitched 3 scoreless innings over the Red Sox. He gave up 1 hit—to Carl Yastrzemski.

September 26

1908—Ed Reulbach of the Cubs became the only hurler to pitch two shutouts in a twinbill. He beat the Dodgers 5-0 and 3-0 in 9-inning games.

1954—Casey Stengel, trying to break a record for wins by a second place club (the Indians were in first place), inserted maximum power in his Yankee infield with Eddie Robinson at first, Bill Skowron at second, Mickey Mantle at short, and Yogi Berra at third. The Yanks still lost to the A's 8-6.

1981—Houston's Nolan Ryan pitched his fifth career no-hit, no-run game, a 5-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers at the Astrodome. This was the only no-hitter in which he had batted as the other four took place in the American League in the period of the Designated Hitter.

September 27

1923—Lou Gehrig hit his first homer in the majors. It came off Bill Piercy of the Red Sox. On the same date 15 years later, he hit his 493rd and last. It came off Dutch Leonard of the Senators.

1930—Hack Wilson hit 2 home runs for the Cubs, giving him a record of 56 for the season.

1935—The Cubs won their 21st consecutive game without a loss or tie (the 1916 New York Giants won 26 with 1 tie) and clinched the pennant.

September 27—Continued

1936—Walter Alston played his only major league game as a late inning substitute at first base for Johnny Mize of the Cardinals. He made one error in 2 chances and was fanned by Lon Warneke of the Cubs in his only time at bat.

September 28

1919—The Giants beat the Phils 6-1 in 51 minutes, the shortest time for a 9-inning game.

1938—The Cubs scored their 9th straight win and took over the National League lead by beating the Pirates 6-5 on Gabby Hartnett's home run in near darkness.

1941—On the last day of the season, Ted Williams went 6 for 8 in a doubleheader sweep over the A's to raise his season average to .406.

1960—Ted Williams, 42, hit a home run in his last time at bat in the majors to help the Red Sox beat the Orioles 5-4.

1975—On the last day of the season, four Oakland pitchers shared in an unusual no-hit game win, 5-0, over the Angels. They were Vida Blue, Glenn Abbott, Paul Lindblad, and Rollie Fingers.

September 29

1913—Walter Johnson won his 36th game of the season as the Senators beat the A's 1-0.

1915—Grover Alexander pitched a 1-hit 5-0 victory over the Braves to give the Phils their first National League pennant.

1974—Cardinal speedster Lou Brock extended his base stealing record for the season to 118.

September 30

1927—Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season, a 2-run blast in the 8th to give the Yanks a 4-2 win over the Senators. Pitcher Tom Zachary gave up the blow and in the 9th gave way to pinch hitter Walter Johnson, making his final appearance as a player, who flied out to Ruth.

1945—A grand slam homer by Hank Greenberg gave the Tigers a 6-3 win over the Browns and the pennant in the final game of the season.

1951—Jackie Robinson hit a home run in the 14th inning to give the Dodgers a 9-8 win over the Phils and a tie in the National League race with the Giants.

September 30—Continued

1962—The National League race ended in a tie when the Dodgers lost to the Cardinals 1-0, and the Giants beat Houston 2-1 on Willie Mays' home run.

1963—18-year-old John Paciorek, playing his only game in the majors, collected 3 hits in 3 trips and knocked in 3 runs for Houston in a 13-4 romp over the Mets. He also walked twice and scored 4 runs. Injuries prevented his return to the majors, but his younger brother Tom broke in with the Dodgers in 1970.

1972—Roberto Clemente hit a double in the 4th inning against the Mets for his 3000th hit in the majors. It proved to be his last hit as he died in an airplane crash in December.



Adrian "Cap" Anson

October 1

1903—The first modern World Series game was played at Boston with Deacon Phillippe of Pittsburgh beating Cy Young of the Red Sox 7-3.

1932—Ruth and Gehrig each hit 2 home runs as the Yankees beat the Cubs 7-5 in the third game of the Series. This was the game where Ruth reputedly called his 5th inning shot against Charlie Root. All Yankee batters did not fare so well; winning pitcher George Pipgras fanned 5 straight times.

1961—Roger Maris set a new season record for home runs when he hit his 61st off Tracy Stallard of the Red Sox to give the Yankees a 1-0 victory.

October 2

1908—Addie Joss of Cleveland pitched a perfect game, winning 1-0 over the White Sox. Ed Walsh gave up only 4 hits and fanned 15 in a dazzling encounter.

1916—Grover Alexander of the Phils gave the Braves only 3 hits and won 2-0, his 16th shutout of the season.

1920—In the only tripleheader of this century, Cincinnati won the first two games from Pittsburgh and lost the third, called after 6 innings because of darkness.

1930—Pepper Martin of the Cardinals had 2 hits, 2 stolen bases, and 2 runs scored in a 2-0 win over the A's in the second game of the World Series. Wild Bill Hallahan hurled the shutout.

1938—Bob Feller fanned a record 18 Tigers but lost 4-1.

1949—The Browns used 9 pitchers in 9 innings in a game against the White Sox. It was a promotional stunt for the last day of the season. The Browns lost 4-3.

1968—Bob Gibson of the Cardinals established a new Series record by fanning 17 Tigers in the opening game.

1978—In a one-game season playoff, Bucky Dent of the Yankees hit a 3-run homer in the 7th inning to help defeat the Red Sox 5-4 and give winning hurler Ron Guidry a remarkable 25-3 season won-lost record.

October 3

1897—Cap Anson closed out a remarkable 27-year career which started in the National Association 1871. He hit 2 home runs against St. Louis. He was 46, the oldest player to homer in the majors.

October 3—Continued

1947—Floyd Bevens of the Yankees held the Dodgers hitless until 2 were out in the 9th when pinch hitter Cookie Lavagetto doubled in 2 runs for a 3-2 Brooklyn victory in the 4th game of the World Series.

1951—Bobby Thomson hit a 3-run homer off Ralph Branca of the Dodgers with 2 out in the bottom of the 9th to give the Giants a dramatic 5-4 playoff win and the pennant.

October 4

1906—The Cubs won their 116th game of 152 played for a winning percentage since unapproached.

1925—Fans saw the unusual spectacle of two managers, both famous as hitters, pitch against each other in the season finale. Ty Cobb of the Tigers hurled one perfect inning and George Sisler of the Browns worked two scoreless frames in a 11-6 Tiger victory.

1948—Cleveland beat Boston in the American League one-game play-off 8-3. The pitching of Gene Bearden and the hitting of Lou Boudreau were chiefly responsible for the championship win.

1955—The Brooklyn Dodgers won their first World Series with Johnny Podres blanking the Yankees 2-0 in the final game, aided by Sandy Amoros' great catch.

1969—The major leagues staged their first divisional championships as the Mets beat Atlanta and the Orioles nipped Minnesota.

October 5

1941—Brooklyn catcher Mickey Owen dropped a third strike of what would have been the last out of a Dodger victory over the Yankees. Given a second chance, the Yankees scored 4 runs to win the game, and eventually the Series.

1947—Al Gionfriddo's catch took a home run away from Joe DiMaggio which would have tied the sixth game of the Series. Instead the Dodgers beat the Yankees 8-6.

1949—Tommy Henrich's home run in the 9th inning off Don Newcombe was the margin of victory as Allie Reynolds blanked Brooklyn 1-0 in the Series opener.

1966—Relief pitcher Moe Drabowsky of the Orioles fanned 11 and gave up only 1 hit in 6-2/3 innings to beat the Dodgers in the opening Series game.

October 6

1912—Chief Wilson of the Pirates set an O.B. record by hitting his 36th triple on the last day of the season. Actually, he tried for an inside-the-park grand slam homer but was nipped at the plate by the Reds.

1926—Babe Ruth hit 3 homers in a single World Series game against the Cardinals. He repeated that feat in the 1928 Series, again against the Cardinals.

1966—Jim Palmer, 20, became the youngest hurler to hurl a World Series shutout as the Orioles beat the Dodgers 6-0. Sandy Koufax was the loser, and it marked his last appearance in a game.

October 7

1904—Jack Chesbro registered his 41st win as New York defeated the Red Sox 3-2.

1935—Goose Goslin singled in Mickey Cochrane with the winning run as the Tigers defeated the Cubs 4-3 and won the world championship.

October 8

1908—The Cubs won the National League pennant when Mordecai Brown beat Christy Mathewson 4-2 in the playoff of the disputed game where Fred Merkle failed to touch second base.

1929—Howard Ehmke, a surprise starter for the Athletics, fanned 13 Cubs (then a record) in winning the opening World Series game 3-1.

1956—Don Larsen of the Yankees pitched a perfect game over the normally heavy-hitting Dodgers, winning 2-0. It was the first no-hitter in Series history.

1960—Bobby Richardson had a grand slam and a record 6 RBIs as the Yankees beat the Pirates 10-0 in the third game of the Series.

October 9

1910—Nap Lajoie, in a batting race with Ty Cobb, collected 8 hits for Cleveland in a season-ending twinbill with the Browns. The hits were somewhat tainted, however, as St. Louis thirdsacker Red Corriden played back as Lajoie bunted safely 6 times. Cobb was awarded the batting title by a fraction of a point.

1916—Babe Ruth outpitched Sherry Smith of the Dodgers as the Red Sox won the longest World Series game, 2-1 in 14 innings.

1934—Dizzy Dean blanked the Tigers 11-0 in the 7th game and the Cardinals took the Series 4-3.

October 10

1904—The Red Sox clinched the pennant on the last day of the season as Jack Chesbro of New York uncorked a wild pitch in the 9th, allowing the winning run to score from third.

1920—The Indians beat the Dodgers 8-1 in the 5th game of the Series. For the Indians in this game, Bill Wambsgans performed an unassisted triple play, Elmer Smith hit the first Series grand slam homer, and Jim Bagby, the winning pitcher, hit the first Series homer for a hurler.

1924—The Senators won their only championship by defeating the Giants 4-3 in 12 innings. The winning run scored when a ball hit by Earl McNeely bounced over Giant third baseman Fred Lindstrom's head. President Calvin Coolidge watched as Walter Johnson won in relief.

1926—Grover Alexander saved the game and the Series for St. Louis when he came in relief in the 7th inning and fanned Tony Lazzeri with the bases full of Yankees.

1968—Mickey Lolich won the Series for Detroit by defeating Bob Gibson and the Cardinals 4-1 in the final game. It was Lolich's third win and came after the Tigers had lost 3 of the first 4 games.

1980—With the Kansas City Royals down 2-1 in the 7th inning of the 3rd AL championship playoff game, George Brett hit a 3-run homer off relief ace Goose Gossage of the Yankees to give the Royals a 4-2 win and a 3-game sweep of the series.

October 11

1906—Big Ed Walsh gave the White Sox the edge in the World Series by blanking the Cubs 3-0 on 2 hits in the third game.

October 12

1929—The Athletics, trailing the Cubs 8-0 in the 4th game of the Series, erupted for 10 runs in the 7th inning to win 10-8.

1982—Paul Molitor of Milwaukee collected 5 hits, a Series record, in the 10-0 opener over the Cardinals in St. Louis. Mike Caldwell tossed the shutout for the Brewers.

October 13

1960—Bill Mazerowski opened the bottom of the 9th with a home run off Ralph Terry of the Yankees to give the Pirates a 10-9 victory and the championship.

1971—The first Series night game was played in Pittsburgh with the Pirates beating Baltimore 4-3. Roberto Clemente collected 3 hits.

October 14

1905—Christy Mathewson blanked the Athletics 2-0 to give the Giants the championship 4 games to 1. All games ended in shut-outs, with Matty getting 3, Joe McGinnity 1, and Chief Bender 1.

October 15

1917—The White Sox won the World Series when the New York Giants left home plate uncovered and Eddie Collins dashed home with third baseman Heinie Zimmerman chasing him in helpless pursuit.

October 16

1909—Rookie Babe Adams beat the Tigers 8-0 for his third win of the Series and the championship for the Pirates.

1912—Fred Snodgrass dropped an easy fly ball in the 10th inning that permitted the Red Sox to score 2 runs and win the Series from the Giants.

1969—The Mets won their 4th straight game from the Orioles and took the Series 4 games to 1.

October 17

1892—To settle the championship of major league baseball's first split season, Boston, the first half winner, started a 5-game series with Cleveland, the second half winner. The game ended in a 11-inning scoreless tie between Jack Stivetts and Cy Young at Cleveland. Boston then went on to sweep the next five games for the championship.

1911—Frank "Home Run" Baker blasted one in the 9th inning off Christy Mathewson to tie up the game 1-1, and the Athletics and Jack Coombs went on to beat the Giants 3-2 in the 11th.

October 18

1884—The latest regular season home run was hit by Ed "Cannonball" Crane of Boston off Charlie Sweeney of St. Louis in the Union Association.

1887—In the 8th game of the traveling World Series between Detroit of the National League and St. Louis of the American Association, Sam Thompson hit 2 homers and a single to lead Detroit to a 9-2 win. The game, played in Boston, was their 6th victory.

1950—Connie Mack retired as manager of the Athletics after 50 years. Jimmy Dykes became the new skipper.

1977—Reggie Jackson hit three home runs to lead the Yankees to an 8-4 Series-clinching victory over the Dodgers in New York.

October 19

1972—The Reds went into the bottom of the 9th leading 2-1, but three Oakland pinch hitters singled and the A's won the 4th game 3-2.

October 20

1972—Pete Rose of the Reds homered on the first pitch of the game from Catfish Hunter, and the Reds went on to win the 5th game of the Series from Oakland 5-4 on a single by Rose in the 9th.

October 21

1956—Frank Robinson of the Reds and Luis Aparicio of the White Sox were named Rookies of the Year. Both played more than 2500 games in their major league careers.

1973—Bert Campaneris and Reggie Jackson hit homers as the A's defeated the Mets 5-2 in the final game of the Series.

1975—The Reds used 8 pitchers in the 6th game of the Series, but Carlton Fisk broke up the thrilling contest with a homer in the 12th inning to give the Red Sox a 7-6 win.

October 22

1910—After absorbing three straight defeats and trailing the A's 3-2 in the 9th, the Cubs tied the score and then won 4-3 in the 10th for their first win of the Series.

1975—A 9th inning single by Joe Morgan gave the Reds a 4-3 win over the Red Sox and the Series championship.

October 23

1910—Jack Coombs won his third game of the Series from the Cubs 7-2 and the Athletics took the championship.

October 24

1911—The World Series between the Giants and Athletics was resumed after six days of rain, and Chief Bender beat Christy Mathewson 4-2.

October 25

1884—Old Hoss Radbourn of Providence won his third straight Series victory over the New York Mets of the American Association 12-2. This concluded the 3-game Series.

October 26

1911—The Athletics broke open a close Series with the Giants by winning the final game 13-2 behind Chief Bender.

1960—The American League approved the transfer of the Senators to Minnesota and announced new franchises would be awarded to Washington and Los Angeles. This was the first expansion of the major leagues in this century.

October 27

1890—Chicken Wolf had 3 hits and 3 RBI to lead Louisville over the American Association champion Brooklyn team 9-8. The weather at the Brooklyn grounds was so cold and blustery, only 300 people came out to see the contest. After one more game, the Series, all tied up at 3 games apiece, was called off because of cold weather.

October 28

1981—After losing the first two Series games to the Yankees, the Los Angeles Dodgers came back to sweep the final four and take the Series. The Yankees fell apart in the final game, 9-2. It was the latest played Series game in this century.

