

Jake Mooty "BEYOND THE SCOREBOOK"

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On May 13, 1942, in a 6-5 win over the visiting Chicago Cubs, Boston Braves' righthander Jim Tobin becomes the first pitcher in 56 years to hit three home runs in one game, two of them off of 30-year-old Jake Mooty ... Tobin homers over the left field fence in the fifth and seventh innings and then breaks a 4-4 tie with a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth with Paul "Big Poison" Waner aboard.

Having homered as a pinch hitter the day before, the three "circuit clouts" gives the 29-year-old Tobin four home runs in five at bats and at the end of the day he is hitting .407 (11-for-27) and is tied for fifth in the National League with five home runs on the year ... Tobin limits the Cubs to five hits and improves to 5-3 with the win.

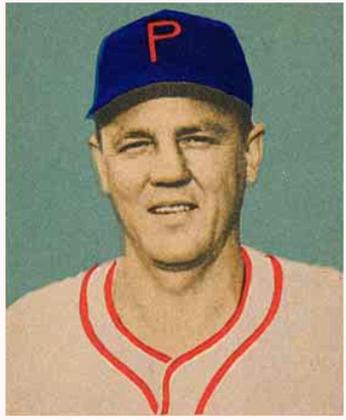
May 13, 1942
Chicago Cubs vs. Boston Braves
Braves Field, Boston, Mass.

Tobin Whacks 3 Home Runs

CHICAGO				BOSTON			
ab	r	h	a	ab	r	h	a
Gilbert, cf	4	0	0	Conney, 1b	5	0	1
Merullo, ss	4	1	0	Holmes, cf	3	0	1
Hack, 3b	4	1	2	Miller, ss	4	1	1
Nicholson, rf	4	1	2	Fernandez, 3b	3	0	0
Novikoff, lf	4	0	0	Lombardi, c	2	1	0
Stringer, 2b	3	0	0	Mast, e	2	0	0
Cavareta, 3b	3	1	0	West, lf	3	0	0
McClough, c	4	1	1	Waner, rf	3	1	0
Mooty, p	3	0	0	Slat, 2b	4	0	0
Bithorn, p	0	0	0	Tobin, p	4	3	3
aRussell	1	0	1				
Totals	34	5	11	Totals	33	6	9
*Batted for Bithorn in ninth.							

Score by Innings: R.
Chicago 002 002 001—5
Boston 000 110 22x—6

Errors—Mooty, Fernandez, Miller, 2; Tobin. Runs batted in—Nicholson, 3; Russell, Lombardi, Miller, Tobin, 4. Two-base hit—Russell. Home runs—Nicholson, Lombardi, Tobin, 3; Miller. Left on bases—Chicago, 5; Boston, 7. Bases on balls—Off Mooty, 4; Tobin, 3. Struck out—By Mooty, 1; Bithorn, 1. Hits—Off Mooty, 7 in 6½; Bithorn, 2 in 1½. Losing pitcher—Bithorn. Time—1:50. Attendance—3,448.



Jake Mooty's 1949 Pacific Coast League Card (#23) is worth \$13.00 in near-mint condition.

Mooty, Tobin's mound opponent that afternoon, is a stout 5-foot-10, 170-pound 30-year-old from Mislip, Texas ... Tobin's two home runs are a familiar occurrence for Mooty as two weeks earlier (May 1) the Texan had yielded home runs to a pair of New York Giants pitchers - Hugh East and Harry Feldman.

On the year, in 84 1/3 innings, six of the 10 home runs that Mooty allows are hit by the game's opposing pitcher ... in addition to Tobin, East and Feldman, Mooty yields long balls to Brooklyn's Whitlow Wyatt and St. Louis' Harry Gumbert.

Mooty attends Texas A&M University for 3 1/2 years, playing both basketball and baseball for the Aggies, earning All-Southwest (SWC) Conference diamond honors in 1934 and 1935 ... on May 14, 1934, Mooty hurls a six-hitter as the Aggies claim their second SWC title in four years with a 5-1 win over arch rival Texas ...

May 14, 1934
Texas A&M vs. University of Texas
College Station, Texas

Mooty Pitches Texas Ags into Baseball Title

Austin, Tex., May 14. (AP)—The Texas A. & M. Aggies won the Southwest conference baseball championship here Monday by defeating the University of Texas Longhorns, 5 to 1.

Jake Mooty pitched splendidly for the Aggies, holding the Longhorns to six scattered hits and striking out six men.
Aggies 010 200 011—5 8 1
Longhorns 001 000 000—1 6 2
Jake Mooty and Stevens; Bennett, Hilliard and Sikes.

as a senior, Mooty is 4-4 and strikeouts a conference-leading 36 batters and at season's end signs with the Cincinnati Reds.

Mooty spends 16 seasons in professional baseball from 1935 to 1950 ... in seven major league seasons with Cincinnati (1936-37), Chicago Cubs (1940-43) and the Detroit Tigers (1944), Mooty is 16-23 with 14 complete games, one shutout, eight saves and a 4.03 ERA.

May 29, 1935
Jake Mooty's Second Career Win
Norfolk, Virginia

WILMINGTON WINNER OF SLUGGING BATTLE

Norfolk, Va., May 29.—(AP)—Wilmington tied the score in the ninth on five runs and defeated Norfolk in the 10th here today, 14 to 13. Jake Mooty worked the last two innings and got credit for the victory, his second in three days. Martin hit two homers for the victors, while Rosar and Stravaços had one each for the Tars.

Score by Innings: R. H. E.
Wilmington . 300 020 125 1—14 18 0
Norfolk 012 350 110 0—13 15 2
Moore, Hamilton, Starnes, Mooty and McCurdy, Worth; Joyce, Alexander, Vitelli and Rosar.

In his 12 minor league seasons, Mooty has eight double-digit winning seasons, winning a career-high 12 games four times he begins his career in 1935, leading the Wilmington Pirates in wins (12) and innings pitched (194) and walks (108).

Following a 12-14 mark with a 2.83 ERA in 1939 with the Syracuse Chiefs of the International (AA) League, Mooty is set to be sold to the Pittsburgh Pirates but the deal is put on hold by an elbow problem ... following the 1942 season, doctors perform a surgical procedure removing a calcium deposit from his right elbow.

After the 1944 season, where he pitches only 28 1/3 innings in 15 games for the Detroit Tigers, Mooty asks for his outright release to a Pacific Coast League team, so he could rebuild his arm strength in a league where the teams played 180 or more games.

Mooty finishes his minor league career in 1950 with a 117-129 record with a 3.90 ERA, pitching 2,067 1/3 innings in 395 games.