

" TY COBB WAS A NASTY, NASTY MAN "  
BY PAT/SALTY

AS A BASEBALL PLAYER, HE WAS GREAT,  
AS A MAN, WELL - HOW NASTY WAS HE?  
SO NASTY HIS OWN TEAMMATES ON THE  
TIGERS WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO  
WITH HIM OFF THE FIELD.

AND AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO DO WITH  
HIM EVEN ON THE FIELD.

THAT NASTY,

SO NASTY, THAT HE BEAT AND STOMPED  
A FAN WHO HAD BEEN HECKLING HIM.  
AFTER HE HAD TOSSED THE FAN OUT OF  
HIS WHEELCHAIR.

YOU HEARD RIGHT; OUT OF HIS WHEELCHAIR.  
YOU THINK ~~AND~~ <sup>A GUY</sup> LIKE TY COBB  
WOULD LET SOME OLD WHEELCHAIR STOP HIM?

THE CRIPPLE HAD BEEN RAZZING COB  
BY CALLING COBB'S MOTHER NAMES.  
NAMES LIKE, CONVICTED KILLER.

WHICH COBB TOOK EXCEPTION TO.

BY SAYING HIS MOTHER HAD NEVER BEEN  
CONVICTED.

WHICH WAS TECHNICALLY CORRECT.

BEING THAT HIS MOTHER HAD ACTUALLY  
BEEN AQUITTED OF KILLING HIS FATHER,  
ON ACCOUNT OF THE JURY COULDN'T BE



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SURE whether it WAS she, OR THE TEENAGE ty cobb, WHO HAS ACTUALLY PULLED THE TRIGGER.

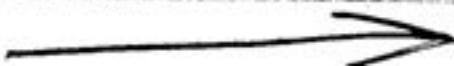
The cobb FAMILY HAD "ISSUES," AS THEY SAY. FATHER MURDER - NOW THATS AN ISSUE.

A GREAT BIG ISSUE, TO SAY THE LEAST. THE GREAT ty cobb HAD A GREAT BIG TEMPER - HOW BIG?

SO BIG THAT THE OLD CENTER FIELD IN THE ORIGINAL YANKEE STADIUM WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD IT.

IF ty cobb PLAYED BALL LIKE A MAN POSSESSED ITS PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS, POSSESSED, THAT IS.

HE WAS FAMOUS FOR STEALING BASES (AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT WASN'T NAILED DOWN) HE COULD ALWAYS BE ~~SEE~~ SEEN, BEFORE EVERY GAME, SITTING ALL ALONE BY HIMSELF ON THE END OF THE DUGOUT BENCH, WITH A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE AS HE LOVINGLY SHARPENED EACH SPIKE ON HIS SHOES TO A RAZORLIKE SHARPNESS. IN ORDER TO INFLICT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PAIN AND INJURY TO ANY OPPOSING FIELDER FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRY AND BLOCK WHATEVER BASE COBB WAS





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TRYING TO STEAL.

THE OTHER PLAYERS HATED HIM.

MOST OF THE FANS AND REPORTERS

HATED HIM, TOO.

ABOUT THE ONLY ONES THAT DIDN'T HATE

HIM WERE THE ~~REPORTERS~~ UMPIRES,

ODDLY ENOUGH.

WHY?

BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT WHENEVER

COBB WAS PLAYING IN AN OPPONENTS

BALLPARK THAT THE FANS WOULD

DIRECT ALL THEIR VENOM AND CURSES

AT COBB - AND NOT AT THEM.

COBB WAS SO EGOTISTICAL AND SELF

CENTERED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT

ALL OF THE WORLD REVOLVED AROUND HIM.

WHICH IS WHY HE WAS ALWAYS ~~striking~~

WHIPPING OUT HIS POCKET REVOLVER AND

TAKING SHOTS AT EVERYTHING IN THE

WORLD THAT HE SAW REVOLVING AROUND HIM.

NOT ON THE FIELD, BUT IN HIS OWN

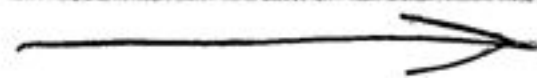
PRIVATE OFF TIME; COBB WOULD TAKE

HIS GUN WITH HIM EVERYWHERE.

AND HIS KNIFE.

AND HIS BRASS KNUCKLES.

EVEN TO BED WITH HIM.



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Especially to bed.

Being that ALL his EX WIVES SWORE he used to BEAT them,

AND THREATEN them with his GUN,

AND THAT WAS when he WAS in a

GOOD MOOD-Feeling ROMANTIC!

ROMANTIC, cobb style, THAT IS,

his OWN CHILDREN TOTALLY DISOWNED

~~them~~ him AND CHANGED their NAMES.

AND when Ty Cobb GOT DRUNK -

which WAS ALL OF the time -

he would <sup>Get</sup> WHAT ELSE? - MEAN,

OR, EVEN MEANER than when SOBER

(with Cobb it WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL the DIFFERENCE).

he would TAKE POTSHOTS AT CARS

THAT DROVE PAST his PROPERTY THAT

he THOUGHT were TOO LOUD,

AND SHOOT STRAY DOGS AND CATS AND

BIRDS THAT - AS Cobb SAW IT -

"TRESSPASSED" ON his PROPERTY.

HE EVEN CRITICIZED the GREAT

BABE RUTH! Publicly CHARGED THAT

RUTH WAS RUINING the GAME OF

BASEBALL! BY HITTING ALL THOSE

HOMERUNS; THAT the GAME WAS





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being Ruined AND Changed BECAUSE OF BABE RUTH'S INFLUENCE,

cobb, you see, HATED Home RUNS. BECAUSE, with homeruns, you ONLY TROTTED AROUND ALL THE BASES.

you NEVER GOT TO SLIDE,

which WOULD OF COURSE BE A GREAT WASTE OF ALL THOSE PERFECTLY GOOD SPIKES he SPENT SO MUCH TIME ON SHARPENING.

TY COBB DID ADMIT, THOUGH, THAT

- PERSONALITY WISE - BABE RUTH WAS "THE MOST PERSONABLE MAN I EVER MET"

- EVEN THOUGH he INSISTED TO HIS DYING DAY (IN THE 1950'S) THAT

RUTH'S MAKING HOME RUNS SO POPULAR HAD CHANGED AND RUINED THE GAME,

WHICH ACTUALLY SERVES TO SHOW JUST HOW CHARISMATIC BABE RUTH MUST HAVE BEEN IN REAL LIFE; THAT EVEN A GUY LIKE TY COBB COULDN'T HELP BUT LIKE HIM;

AND TY COBB HATED EVERYBODY!

TY COBB AND BABE RUTH WERE ACTUALLY AMONG THE VERY SMALL GROUP TO FIRST GET INDUCTED INTO THE BRAND NEW BASEBALL HALL OF FAME ~~in~~ up in



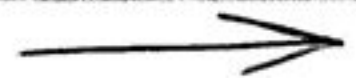
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COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, WHEN IT FIRST OPENED BACK IN 1936. RUTH AND COBB WERE INDUCTED TOGETHER. COBB'S REPUTATION, OF COURSE, HAD PROCEEDED HIM (AS IT ALWAYS DID) SO THEY MADE DAMNED SURE THAT NO ALCOHOL GOT SERVED AT THE INDUCTION DINNER AND THEY ALL GOT TOGETHER BEFOREHAND AND MADE COBB SWEAR TO BE ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR IN ORDER NOT TO PUBLICLY EMBARRASS BASEBALL.

"BEST BEHAVIOR," WHERE TY COBB WAS CONCERNED, WAS A RELATIVE TERM, TO SAY THE LEAST.

HIS "BEST BEHAVIOR" MEANT LEAVING HIS GUN LOCKED IN HIS CAR'S GLOVE COMPARTMENT - HIS TRUSTY KNIFE AND BRASS KNUCKLES, TOO - AND NOT GUZZLING ANY WHISKEY AND SNARLING AT EVERYONE IN SIGHT.

OR CURSING OUT ALL THE BLACK WAITERS, OR ~~OR~~ TRYING TO BITCH SLAP AROUND ALL THE PUERTO RICAN CHAMBERMAIDS, ALL OF WHICH COBB SMILINGLY AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM FOR THE DURATION





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OF THE HALL OF FAME FESTIVITIES.  
(HE WAS PROBABLY SMILING WHEN HE  
AGREED NOT TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS  
BECAUSE, BY CAREFULLY LISTING ALL THOSE  
THINGS - IN DETAIL - THAT THEY EXPECTED  
COBB NOT TO DO, THEY WERE JUST GIVING  
HIM NEW IDEAS OF NEW OUTRAGES  
HE COULD NOW DO IN THE FUTURE  
SOMEWHERE!)

YEP - TY COBB WAS A REAL PIECE OF WORK.  
HE DIED, IN THE 1950'S, A FAIRLY  
WEALTHY - IF TOTALLY LONELY - MAN.  
IN ONE OF HIS LAST INTERVIEWS BACK  
IN THE 1950'S COBB WAS ASKED WHAT  
HE WOULD HIT - AVERAGE WISE - TODAY  
(IN THE 50'S) AND THE REPORTER WAS  
SHOCKED TO HEAR COBB (WHO HAD A  
LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE CLOSE TO .400)  
ANSWER BACK: "OH, ABOUT 250".  
"TWO FIFTY!?!? THE GREAT TY COBB?!?!"  
THE REPORTER EXCLAIMED, DUMBFOUNDED.  
"WELL, HELL SON, I'M DAMN NEAR 60  
YEARS OLD!" — VINTAGE COBB.  
EVEN TY COBB WASN'T ALL BAD —  
WHEN HE DIED HE LEFT EVERYTHING AND  
ALL HE HAD TO ORPHANS ~~HE HAD NEVER MET~~  
HE HAD NEVER EVEN MET (LUCKY FOR THEM) XXXX