

# DETROIT BASEBALL COMPANY

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MICHIGAN AND TRUMBULL AVES.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

May 10, 1923

Mr. C. F. Rhem,  
Clemson College, N. C.

Dear Rhem:

Noticed your letter to Mr. Navin, hence my decision to write you. I heard about you in the South and suggested to Mr. Navin that we send a scout to look you over. Regarding your future, I want to call your attention to a few things you should consider. First; get with the Club that you would feel at home with. I think we have such a Club. We have some ten or twelve Southern boys, also there is about the same number of college boys with us and you can readily realize what that means to a young man like yourself. We have been touted to win the pennant this year. We finished third last year which means we have a coming team, one that will be strong for several years because collectively, our team is getting at its best. We have a wonderful offense, the strongest hitting team in the Majors which will mean that you, a pitcher, would get good support from the run-making standpoint. We no doubt will be in the money for three or four years to come which should be an added inducement to any young man coming to the Major League.

If you have the ability, you can expect the Detroit Baseball Club, through myself and Mr. Navin, the owner, to look out for your best interests. You will have every show. You are not coming with a ball-club that will not support you for lack of strength; you are not coming with a ball-club that is deteriorating. When you come down to facts, the amount of money involved should be a secondary consideration, but I believe that we are in a position to do almost as much as anyone else.

In closing, here is just an indication of what it means to come with the Detroit Club. Kenneth Holloway, former University of Georgia pitcher, signed with the Augusta Club last season. He only had fair success. He had the size and what we thought, quite a bit of ability. He has pitched two wonderful games already before suffering a slight injury which has kept him out for a few days. I fully expect him to be a star before the season is over and no doubt, next season he will be enjoying a star's salary. We have been weak in pitching so you would have a wonderful opportunity to make good with us. Now, if you haven't the goods, then you do not want to be in baseball, but if you have, then when you have shown your ability, I can absolutely assure you that Mr. Navin will pay you as much or more in salary than any other man in base-

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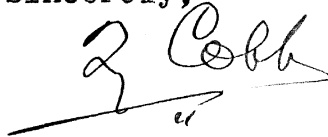
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ball. I say this as a ball player, a Southern boy and one who is interested in a man from my section of the country. We would like to have you with us.

I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Z. Cobb". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a horizontal line underneath the name.

TRC:RS

P. S. Forgot to mention that the Detroit Club will only consider a business proposition which means that we would not like to enter into a betting contest; in other words, after considering all the different angles I have written you about, when you have gotten the other propositions, then give to us the proposition you would be willing to come the Detroit Club for and we will give you a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

Handwritten initials in cursive script that appear to read "J.R.C.". The initials are written in dark ink.

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