

Michigan Every Day

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Detroit Tigers win first World Series

The Tigers began playing major league baseball in 1901 but the team was unable to win a world championship in three and a half decades. This despite employing baseball luminaries such as Ty Cobb, who led the Tigers to World Series appearances three years in a row – in 1907, 1908, and 1909.

That changed in 1935, when the Tigers won their division's pennant by winning their division by three games during the regular season. They faced the Chicago Cubs, who took the first game of the world series 3-0 in Detroit.

Detroit came back resoundingly in the next game, winning 8-3. The Cubs won just one more game as the Tigers went on to win the World Series title in six games. The Tigers won the World Series again in 1945, 1968, and 1984.