# Transcribed Pages from the Charles Dickson Papers on Mobile Baseball

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**Folder 1: Mobile Baseball 1868-1910**

1. Early Base Ball in Mobile

The first record of baseball games being played in Mobile was an account in the Mobile Daily News, Feb. 1st 1868 –

The game was for the championship of the state between the: -- Dra [illegible] and the Mobile ball club resulting in a score of 63 to 50 in favor of the Dra[illegible].

It took 2 hours and fourty minutes time to play the game, which was said to be very exciting to five hundred who witnessed the game, not withstanding the very cold weather on that February afternoon.

There is no mention of the number of innings that were played,(if any) before the contest was ended.

From the report of the game, it is evident that each player of the nine on each team were individually credited by the scores that they made and charged with the number of times that they were Tagged out.

R. Ellison was the umpire and R. Goubil and W. Madderu were score keepers.

-- Champion Base Ball Match –

| Dra[illegible] | | | | Mobile | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Player | Position | Outs | Runs | Player | Position | Outs | Runs |
| Allen | P | 2 | 9 | Lardner | 3B | 4 | 6 |
| Callett | C | 3 | 8 | Walker | 1B | 2 | 8 |
| Hurley Jr. | SS | 5 | 6 | Sheridan | 2B | 3 | 7 |
| Fitzpatrick | 1B | 5 | 6 | Cannon | P | 3 | 6 |
| Lowduer | 2B | 1 | 10 | Peterson | CF | 5 | 4 |
| Parsons | 3B | 3 | 8 | Christ | C | 2 | 5 |
| Hurley Sr. | 4F | 4 | 6 | McAvory | 4F | 3 | 4 |
| Madderu | CF | 1 | 8 | Dalton[?] | SS | 2 | 6 |
| Bahanna | RF | 3 | 2 | Magles | RF | 3 | 4 |
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| Totals | | 27 | 63 | | | 27 | 50 |

2. THE DAILY REGISTER

Saturday, November 17, 1883

Base Ball in the Year 1883 Arranges to Descend upon Mobile [1st of 3 pages]

"Mr. J.T[?] Ullman of New Orleans, representing an association of that city interested in the exhibition of base ball playing was in the city yesterday, an effected arrangements for the playing of the Chicago combination in Mobile. Mr. Ullman, who is a very pleasant talker, said in refrence to his project that as it is now off-season in the north with the professional base ball players, it has been found practicable by certain gentlemen in New Orleans to secure the services of some of the crack players, and to play them in the south during the winter.

A number of such players having been secured, a team of ten men was formed and styled the Combination from Chicago.

This team has been for some weeks in New Orleans and has played some very interesting games with the clubs of that city.

"The place of our manager [of New Orleans] Mr. A Dupre" said Mr. Ullman "is to visit Mobile, Pensacola, Meridian, Selma, and Montgomery and play games with the local clubs.

To make things even, however, and to give the competing club the full benefit of all the instruction which we can impart in the brief time of a contest, we will form mixed nines, the competing club – the [Chicago] "Rattlers," Taking five of our men, and our combination Taking four of theirs.

We think that in this way the members of the local club will acquire more effectually the new ideas regarding the game than were we to play solidly against them."

"When will this game take place?" asked the reporter.

"We will play the Rattlers when we pass through on the 26th of November [1883] and again when we return, on December 1, we have agreed upon all the details and I leave Tonight for Meridian, where I expect to make equally satisfactory arrangements. We believe that the enterprise will be successful. We know that when the Rattlers played the Meridian boys there were six or seven hundred spectators there. We can count upon a larger attendance than that, you know."

3. Base ball in the year 1883 arranges to descend upon Mobile [2nd of 3 pages]

"What sort of a team do you bring over?"

“Well” replied Mr. Ullman, “it is just the best that money can get. – You see, all these magnificent players are off duty. – They draw their salaries regularly by the year, but do not play more than seven months in the year/ -- They are therefore open to an engagement like this one. The team has been selected with great care and puts up a game which is deeply interesting.”

“Tell me something of the individuals?” asked the reporter.

First there’s Flint, the catcher for the Chicago club: he gets a yearly salary of $3,400; He catches for us; or he will if he is desired, play with the competing club [in Mobile]

The same is true as regards Sullivan, Heckner or Daly. The competing club can have any or all of these.

The last name Daly is the celebrated one-armed pitcher of the Cleveland club; he is prime. Next there is Hick Carpenter, the first base of the Cincinnati’s; He is the leading batsman of the American Association.

Mr. M.J. Kelly is the second base man. He is called “The Tricky and Speedy base runner.’ Ned Williamson is the third base. He has fine a record as any player in the United States. Both Williamson and Kelly belong to the Chicago nine .

Sam Wise, of the Boston’s, is a heavy hitter and the champion shortstop. He has just received a medal for the best batting score made during the Eclipse series of games.

Mr. Geo. F. Gore, of the Chicago’s, is captain of the combination and playes centerfield; he is said to cover more ground and be a better, that is, surer thrower than any man in the combination. He held first place as a batsman in 1882.



“J. Mava is the well known catcher for the Providence nine.

He will alternate with Flint and others.

He is one of the longest and surest throwers in the country.

Guy Hecker is a phenomenal pitcher; He is of the Eclipse club of Louisville. He pitched in the Eclipse vs. Atlantis at Philadelphia, where his club gained three out of four games.

Last on this list is John Sullivan – not the slugger [of the ring] but a fine catcher, belonging to the Eclipse club of Louisville.

You see we have a strong team and ought to be able to give a first class exhibition. I am ready to say, in addition, that if we can make this experiment a success, our association will arrange to bring to Mobile all of the fine clubs which are contracted for to New Orleans. We think the enterprise deserves, and we hope it will meet, with success.

5. Base Ball in Mobile 1883

The combination then went in, Weiss being to bat. He knocked to the left field where Cane managed to muff. Gore hit a daisy, bringing Weiss home, and getting put out soon after on the second. Then came a pretty play where Carpenter went out on third and Sullivan on second. Score 1 for Chicagos.

The Rattlers second inning was also a giveaway. Flint went out on three strikes; Mava got to his third only; Brown lost on three strikes and Cane got caught out on first; Mava left on third base.

The Combinations second resulted about the same – Marques, Soost, and Walker, all Mobile boys, hit at the balls and missed them. They came so straight and so swift from Heckler that they could not see them, much less hit them. Joseph got a run in this inning. The Rattlers in the third inning had Cullen out at first base, Keefe out on strikes, and Heckler out on first, total nothing for the three.

The Chicagos, in their third, played up a little, and Walker, of Mobile, put in his first on balls, and got the rest on [Gore's] strike, making the score for that side – Weiss went out on strikes. Gore was left on base, while Carfeuter was put out at second and Sullivan at first. The fourth and last innings for the Rattlers was a terrible defeat. Williamson flew the [traces] on a foul, Wilson ditto, and Flint put the ball where it would do the most good, at the first, and put himself out, at the same time.

The Combination played its fourth innings nicely. Reeder took his second by hitting the ball into the left field, Marques tried the same experiment but was caught out at the first base, but Reeder came home. Soost went out on a foul. Then came a pretty piece where Joseph Walker and Weiss got their bases on strikes [balls] and the diamond was full. It looked squally for the Chicagos when Heckler threw a low ball at Williams on the third and the latter let it pass. Both Joseph and Walker came home on this, but Weiss was caught.

6. Base Ball in Mobile 1883

By this time it was so dark that the game had to be abandoned. It will be called again next Saturday, at three o'clock p.m. sharp.

The following is the official score of the game.

| Combination | Position | Runs | Rattlers | Position | Runs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S. Weiss | 3B | 1 | Heckler | P | 0 |
| Geo. Gore | 2B | 0 | Williamson | 3B | 0 |
| Carpenter | 1B | 0 | Wilson | 2B | 0 |
| Reeder | P | 1 | Flint | C | 0 |
| Sullivan | C | 0 | Mava | SS | 0 |
| *Marques | LF | 0 | *Brown | 1B | 0 |
| *Soost | SS | 0 | *Cane | LF | 1 |
| *Joseph | CF | 1 | *Cullen | RF | 0 |
| *Walker | RF | 2 | *Keefe | CF | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| Totals | | 5 | | | 1 |

| Innings | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gore Combination | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | Game called |
| Rattlers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Umpire J.W. Daniels
Scorer W.H. Sadler
Time of Game – one hour
Game called on account of darkines

*Rattlers

7. The Ball and the Bat
Mobile, Ala. Sep. 19th, 1885

"Scenes To-day, Here snd Elsewhere

The reason base ball has such a hold upon the small boy is that the game furnishes unlimited opportunity for yelling.

The Athletics of Mobile, and the Regulars of Whistler will cross bats this afternoon for a pirse of $25 at the corner of Ann and Government streets.

The base ball craze has reached that point that there is no rest for the wicked, nor for the good either.

The prospective “battery” practices at night under the electric light on Royal street.

The game at Fraseati this afternoon between the Gulf Citys and the Mobiles will be played for keeps. – Each is determined to show a tip top contest.

Run! Run! Watch him hive [BEST GUESS] the cloud lifter! Too high for him! Throw it to first! Why don’t you throw it! Now heave it to second! Muffed by thunder! Oh kill him! Send it to third! Great Caezar! Great Scott! Why ain’t he on his base? There he goes! Knock him out! Home with it! Home with it! Quick! Let her come! Now we have it! Let her fly! Don’t hold it! Whoop he up! Whoop her up! Whoop her up! Well – I’ll be darned if you ain’t gone done it, and there’s another run for the Mugwumps.

8. Early Base Ball in Mobile

The Gulf Base Ball League was organized in January [Mobile Reg Jan. 6] 1886 –
The league consisted of two teams in New Orleans, namely The New Orleans Club and the R.E. Lees – and two teams in Mobile, namely: The Acid Iron Earths and the Mobile Club.

The first games played in the league were to be played June 20th and 21st.

The R.E. Lees, of New Orleans vs. Acid Iron Earths of Mobile at Mobile

On the same dates the Mobile Club and the New Orleans Club will play against each other in New Orleans.

The officers of the Gulf Base Ball League were:
Hon. J.G. Brien, New Orleans, president;
Richard Sheridan, Mobile vice president;
Charles Shaffer, Mobile, treasurer;
F. McKeough, New Orleans, secretary

“The Acid Iron Earth” ball club was known or called the “Medicine Men” because medicine was being made from the so call Acid Iron Earth of Alabama.

Mobile Register, Jan. 18, 1887 The Southern League
The directors and stockholders of the Mobile Base Ball Club held a conference last night and decided to call in 25 per cent of the capital stock. They determined to send a representative to the next meeting of the league and to put Mobile in provided the [guarentte] money be reduced to $1,000 and that Mobile be given $65 per game on all games away from home or the privilage of 35 per cent of the gate receipts, and that Mobile must have Sunday games, or else she won’t go in the league.

9. Mobile Register June 16, 1886 The Gulf Base Ball League

“The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Gulf League: Hon. J. G. Brien, of the R.E. Lee [New Orleans] president; Richard Sheridan of the A.I.E’s, vice president; Charles Shaffer of Mobile, treasurer; and F. McKeough, of New Orleans secretary
The first league games will be played Sunday, June 20th, and Monday 21st between the Lees and A.I.E.s in Mobile and the New Orleans and Mobile’s on New Orleans.
The public can look for good games now, as the League is formed and each club wants to win the pennant. The schedule of games will be published in a few days.

The Gulf Base Ball League consisted of two teams in New Orleans: the New Orleans and the R.E. Lee’s and two teams in Mobile: the Acid Iron Earth’s and the Mobile’s.

Results of the ball game July 12, 1886 between the Mobile’s and the R.E. Lee’s of New Orleans. Was 8 to 4 in favor of Mobile in the first game and 3 to 3 tie in the second game. The game’s in Mobile were played Fraseati park on the corner of [WORDS SCRATCHED OUT].

Results of the ball game July 12, 1886 between the Acid Iron Earth’s of Mobile and the New Orleans was 4 to 2 in favor of the Acid’s team.
This game was played in New Orleans
The Acid Iron Earth ball club of Mobile is called the “Medicine Men” {deriving the name from a medicine put on the market made from Acid Iron Earth of Ala.

20. Mobile Register Feb 24, 1886

Base Ball
The Gulf Coast League

The movement to form a Gulf Coast League is progressing finely, and the promise of excellent competitions between the best ball players of this immediate section of the country is flattering.

Manager Kelly favors the Register with a copy of a letter of interest from New Orleans, treating of the League and its prospects:

New Orleans, February 20, 1886

J.H. Kelly, Esq., Manager of the Mobile Base Ball Club

Dear Sir: We are now ready to hold the meeting of delegates to form the Gulf League Base Ball Association. We have formed our nine.

I am authorized to name the time for a meeting for a meeting to be held between the 3d and 10th of March, as it will enable the deligates to see the sights of the city during our carnival, but should that not suit you, may suggest any other time: but it must be held in this city, as I believe it to be the centre.

I shall expect you to make immediate arrangements with Montgomery, Pensacola, Columbus, Selma, and Birmingham to send deligates; say from three to five. Wrote to them and let them assure you positively that they will come.

It must be done immediately as we are expecting to open the ball early in April.

Everything is all right, and we anticipate big success.

I will write to Vicksburg and have everything fixed. Again, I wish to impress on your mind the certainty of these cities meeting here to organize.

We should not be found wanting.

Awaiting an immediate answer from each club and an early reply from you, I remain yours respectfully,

Conrad Leithman

11. The Daily Register Jan 15, 1887
Base Ball

“There was a meeting of the Base Ball association yesterday afternoon to decide upon the time and method of raising the $2,000 forfeit money for the entry of Mobile in to the [Southern League]. Nothing was done, and action was defered untill a meeting to be held Sunday.

The Nashville American says:
“The exact status of the Southern League will be determined only after the arrival of President John Morrow. A telegram received yesterday states that he will return to the city about Sunday and that a meeting of the League will be called for some day during the ensuing week. At this meeting the two questions to be decided are whether the League will reduce the guarantee fund required of each club to $1,000 and whether a visiting club will have the privilege of taking 35 per cent of the gate receipts. If these questions are favorably decided, there will be only two vacancies to be filled, caused by the dropping out of Atlanta and Macon.

Mobile Register Jan 18, 1887
The Base Ball Men
Decide To Enter The Southern League

“The directors and stockholders of the Mobile Base Ball Club held a conference last night and decided to call in 25 per cent of the capital stock.
They determined to send a representative to the next meeting of the League and to put Mobile in, provided the guarantee money be reduced to $1,000 and that Mobile be given $65 per game on all games away from home or the privilage of 35 per cent of the gate receipts. Should the 35 per cent exceed $65, Mobile must have Sunday games, else she won’t go in.”

12. Daily Register Feb. 3, 1887
Base Ball
President Morrow Puts In A Good Days Work In Mobile.

“Manager John Morrow of the Southern League and Toby Hart of the New Orleans Base Ball Association reached here yesterday afternoon, and after a consultation with those interested in base ball succeeded in getting matters in such shape that there is no doubt of Mobile’s

entrance into the League. Messrs. Abe Spira and W. J. McGuire, two of Mobile's young merchants, took the matter in hand and individually subscribed enough to ensure the entry. They were joined by others and $1,700 was raised. The two authorized Mr. Morrow to draw on them for the thousand dollars guarantee and the one hundred and fifty dollars entrance fee.

Morrow is satisfied, as are the promoters here, who say that they will have no difficulty in raising all that is needed.

Mr. Spira will make a personal canvas and now that the guarantee money is up, there is every reason to believe Mobile will amply support the undertaking.

Mr. Morrow inspected the ball grounds here and says they are first-class, being superior to the grounds in Atlanta, Augusta, Chattanooga, New Orleans, and in fact equal to anything of the sort, except the grounds at Nashville.

He left last night for Charleston, well satisfied with the day's work.

13. The Daily Register February 16, 1887

The Mobile Nine

The Engagments Effected By Manager Kelly.

The following specials to this paper were received last night.

"Louisvill, Ky., Feb 15, -- I have signed Charles Bess, center fielder, James Long left fielder and change pitcher, both of last year's Clintons [of Louisville]. Will leave for home to-night. Will stop over at Nashville and Birmingham

Kelly"

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Manager Kelly's engagments for the Mobile team so far are:
Pitcher – George Miller, of the Cincinnatti and Macon clubs.
Catcher – Lang, of the Atlantas' and Wilmington clubs.
First base – Wm Klausman of the Leadville club.
Third base – John Neihaff of the "Shamrocks" of Cincinnatti club
Short stop – Edward Cline, of the Danville, right field and captain
Center field – Charles Bess of the "Clintons'" Louisville club
Left field and catcher – James Lang of the "Clintons" Louisville club
It has been stated that Manager Kelly has also made arrangements with Eaton of the Evansville, Duffy of Mobile, and Behan of New Orleans.

[BIRMINGHAM AGE]

The following telegram was received from President Morrow yesterday morning:

"W.L. Hawley, Birmingham: If Birmingham and Montgomery want a franchise [in the Southern League] each city must send me $1,150 this week"

"John Morrow"

From the above it will be seen that only five days of grace remain and next Saturday night, Birmingham will either be a league city or it will have gone beyond the last opportunity of getting it.

D.W. Harrison returned from Montgomery yesterday and says there is much interest in ball there, and that they certainly put a good club in the league. The Capital Street Railway Company, he says, has taken considerable stock in the Associaiton, and will furnish the grounds.

14. The Daily Register February 16, 1887
THE MOBILE NINE

Mr. Harrison says he has notified President Morrow to draw on him for $1,150, and there is now very little doubt but what we will have ball this season.

A meeting of all stockholders and every one interested in ball is called for 8 o'clock this eavening at the office of M.J Gregg , on Twentieth street.

Yesterday Mr. Harrison received a telegram from Manager Watkins of Detroit asking if a game could be arranged for April 14, between the Birmingham and the Detroits.

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Louisville, Feb 15 – "I have signed Edward Cline of the New Albany, Indiana club, as right fielder and captain. He was the slugger of the Danville Blue Grass League of 1886. His weight is 224 pounds" "Kelly"

At the regular annual election of officers of the A.M. Davidson Base Ball Club at their ball last night, the following officers were elected for the coming year: J.F. Holly, president, J. Oley, vice president, J. P. [Horigous], secretary, H. Stiller, treasurer, E. [Yoond], captain, W. Driscoll, manager, P. Farley, scorer

[The Davidson Base Ball Club was champions of the Junior circles in the year 1886]

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE [1887]

“The King of wagons, called “Studebaker” is sold only by Sam D. Bloch.”

Manager Kelly of the Mobile [Southern League] Base Ball Club has signed Pitcher P. H. Kelly, of Akron, Ohio, James Masron, of Cincinnatti, pitcher; H.A. Howard of Columbia, Tenn., as fielder; and Jack Hayes left fielder of the Acid Iron Earth team last year, in the same fashion.

Masron was with Memphis last year.

15. Mobile Reg February 18, 1887
Bases, Bats and Balls

“Manager Kelly returned from Cincinnatti and Louisville yesterday, and says he was handsomely treated everywhere.

He will have all of his men hire except Miller, by the first of the month, and will play the Cincinnatti nine on the 6th.

| Cincinnatti | | Position | | Mobile |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mullane | -- | pitcher | -- | Hungler |
| Baldwin | -- | catcher | -- | Lang |
| Boyle | -- | First base | -- | Behan |
| Pfeffer | -- | Second base | -- | Klausman |
| Carpenter | -- | Third base | -- | Duffy |
| McPhee | -- | Shortstop | -- | Michoff |
| Jones | -- | Left field | -- | Eaton |
| John Ewing | -- | Right field | -- | Cline |
| Buck Ewing | -- | Center field | -- | Bess |

This is a preliminary arrangement subject to modifications.

Huger is a very handsome specimen of manhood.

Kelly brought his photograph home to show the boys.

June 17, 1887:
Mobile defeats Chattanooga by a score of 9 to 7.

Mobile played ball yesterday for all that it was worth and took every advantage of the errors of Chattanooga.

16. MWR and New Orleans Picayune Oct 27 – 1888
Proposed Southern League

Yesterday was the day fixed for the preliminary organization of the Southern League.

The St. Charles Hotel had loaned a parlor for the occasion, a New Orleans delegation was on hand to do the honors. But the meeting did not materialize. It was not a failure, for five cities outside of New Orleans were heard from.

In the meantime New Orleans base ball leaders had gone over the Southern League constitution and made a number of changes.

Among the changes area a low salary limit and a strong clause against drinking. Manager John F. Kelly, of the Old Southern League was the first to come.

There are ten well-to-do lovers of the sport and the street railway company backing him up, and he is ready to put a team into Mobile, if a $1,000 month by salery limit is adopted. Kelly is as fine a judge of young players as there is in the South.

Galveston and Houston sent word as late as last Friday that they would certainly be present, but yesterday they dispatched that they were not ready now, and will cooperate with the league and be prepared to attend a future meeting.

Charleston and Birmingham announced their intention to be in the league, but could not be on hand yesterday.

Another meeting has been called November 19, and by that time the league will be able to shape itself satisfactorily.

17. Base Ball In Mobile
The Southern League

May 20 – 1889

Base Ball

The first game of the Southern League in this city will be played at Frascati Park to-day between the Mobile and Atlanta teams.

There will no doubt be the largest crowd ever at the park to see the opening game.

Charles McLean received a dispatch yesterday from Kelly, in which he stated that he had signed five of the Birmingham: McCollough, Touhey, Daily, Lewis and Cavanaugh, while Kline and Shea of New Orleans and “Show King” have also been signed. It was thought that Jack Hayes would be signed to play center , but he could not be gotten for the game this afternoon.

“Hickory” Lewis, of the Gulf League, is one of the new men and will play in to-days game. Cavanaugh is a fine fielder and hitter while Touhey is one of the star catchers of the league. Kelly arrived on the two-o-clock train this morning with the men and the nines and positions for this evening are as following:
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18. MDR June 10 – 1889

Base Ball

Notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather, fully twenty-one hundred spectators were present Sunday at Frascati to watch the second game between Memphis and Mobile.

Touhey, catcher for Mobile played a rattling game and backed up his twerler McCollough like a brick wall.

Caliahan, the crack little second baseman of the old Amateur  Gibney, was given a trial by Memphis and played the second bag for them as well as any professional seen here this season.

McCullough was very wild, and at times it looked as though his wildness would lose the game, but at critical points, when the bases were full he kept his head and retired the side on two occasions.

King, Mobile shortstop, and Pujol, second base led the batting for Mobile.

Neither side scored until the fifth, although Memphis filled the bases in the second.

The final result of the game was 3 to 2 in favor of Mobile.

June 17 – 1889

Base Ball

Mobile defeats Chattanooga by a score of 9 to 7.

Mobile played ball yesterday for all that it was worth, and took every advantage of Chattanooga's error, hit the ball when hits were needed, and as a consequence won the game.

Lewis, Mobile center fielder redeamed himself yesterday and played a fine game, his hitting and his throw-in of a hit by Jones from deep center, cutting off Mose at home plate being among the features of the game.

19. Mob Item June 21 – 1890

Base Ball at Frascati Park

The Whistler Dobs vs the Mobile Champions

"Several of our people left here [Whistler] on a special train last Sunday afternoon for Frascati to witness a game of base ball announced to be played there between the Whistler Nine, and the Champion Fats of Mobile. But imagine the surprise and general disappointment of the people of Whistler and their base ball team when it was found that instead of the original Fats, they had either to face a professional battery or give up the gost and not play at all.

The Whistler Nine was really composed of scrubs, and I was informed, by reliable authority, that the Mobile Fats, on Saturday night, exerted every influence that could be brought to bear on several other professional ball players.

The whole secret of the matter is the Mobile Champion Fats don't know how to play ball never did and never will. They are well aware of the fact and they would not have faced the Whistler boys had they not succeeded in securing the professional battery they had.

In the seventh inning, had the Whistler team been supplied with a pitcher to relive Mr. Nix, the Fats of Mobile would have been defeated. At the close, the game stood Mobile Fats 10; Whistler 6.

20. Mobile Daily News, April 19 – 1892

Base Ball

About 2000 people witnessed the first league game on the home grounds yesterday. The first game between the Memphis and Mobile base ball clubs took place yesterday and resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 13 to 9.

Mobile Daily News, April 24 – 1892

Base Ball

The last of the series of games between New Orleans and Mobile was called by Umpire Wilson at 4 o'clock, before an audience of about 800 people, among whom were many of the fair sex to see New Orleans defeat Mobile 9 to 2.

The stand yesterday was graced by the presence of "four great umpires" Judge Semmes, Judge Price Williams, Hon. Mayor J. P. Rich and Hon. L.B. Sheldon.

J.H. Neal telegraphed from Akron, Ohio, that he will leave for Mobile Monday. He played last year with the St. Louis Browns.

Mobile Daily News, May 1 – 1892

Base Ball – Southern League

Macon 4, Mobile 8 = Birmingham 8, New Orleans 7

Atlanta 14, Montgomery 2 = Chattanooga 8, Memphis 0



Mobile Daily News, May 8 – 1892

Base Ball

Mobile Defeats The Great Chattanooga Team

"There was a large and select crowd at Temperance Hall yesterday afternoon to witness the second game by telegraph between Mobile and Chattanooga at Chattanooga. The score was 6 to 4, in favor of Mobile.

Mobile Daily News, May 11 – 1892

Base Ball

Although Mobile played against ten men yesterday, She was an easy winner and came near shutting out Atlanta.

The umpire [Wantors] Whalen gave some rotten decisions and was loudly hooted.

The first game of the series with Atlanta was opened yesterday afternoon at Frascati Park, before an enthusiastic audience of nearly 1,500 people.

The game ended with a score of 3 to 2, in favor of Mobile.

22. Mobile Daily News, May 30 – 1892

Base Ball
Chattanooga vs Mobile
12 to 0 Is the Score, in favor of Mobile

The game witnessed by the largist crowd that ever visited a ball game in Mobile.
Mobile's fine batting and fielding, together with the errors of the visitors, caused a shut out for Chattanooga.

"We have met the enemy and they are ours"

The game yesterday between the two leaders for the Southern League pennant, Mobile and Chattanooga was witnessed by the largist concourse of people that has yet visited Frascati ball grounds. Fully 5000 people were on the grounds and a more interested crowd never appeared on the Frascati grounds.

Mobile Daily News, June 16 – 1892

Base Ball
Macon vs Mobile

Mobile won yesterdays game, though it does not effect her standing in the league, as it was an exhibition game as advertised by the management.

The final score was Mobile 4, Macon 2.

23. Mobile Daily News June 2 1892

Base Ball

The following is the standing of the Southern League clubs:

| | Played | Won | Lost | [UNCLEAR]* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chattanooga | 40 | 27 | 13 | - | 675 |
| Mobile | 39 | 23 | 16 | - | 590 |
| Montgomery | 39 | 23 | 16 | - | 590 |
| Atlanta | 39 | 20 | 19 | - | 513 |
| Birmingham | 37 | 19 | 18 | - | 513 |
| New Orleans | 37 | 16 | 21 | - | 432 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | - | 36 | - | 13 | - | 23 | - | 361 |
| Macon | - | 39 | - | 12 | - | 17 | - | 308 |

Mobile lost yesterday's game by not being able to connect with Bailey's curves.

*** The heading is unclear as to what this category denotes. However, the transcriber, upon using a mathematical formula to determine winning percentages, found that the numbers in the category would match the winning percentages of the clubs. It is therefore assumed that this heading is for winning percentage.**

May 17, 1892

Sunday Base Ball

The mayor of Toledo, Ohio favors it:

His idea is that it will keep people out of saloons on Sunday.

All the preachers denounce his action. Base ball lovers held an indignation meeting last night at which the action of the ministers of the gospel were condemned and both sides will attend the police commissioners meeting Wednesday night when the question will be settled.

24. MDN June 13 – 1892

Base Ball Feminines [BEST GUESS]
The Dudes of Mobile vs the Dudines of N.O.

"When the hour for the starting of the game arrived there appeared from the players' quarters such an array of players as have never before been seen. First came three or four tall, muscular men, attired in a tight fitting garb of dark blue.

These were the Dudes of Mobile.

The costumes of the Dudes was extremely pretty.

The blue hose, blue knee breeches, and blue shirts held in place with white belts and toped with white caps with well shaped peaks, presented an appearance of neatness seldom seen by the patrons of regular game. There was a conspicuous absence of looseness about the trousers and players as they do with the regular ball tossers.

After the Dudes had hung around the base for a time and had disposed of sundry cigaretts, there dawned on the scene visions of feminine loviness in the summer outfit of ballet dancers. These were the Dudines, representing the ball-playing girls of the local lodge of Elks of New Orleans.

Every one of the dudines were [prerid] in the possession of magnificant figures.

Their well-turned limbs and closely cropped hairs, coupled with their pretty costumes, caused every young man in the 25¢ seats to shout himself hoarse and made the gentlemen in the front rows of the grand stand screw their eye glasses into their heads and gaze with rapture on the scene before them – The girls were immense – Their white tights fitted closely to their forms and their wide-spreading ballet costumes of white tulle contrasted pretty with the [illegible] corsages, which fitted their forms closely.

There were some strange looking girls in the nine. Miss Peltz, for instance, sported a silken moustache. Miss Murray, was to pitch for the dear girls had so large a growth of whiskers that she could scarcely see the home plate, and [continued]

25. MDN June 13 – 1892

Base Ball Feminines' of New Orleans vs the Elk Dudes of Mobile

Miss Douglas, the sly young lady who after a great deal of persuasion had agreed to play first base for the Dudines, was much to long of limb to be called a truly perfect model for a sculpter. Miss Walton Saxon was the only one of the sweet creaturs who had allowed her hair to remain uncut. He blond tresses were the envy of the other girls, but the little lady whose trim little figure could well be furnished with a trifle more flesh bore the taunts of the other girls in the team with remarkable good grace. Her sweet disposition won the plaudits of the young men in the grand stand and caused their sweethearts to feel miffed. "That they should bestow so much attention on that horrid little thing who had no more good taste than to play ball with a lot of men."

One of the most striking figures on the ball field was Miss Latil, the Belle of Bourbon, whose dark skin and raven locks played havock with all admirers of feminine beauty. One of her admirers presented her with a large corsage boquet, which she wore throughout the game. The other girls came in for their share of admiration.

It was 4:15 o'clock when the gaily-bedecked umpire lifted his silk tile and called to the rival teams to "quit monkeying and get to work,' – He besought the giddy girls not to continue making sweet eyes at the opponents, and not to allow any feeling of affection which they might harbor towards them stand in the way of their playing ball for all they knew how. Friday a grand return game of ball will be played by the same nine in Mobile at Frascati and every one wishing to have an evening's enjoyment should attend. The final results of yesterdays game was 12 to 7 in favor of the New Orleans girl-Dudines.

26. Standing of the Southern League
September 21 – 1892 at the closing of the season:

| | Played | Won | Lost | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birmingham | 41 | 30 | 11 | 732 |
| New Orleans | 41 | 29 | 12 | 707 |
| Mobile | 41 | 24 | 17 | 585 |
| Atlanta | 41 | 22 | 19 | 537 |
| Macon | 38 | 17 | 21 | 478 |
| Montgomery | 40 | 15 | 25 | 375 |
| Memphis | 42 | 18 | 29 | 310 |
| Chattanoga | 38 | 11 | 27 | 289 |

MWR Jan 28 – 1893

Base Ball

Montgomery, Ala, Jan 26 – Tax on base ball clubs was taken up and passed this morning after a hard struggle by the opponents of the measure to defeat it or to amend by reducing the amount of tax and the penalties as passed by the house the bill imposes a license tax of $100 upon every club engaging in the game where an admission fee is charged – Clubs of universities, colleges and schools are excluded from the provisions. The penalty for violating the law is fixed at $500.
Efforts to amend the bill by excluding the counties of Mobile, Montgomery, Jefferson, and Dallas from the provisions were defeated.

Feb 4 – 1893

Cricket at Mt. Vernon

As previously announced the cricket game at Mt. Vernon between the Mobile Cricket Club and the Mr. Vernon club was played Sunday at Mt. Vernon, and was won by the Mobilians.

27. Play Ball April 10 – 1893

The Southern League Season Opens today.

Memphis, April 10 – The Southern Base ball league opens its season today under most auspicious circumstances.

All the cities in the league have splendid financial backing and a corps of excellent players.

The league consists of clubs from Mobile, New Orleans, Montgomery, Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis, Augusta, Macon, Savannah, Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Charleston, etc.

The salary limit is $1,200, and games are played under the National League rules.

Five per cent of the gate receipts of all games goes into a league sinking fund.

Mobile Daily News April 10, 1893

Base Ball Parade

The New Orleans team got it on time this noon and both the Mobile club and the New Orleans teams were driven through the street in carriages.

The Drago band preceded them in an open wagon and stopped in front of the news office, where they played a catchy [illegible].”

Mobile Daily News April 10 – 1893

Base Ball

New Orleans lost yesterday’s game [score 12 to 2] by not being able to keep pace with the Mobile sluggers. Mobile made 17 hits against 4 for New Orleans, etc.

Mobile Daily News April 13 – 1893

28.Base Ball in Mobile June 23, 1893

“I have been asked to say something about the Mobile team in the Southern League, but I think the least said upon this subject the better.

Be that as it may, however, the chatter is kept us in luxurious style just to say things and if people want to read about base ball, why I will have to submit and say something.

In the first place – and mark you, this is an opinion of mine which is not copyrighted – Mobile could play ball all right, if she had a club.

Now, what I mean by a club is not a bludgeon, but ten first-class men, who are ball players, and who could occasionally catch or stop a ball, or could once in a while even if it was a great while prance up to the home plate and hit the ball.

With such men as these, instead of being foot, we possibly could climb the pinnacle of fame and get to be second or third from the foot.

This would give the “faus” something to brag about and by that means we could get up an interest in the national game, so that when the season comes to a close, instead of the owner losing a million dollars, he wouldn’t lose more than a half million dollars.
It makes me sad, indeed, to know that it is now only the rural districts that are taking an interest in base ball.

I used to dearly love to go to the ball park at Frascati, and seated in one of those opera chairs watch the progress of the game.

Every time that one of the players knocked a long foul and made a home run I used to [clasp] in my [“spud”] to swell the receipts of that brilliant player, but all that is gone now and they don’t even fouls.

Then the individual that used to yell at the top of his voice “well! well! well!”, he has become either disgusted or else has sought death early and is no more. xx etc.

29. Base Ball Feb 28 - 1894
Monroe Park ?

A base-ball park at Monroe Park would prove attractive.

The Dixies and the Government Street boys will meet Sunday morning.

The Mobile Brewery team still have their challenge flying to the breeze, to meet any team.

Mobile is to meet Boston in a game shortly, and it will probably be a farce as the teams are in no way matched.

Can Mobile with a team selected for the coming race draw a crowd, not to say of keeping from being at the tail-end of the procession.

The base ball world is agitated and soon will be in a turbulent condition.

No sooner does the Southern League organize than Memphis drops out.

Now here comes a proposition from a Birmingham sporting man to a gentleman in this town [Mobile]

To have a league composed of Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, Decatur, Pensacola, and probably Mobile.

The letter was written to the manager of a well-known amature team of the city.

The only thing that will be against Mobile is the lack of a park, unless Mr. Wilson of Monroe Park fame, will build one.

Low-salaried teams in these towns would pay and give employment and practice to home talent.

Mobile Daily News Feb 28 – 1894

30. Base Ball

The Mobile base ball club returned to the city today on the 12 30 train.
A brass band was on hand to meet the boys who have stepped up to second place.
They were headed by a colored man, dressed in costume, and the band led a parade up Royal and Dauphin streets.

Base Ball, May 24 – 1894
The following is the standing of the Southern League

| | Played | Won | Lost | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mobile | 33 | 22 | 11 | 666 |
| Charleston | 32 | 21 | 11 | 659 |
| Memphis | 32 | 20 | 12 | 625 |
| Savannah | 31 | 18 | 13 | 580 |
| Atlanta | 32 | 15 | 17 | 466 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | -- | 32 | -- | 14 | -- | 18 | -- | 437 |
| Macon | - | 33 | -- | 10 | -- | 23 | -- | 303 |
| Nashville | -- | 30 | -- | 9 | -- | 21 | -- | 300 |

Mobile Daily News, May 16 – 1894

February 28, 1894

Can Mobile with a team selected for the coming year draw a crowd, not to say of keeping from being at the tail-end of the profession.

The base ball world is agitated and soon will be in a turbulent condition.

No sooner does the Southern League organize than Memphis drops out. Now here comes a proposition from Birmingham that a league composed of Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, Decatur, Pensacola, and probably Mobile.

The only thing that will be against Mobile is the lack of a park, unless Mr. Wilson of Monroe Park fame will build one.

31. Johnny McGraw Aug 5 – 1894
Baseball Jekylls and Hydes

Many players who are the pink of propriety in citizens clothes allow their tempers to fairly run away with them when they are in uniform.

President Young of the National league recently wrote a letter to John McGraw, the great little third baseman of the Baltimore base ball team.

It was not a letter of congratulation, but in its pages Uncle Nick served Mr. McGraw a warning.

The young man's uncontrollable temper on the field has marred what otherwise is a most promising career.

His intense desire to win made almost a madman of him while engaged in a game, and in moments of great excitement the young star, it is claimed, used language toward the umpire which is calculated to make that official's hair curl.

Fines and warnings from the umpire failed to check the young man's noble rage, and then an appeal was made to the League's executive.

As a result our Uncle Nick took his pen in hand and dropped McGraw these few lines, to let him known he, Nicholas Ephesus Young, was enjoying good health, etc.; also to inform Johnny that unless he sawed wood more with his hands and bat and addressed less opprobrium to the umpires, he would be suspended from the profession and deprived of the pleasure of signing a receipt for salary twice a month .

The effect upon McGraw was more pronounced than a dose of chloroform applied to a man with delirium tremens.

The changes was so great that rumor went abroad which credited Johnny with having got religion.

Mobile Daily News Aug. 5, 1894

32. Negroes Play Ball Sep 24. 1894

The Mobiles Outclass the Pensacola Amaturs

The game of ball at Frascati yesterday afternoon between the colored clubs Pensacolas and Mobiles attracted a crowd of about 1000.

The Mobile pitcher had the Pensacolas' completely mystified, they failing to score until the seventh inning when errors and a couple of hits let in six runs.

The score stood Mobile 11, Pensacola 6.

One of the Mobile players, a big black, was struck on his bald head with a swift pitched ball.

Another [black] ran out with a bucket of ice water, but the injured player waved him off with the remark "never mind no ice water, my [heel's] all right."

An instand later, the same black lined out a [clean] base hit [but instead of running to first base he he randown to third base.

He was of course called out.

When asked to explain his actions, he said that he was “dazed” [or his feet were] and did not know what they were doing.

Both clubs play again this afternoon.

33. Base Ball

The Mobile Bluebirds Downed By the Baltimore Orioles.

Frascati [ball park] yesterday greeted a scene of splendor in Easter dresses.

The ladies turned out in masses to witness Mobile wipe up Baltimore [if they could] but Mobile didn’t.

Detroit must be very weak when compared with Baltimore.

Baltimore easily downs Mobile; Mobile easily downs Detroit.

Now where is Detroit at?

St. Louis Republic [states] Charlie Frank has been playing in the warmth and sunshine of his Mobile home for the past month.

He was practicing with the Mobile club and recently played against the Boston club; in their way home from the Pacific coast covering first base.

Last year Frank played forty games with the St. Louis Browns, and he had a batting average of .331 – This is an excellent showing and now that he has acquired the confidence necessary [for] fast league company, he will be heard from often and effectually with his southern willow.

Mobile Daily News April 2 – 1894

34. Mob Register July 27 – 1895

Base Ball

Atlanta vs Mobile

The Atlanta team of the Southern League made its first appearance in Mobile yesterday afternoon on the Frascati diamond; and Mobile celebrated the occasion by defeating “the best team in the league” by a score of 5 to 3.

When the Atlanta team showed up on the diamond there were not many present who did not think that the Mobile teame [who was not in the Southern League this season] would gave no show against them.

They are all great big brawney fellows who look like they could play ball forever and never get tired – But they are rag-chewers from away back. – They chew at the umpire, they chew at each other, and they chew all together. – There was not but one inning in which they did not chew and that was the first inning, when they were too busy playing ball to take time to chew at anybody; -- and if they had only sawed wood and kept up the lick which they started in the game with, they might have been the victors instead of the vanquished.

July 28 – 1895

Mobile Takes another game from Atlanta.
Both teams play again this afternoon and Mobile will try to make it three straight.

35. Mob Register
Base Ball Aug 15 – 1895

Mobile was again put to sleep by Evansville, the score yesterday being 17 to 8.
Ely started to pitch but was knocked out of the box and relieved by Hahn.
Todays game is the last with Evansville.

Mobile will return home and open with New Orleans for three games.
These will be the last games of the Mobile diamond this year.

The Times-Democrat has discovered the first base man Robert Stafford, who left New Orleans on the pretence that he was ill and would retire from the diamond, is playing with Milwaukee in the Western League.

The Times-Democrat also finds out that the New Orleans management sold Stafford to Milwaukee for $1,200. – Who’d a thunk it?

Cleveland leads the National League, Peoria the Western Association, Evansville the Southern League, and Richmond the Virginia League.

Von der Ahe of St. Louis is building a race track in his St. Louis ball park and the league officials are talking of fireing him out there.

Sep 4 – 1895

Standing of the Southern League

| | Pct |
|---|---|
| Atlanta | 666 |
| Nashville | 660 |
| Evansville | 643 |
| New Orleans | 456 |
| Mobile | 363 |
| Montgomery | 360 |
| Memphis | 301 |
| Little Rock | 301 |

36. Mob Register Feb 27, 1896

Frascati Park Sold

"For a day or two there have been rumors afloat on the streets that the well known bay side resort Frascati had changed hands and that the present owners had sold the property to Colonel F.B. Merrill, president of the Mobile Jackson and Kansas City Railroad, and his London associates.

It was learned yesterday from a perfectly reliable source that the transfer had been made and that the sale is fixed fact. – The transfer price was not named, but it is reported to have been $12,000.

It is said to be the intention of the purchasers to build car works on the property for the manufacture of railroad cars.

Mobile Register Feb 27 – 1896

Baseball Assured
At Monroe Park

Mobile will have a baseball team in the Southern League this season, but the team will not cover the lucky Frascati diamond.

Mr. J. Howard Wilson, general manager of the Mobile Electric Light and Power Company, appeared before the baseball meeting last night and in consideration of a guarantee that the team would play at Monroe Park he agreed to increase his subscription from $250,000 to $500,000 and to build a grandstand and complete a diamond at his park on the shell road. The terms were agreed upon and a permanent organization was effected.

37. Base Ball March 15 – 1896

Yesterday afternoon President Dave Burns of the Mobile Baseball club stated that he had about given up all hopes of securing Bobby Gilks to manage the local team, and he had about made up his mind to wire Swift of Carbondale, Pa. accepting his terms and offer to manage the Mobile club.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a very important gathering of baseball men in Mobile.

It will be a meeting of the Southern League schedule committee, and will be held at the Southern Hotel at 4 o'clock.

At this meeting the dates for all Southern League games will be arranged and there will be some other important baseball business transacted.

The first deligation of baseballists arrived last night.

They are manager Charles Frank of Memphis, secretary and treasurer Charles Mart of Atlanta, and our old reliable E.C. Bruffey of the Atlanta Constitution.

They are stopping at the Southern, where the meeting will be held.

The balance of the deligates will arrive today and the meeting promises to be a lively one and largely attended.

38. Base Ball July 23, -- 1896

Larry Mulvey

[he took hold of the manager] and placed him under arrest.

Houseman the [New Orleans manager] wanted to know what for; [another New Orleans manager] Abuer took a hand and said: “Every time we come over [to Mobile] you are always looking around for some body to arrest.

Every body near the [New Orleans] bench said that they had heard no cursing.

Mulvey the deputy sheriff said that he was sitting by the ladies stand [it being the custom for ladies and gentlemen to be seated separately at such gatherings in that day and time] and the deputy said he heard cursing himself.

Kelly [the umpire] came over and told Mulvey that he had controle over the field [and Irishman to Irishman] just gave Mr. Mulvey five minutes to get off the field, which he did. Kelly told Mulvey that he could arrest Houseman after the game, but he was not arrested. The score 7 to 7 [when the game broke up in the eleventh inning: Hits for Mobile 13, for New Orleans 18.

National League: St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 7; Pittsburg – Baltimore game postponed by rain; Cincinnatti 9, New York 8; Louisville 11, Brooklyn 8; Second game, Louisville 2, Brooklyn, 1; Chicago 10, Boston 9; Cleveland 12, Washington 5.

Mobile Daily News
July 23 – 1896

39. Base Ball
N. Lajoie May 21 – 1897

Jessie Burkett and his fellow veterans of the National League who for several years have been monopolizing the first positions in the batting list, must look close to their laurels or have them wrestled away this season by several of the newcomers.

Especially in Philadelphia’s new first baseman Lajoie making a high bid for the lead.
What is more he seems to be able to keep up his heavy work and is confessed to be a “bom hitter.

Up to this date Lajoie's batting has been a leading feature of the pennant race.

Southeastern League June 1 – 1897
Has Gone Up In Smoke

Atlanta, June 1 – Saturday's game wound up professional baseball in Atlanta for this season.

The Southeastern League is no more.

Atlanta won the game easily by a score of 11 to 4, and proved herself the winning team to the last.

It is all a mistake to suppose that the league was disintegrating by the dropping out of Atlanta.

Atlanta stopped playing simply because there was nothing left for her to play against. She had been carrying Asheville and Chattanooga for some time, and they could not have appeared here the last time but for her assistance.

The Atlanta management had paid up all their players and most of them have gone home or to other clubs.

Still, the Atlanta management stands ready to form a team and play if any decent league wishes to enter the lists with them during the summer.

It was impossible for her to run the whole league, and therefore she ceased playing.

Mobile Daily News

39 a. MDR Sep 26 – 1897

Base Ball Next Year

The Mobile club of the Southern League is negotiating for players for 1898 and before the new year drops around President [Switte] expects to have signed one of the strongest teams that a Southern city ever put on the diamond.

Negotiations are pending with Bob Gilke, the old Mobile favorite, and he may handle the 1898 team.

## Base Ball Pictures

Bring Back to Mind Days Of Old

“Hanging on the wall of Kelly and Jacksons saloon is a picture of a baseball team that brings back to minds of lovers of baseball a great baseball team: the Acid Iron Earth team.
T
hat team was the talk of the whole country from the year 1885 to 1888 and many a fine victory was won by them over some of the best clubs in the country.

Many Davis, now keeper of Magnolia Cemetery, was conspicuous on this team. At that time “Blackie” Davis, as he was called, was equal to any left-fielder around these parts and he was also up-to-date with the willow.

Ed Cartwright, the big first baseman, now prominent in the Western League is also seen in the picture. Ed was a great favorite with the boys being known as “Home Run Cartwright.” Steinhoff, the swift moving second baseman is also seen in the picture “Steiny” as he was called has quit the diamond and is now engaged in the grocery business.

Willie Renould, the “Quiet One” is also seen there. He is another Mobilian who could have risen to fame in the baseball profession, but declined for commercial pursuits.
In those days of base ball the home team was very ones pride.”

40. Mobile Daily News Feb 18 – 1898

## Base Ball

The following news will be read with much delight by baseball friends and lovers of the game in Mobile, as the league is now a success.

Atlanta is to have baseball next summer and the promoters of the game here in Mobile declares that the team shall be a winning one.

It was thought that there would be no base ball in Atlanta this year, as the directors of the club had decided to do nothing without some assistance on the part of the street railway companies.

Yesterday the Atlanta Street Railway company made a proposition to take a certain amount of stock in the organization. In addition to this Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, superintendent of the road, agreed personally to take stock. The proposition was promptly accepted by the base ball directors.

Manager Kelly of the Mobile team is in receipt of a letter from Ed McCarty of New Orleans asking for practice games with the Mobile team. If it is accepted a game will be played one March 15.

The last member of the Mobile Baseball team has signed his contract and returned it. He is Jack Phillips, of the best men in the list and will play either right or left field. All members are ordered to report by March 13. A meeting of the Southern League will be held at Birmingham March 6.

41. Mobile Daily News, April 5 – 1898

Base Ball
Southern League

New Orleans, April 15 – The Mobile and New Orleans teams opened the season of 1898 here today.

To say that the contest was interesting would be putting it in the most infinitesimal phase. Ten hard-fought innings were played to decide the game, and it was decided , the decision being in favor of the boys from the city by the Gulf.

Delaney tossed the ball for the Alabama lads, and he had no trouble in keeping his opponents hits scattered.

Wayne, for New Orleans, pitched a creditable game.

Delaney had the base runners at his mercy – not one dared to leave the base further than three feet.

Score by innings

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | - | 4 |
| Mobile | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | - | 5 |

Montgomery downs Birmingham 7 to 6
Charleston downs Savannah 5 to 0
Atlanta downs Augusta 15 to 6

42. Mobile Daily News, Dec 6 – 1898

Base Ball
Southern League

President Tom E. Smith of the Mobile Baseball Club has received a letter from President Abuer Powell of the Southern League stating that a meeting will be held in New Orleans not later than next Sunday.

The meeting will be for the purpose of passing upon five applications for franchises in the Southern League to fill three vacancies that now exists in the eight-club league.
So far New Orleans, Mobile, Atlanta, Memphis, and Birmingham are in the league, with protection money in the hands of President Nick Young.

Jack Huston, who played with Houston last year will captain and manage the Mobile team. Seven players have been signed. They are F.R. Parvin, pitcher, a leader last season; George Stults, a well known pitcher; F. B. Weikart, first baseman; F. Miller, second baseman; P. Griffin, shortstop; T. Badger catcher.

Huston will play at third, W.S. Mink, a catcher, and Pat Meany, an outfielder will be signed in a few days.

43. Base Ball
Mobile Daily News Southern League
April 10 – 1899

A large crowd of spectators were present at Monroe Park yesterday afternoon to witness the initial game of the Southern League of 99.

The Mobile team presented Parvin and Badger, while the visitors put up Leonard and Alexander.

Though the game was enjoyed by everyone present, there were no “hair-raising” plays made by either team.

Dowre led the fielding for Mobile, with eight accepted chances, while Weikart led the hitting; his three-bagger being a beauty.

Beecher led Montgomery in fielding and hitting, having eight accepted chances and two hits to his credit.

The result of the game was in favor of Mobile 8 to 1.

Mobile Item July 27 – 1899
Base Ball

Organization of the American Association [League]

“There will be two major league in 1900 with one known as the American Association , and the other as the National League.

American Association will be composed of teams located in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis.

The National League: Boston, Brooklin, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Cincinnatti, Louisville, and St. Louis.

44. Base Ball Team Jan 17 – 1900
Organized Last Night at the Y.M.C.A.

A large number of young men were present at a meeting at the association building last night and a base-ball team for the coming season was organized.

Mr. Harry Hartwell was elected manager, and he secured about eighteen young men, who will go into training.

There will be another meeting held tonight at which time a captain will be elected.

In an interview today, Mr. Thomas E. Smith, who has been identified with the Southern Base Ball League in the past, stated to a news reporter that the Southern League of 1900 was under course of formation, and that Mobile would undoubtedly be therein represented.

Birmingham has already got up sufficient money to commence operations, New Orleans is as enthusiastic as ever, and Selma has gone baseball mad.

With something of a guarantee obtained in this city the league will be formed by these four clubs [a four club league]

Such a combination is to be desired as it prevents the long and costly jumps which sounded the death-knell of the league before the season was out last year.

Smith has got promises from some very fine players and is only waiting to disperse of a new system of tickets in order to get into the game.

These tickets are to be sold at one dollar each, and will admit the holder to any game.

With each there will be presented a lady's season ticket.

The scheme is an attractive one, and, will no doubt find many supporters.

Mobile Daily News
Mar 5 – 1900

45. Mob Item Mar 5 – 1900

Base Ball

The Southern League of 1900 is to be an established fact after all.

The league will start off with four clubs.

Mobile, Birmingham, Selma, and New Orleans.

Birmingham already has the money up; New Orleans has a team signed and Selma is base-ball mad.

The Bloomer Girls

Nearly 500 people paid admission yesterday afternoon to see the baseball game between the Bloomer Girls and Stonewalls at Monroe Park.

A good clean game of ball was played by the girls. They fielded well and batted hard.

Maud Nelson, pitcher for the Bloomer Girls was hit in the side during the fourth inning, while at the bat, and had to retire.

The result of the game was a score of 9 to 6 in favor of the Bloomer Girls.

March 20 – 1900
Base Ball

Memphis, Mar 20, A movement is on foot to organize a permanent Southern Baseball League with Memphis, Nashville, Little Rock, Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, and possibly New Orleans as franchise members of the league.

46. Item April 2 – 1905

Base ball

Sixty years ago, in 1845, baseball made it start professionally in New York City, on a diamond where now stands the Madison Square Garden.

Baseball had been played in a fashion before this time, but the game became a professional sport in a way in 1845, when the Knickerbocker club of New York staged its first game and was witnessed by the public.

The new sport found such favor with the public as various citizens witnessed the so-called "New York" game of the Knickerbockers, that others were induced to take it up.

July 2nd 1905

Baseball, Cotton States League

Mobile is again represented in its home grounds by a league teame.

At 430 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Mobile team took the field [in a planned game against Greenville, which was called off in the third inning on account of rain]

Umpire Mackey who escorted Mayor P.J. Lyons to the pitchers box was the occasion of great applause from the fans assembled to witness the game.

With bat in hand the mayor said: - "I now declare the season of the Cotton States League in this city open and hope that it may prove a most successful one." He then stepped onto the

plate and attempted to pitch the first ball over the plate- the ball, however, failed to go over the plate by ten feet.

47. Item Base ball July 18 – 1905

Mobile Will Now Be Represented By A First Class Baseball Aggregation

Greenville, Miss., July 13 – Hattiesburg and Pine Bluff were dropped from the Cotton States league at a meeting here today.

Mobile proposed that these towns be eliminated and the circuit cut to six cities and what Mobile representatives had to say “went” all the way through with Pine Bluff and Hattiesburg out the Mobile team will secure several firs-class players and from now on the Gulf City aggregation must be looked upon as a real baseball club.

It is though Mobile will secure at least seven new men from the outcasts.

Their names will be made public tomorrow.

July 20 – 1905

Base ball

Meridian and Mobile will come together tomorrow with Vernelle in the box for Mobile and the new men in the game.

Jack Frost, shortstop, Codin third base, Hickey first base, and Feldhouse, an outfielder from Nashville, will be in the game tomorrow.

They are first-class ball players.

“Tiney” Walker, the boy wonder from Hattiesburg came in at noon today. He will perform against the Meridian Tigers on Saturday.

Walker if will be recalled, is only about “6 foot 8” and he wears no spool heels.

Mobile Item, July 3 – 1905

Base Ball

Mobile Joins The Cotton States League

“The Cotton States League is just as fast, if not faster than the Southern League” said an old-time fan last night.

Right you are.

The stand has been given a thorough cleaning out. Cushions will be sold at all games. Judging from the talk Mobile is good and ripe for base ball and the opening wil be an auspicious one. All old-timers will be on hand.

The concert by the First Regiment band on Thursday will be the real thing.
Mayor Lyons, who is an old-time base ball crank will pitch the first ball Thursday. The mayor is one of the people”

Ever since the Natchez team changed it name to Mobile there has been an improvement in the team, and it is only by hard luck that they have been losing.

The lovers of the game in this city predict that the Mobiles will gradually climb to the top and it will not be long in doing it.

There are nine straight games to be played here and the local team should at least get six of them.

In the game last Saturday Mobile outbatted Jackson [which was played at Jackson, although the score was 2 to 1 in favor of Jackson.

49. Mobile Item Oct 12 – 1905

Pleasure was supreme in Mobile, when it was ascertained that the Athletics had shutout the Giants.

“Rube” Waddell appeared in the limelight in a different capacity than he has for several years. He was the central figure during the game, but not as a pitcher.

He was in the coach line and performed well with the assistance of Knight.

Connie Macks Indian twerler Chief Bender proved more than a match for “Iron Man” McGinnity.

**TRANSCRIBER’S NOTE: AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A HAND-DRAWN PICTURE OF RUBE WADDELL.

50. [Mobile Item] April 2 – 1914

George Edward “Rube” Waddell

San Antonio, Tex – April 2 – George Edward Waddell, the famous “Rube” as he was known wherever baseball is played, died at a sanitarium here late yesterday.

Waddell was born in Butler, Pa Oct. 3, 1876. When 20 years old, he pitched his first professional ball with Oil City, Pa team and the next year after a brief career with the Volant College [Pa] nine, entered the “big league” baseball as a member of the Louisville National League team. The pace was a bit too fast for him, however, and after a few weeks engagement with Detroit he returned to his native state and joined the Homestead team. In 1899 a scout for the Columbus team recommended him and he was drafted by that organization.

The next year he was attached to the Louisville club, but when the Louisville players were transferred to Pittsburg, he went along.

The American League war, signal for a general period of players “jumping,” gave Waddell the opportunity for another change and he became a member of the Milwaukee club in 1900.

Waddell joined the Chicago Nationals in 1901, and, pitched a few games under Jack Doyle, but in 1902 he jumped the Chicago club to the Los Angeles “outlaws” but again returned to organized ball, joining the Philadelphia Athletics.

From 1902 to 1906 he was a star of Mack’s team.

Waddell was sold to the St. Louis Browns.

A flash of his former skill helped the Browns in a great battle they made for the American League pennant in 1908. The Minneapolis club bought Waddell in 1910, and he was two years with that club, then illness began to get the better of him.

51. April 20 – 1906

Base Ball

The opening game of the Cotton States League in Mobile yesterday was a success from every point of view. The contending team was the Gulf ports, and they showed up strong: the attendance was good and the game was interesting from the beginning to its end, especially by the Mobile fans, the score being 5 to 0 in favor of Mobile.

May 6 – 1906

Base Ball

There will be a game of base ball at Monroe Park this afternoon between the Fort Morgan team and the All-Starr team. The sheriff of Mobile County not interfering.

If there is any interference with the city league game today, the president of the league said last night that he made up his mind to have the sheriff, the mayor, and the chief of police of Mobile enforce the Sunday law impartially. That meant that a certain class will not be allowed to continue business at the same old stands on Sunday.

52. Mobile Daily News
Baseball in Mobile 1906

Sep 8
Mobile vs Baton Rouge

The Cotton States League is at an end for the 1906 season and the pennant for the coming year will be found floating over the heads of the Oystermen [Mobile].

Like in all other games of sport and chance there are many ups and downs but in the case of the Mobilians there was a large percentage of downs in the first half of the season.

First there was a change of ownership, then another change in management. Their wornout and incompetent players were canned and youngsters with plenty of ambition, eagerness

secured. With these the cry became “Up and at them boys” and they gallently responded to the cry. Inch by inch the ladder was climed.

At the three-quarter post the Oystermen had passed the 400 mark. They forged on until the streets on they went and finally it was nose and nose. Soon they were in the lead.

Yesterday’s game was won by the Mobile team at Monroe Park from the Baton Rouge team by a score of 2 to 1, and a large crowd that witnessed the game got their money worth.

Final Standing of Cotton States League

| | | Win | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Line up of Mobile team in the last game | Mobile | 74 | 44 | 627 |
| | Meridian | 65 | 55 | 542 |
| | Jackson | 58 | 60 | 492 |
| | Gulfport | 58 | 61 | 487 |
| | Baton Rouge | 58 | 63 | 480 |
| | Vicksburg | 44 | 74 | 371 |

| Player | Position |
|---|---|
| Moore | SS |
| Hoffman | 3B |
| Leidy | CF |
| Wagner | LF |
| Elsey | 1B |
| Proud | 2B |
| Phillips | RF |
| O’Brien | C |
| Verneville | P |

53. Sep 30 – 1907

From the Cotton States League to the Southern League
[Atlanta Journal]

Bernie McCoy says that he is not certain Mobile will be in the Southern League next season, although he has been reported as making a statement that it would.

“Mobile wants to be in the league,” he says, “and it is entitled to place. The business done by the club in the Cotton States last season shows conclusively Mobile has every right in the world to be in the Southern and would have no trouble in keeping up its end. The people there will support the game and are ancious to get a franchise.

I have heard Shreveport is willing to seek the franchise in that town. If this is true and the price is right I am sure Mobile would make a valuable member of the league. There are enough public spirited men in Mobile to give the assurance of the team lasting in the Southern, but it all hinges on wether Shreveport is willing to sell and sell at a price that is right."

Just not the former manager of the Mobile team is a little uncertain as to his own fate. The fact that he was sold by Mobile to Montgomery after he had won the Cotton States pennant has set him to guessing. McCoy will be in Mobile at a meeting of the directors of the club on Monday and then he is going to his home in California. He will return later and perhaps spend the winter in Atlanta.

[Mobile] Mobile won the pennant in all three years 1905, 1906 and 1907 that the club played in the Cotton States League.

54. Mobile Item, Dec 8 – 1907

"Reub" Waddell

George E. [Reub] Waddell, the escentric slab artist of the Philadelphia Athletics of the American League arrived in Mobile yesterday morning from Philadelphia accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waddell.

A sister of "Reub", Miss Margaret Waddell has been residing in Mobile several months, having removed to this city from Atlanta as an attaché of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The Waddells, including the much talked of "Reub," will reside in mobile in the future, having secured a very pretty little home near the city.

"I have just concluded a season of football in the Reading, Pa, circuit," said 'Reub' Waddell, when seen shortly after his arrival, "and am in a better condition physically this winter than ever before.

We have decided to make Mobile our future home and I will spend the winter here working out as opportunity affords."

“Was I released by Manager Conney Mack? Not by any means. The report was entirely unfounded. Why I was sent South by the management of the Athletics.

The Athletics will do their spring practice work through the South and are booked to play in Mobile with the local team March 16 and 17 coming over from New Orleans. It has been arranged for me to remain here and join the team.”

55. Mobile Item, April 5 – 1908
Mobile and The Southern League

The Mobile Southern league team is made up of eighteen players:

Manager Thomas C. Fisher Jr., was born Nov 1 – 1881 at Anderson, Ind. His first engagement in professional ball was at Shreveport in 1901 and in the year 1904 moved up to the Boston Nationals, and this year he comes to Mobile from Shreveport when Mobile purchased the Shreveport club.

T.W. Torrey, pitcher, hails from Fayette, Miss, an A&M College lad that moved up to the Texas League.

Prince Gaskill, pitcher, hails from Waxaichie, Texas, and played his first professional ball with Houston, Tex.

William Beecher, pitcher, hails from Louisville, Ky.

J. Gordon Hickman, pitcher, hails from Warsaw, Ala.

Lary Bryant, pitcher, hails from Huntsville, Ala. And played with Gulfport 1906 and 1907.

Lee Garvin, pitcher, hails from Marion, he played with Birmingham 1907 and was purchased by Mobile.

John Massing, catcher, hails from Indianapolis. He was sold to Chicago from whom he was purchased by Mobile.

Foley White, catcher, hails from Hamilton, Texas, and played with Baton Rouge, McAllister [illegible], Temple, Tex., and Shreveport.

James Hart, first base, hails from St. Paul, Minn. and played with Buffalo, Baltimore, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Sioux City.

Thomas Carlin, second base, hails from Greencastle, Ind and played with Pine Bluff, Fort Worth and Shreveport.

Dick Richard Jenner, second base, hails from Youngstown, O., and played with Akron, O., Montreal, Troy, NY, Baltimore, and Memphis.

Jud Daly, center field, hails from South Coventry, Conn., and played with Brookfield, Mass, Northhampton, Mass. Connie Mack bought him in 1906 and he came to Mobile with the Shreveport team purchase.

56. Mobile Item, April 5 – 1908
Mobile and The Southern League

Elmer Benson, third base, hails from Fargo, N.D. and played at Winepic, Canada, Boone Ia., Oskaloosa, and Shreveport.

George Noblit, outfielder, hails from Chester, P. and played with Brockton, Mass, Providence, Portland, Concord, and Sioux City.

Paul Seutell, shortstop, hails from New Orleans and played with Batton Rouge, Macon, Ga., Philadelphia, and Jersey City.

E. O. McIver, outfielder, hails from Greenville, Texas and played with Dallas, Temple, Waco and Shreveport.

Woody Thornton, outfielder, hails from Pittsburg, Pa. and played with Charleston, West Virginia, NY, Penny, Pa., Tampa, Fla., Augusta, Ga., Columbia, S.C., Greenville, Montgomery and Mobile.

In 1907 as a member of the Mobile team in the Cotton States League Woody lead all Mobile players in hitting and base running.

57. Mobile Item, April 15 – 1908
Southern League

Everything is ready for the grand opening of the 1908 Southern League.

New Orleans, April 15 – The initial game of the season and the christening of “Pelican Park” together with the big parade, the speakers, etc. are the big doings that the management of the ball club has in store for the fans this afternoon.

It will be a gala day in baseball circles.

Everything is ready.

The line up at Pelican Park this afternoon

| | |
|---|---|
| Mobile Line–Up- | Thornton or Noblit, C.F |
| | Sentel, SS |
| | Daley, LF |
| | Hart, 1B |
| | McIver, RF |
| | Jenner, 2B |
| | Benson, 3B |
| | Gaskill or Torrey, P |
| | Garvin, C |
| New Orleans | Tarlton or Sabria, 1B |
| | Doudou, 2B |
| | Cross, 3B |
| | Rolie, SS |
| | Rickerts, LF |
| | Lord, CF |
| | Delehanty, RF |
| | Stratton or Matthews, C |
| | Ryan, Guese, Breitenstein, Bishop, Bartley, or Burkill, P |

58. Mobile Item, May 1 – 1908

First Baseball Game at Monroe Park

It was a glorious day, possibly too cool for the even.-before May Day, but the full 10,000 people who made Monroe Park their mecca yesterday afternoon had the time of their lives.

It was a notable gathering such a one as has not been seen in this city at a baseball game within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Thanks to the merchants and other business people, it was a half holiday and that portion of Mobile not died down by business worries or duties to others appreciating the generosity of the employers, saw to it that the shopping and other transactions were over early so as not to infuse the favored one in taking advantage of seeing the great game.

To handle the 10,000 who went to Monroe Park, from every part of Mobile, Whistler, Magazine Point, Toulminville, Chriton and Spring Hill, the management of the Mobile Light and Railway company had a monumental task to perform.

The result of the game played on this opening game at Monroe Park with Little Rock was 4 to 2 in favor of Mobile.

59. Mobile Item, May 26 – 1908

Base Ball

Southern League Standing

| | Played | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montgomery | 31 | 19 | 12 | 612 |
| Mobile | 33 | 19 | 14 | 575 |
| Atlanta | 29 | 15 | 14 | 517 |
| Memphis | 31 | 16 | 15 | 516 |
| New Orleans | 33 | 17 | 16 | 515 |
| Nashville | 28 | 13 | 15 | 464 |
| Little Rock | 33 | 15 | 18 | 454 |
| Birmingham | 28 | 8 | 20 | 285 |

Mobile lost to Nashville yesterday evening in a ten inning contest by a score of 2 to 1.

Montgomery played a loose fielding game at Little Rock yesterday, however, and lost 7 to 3 to a tail ender of the Southern League.

Mobile's defeat yesterday was like this:
Bang! Things started alright in the tenth inning for Mobile

Mobile's left fielder Daly showed how to hammer out a two-bagger, but he was left righ there at second base by the Mobile swatters following him.

Woodie Thornton, Mobile's star center fielder, got his two hits out of four times at the plate.

Mobiles “Seagulls” each were presented with a time-piece yesterday in order that they may hit the ball at the right time.

“Watch” them was a good idea.

60. Mob Item, July 10 – 1908

Base Ball

Greatest Game Ever Seen In Mobile

For seventeen long innings Mobile’s pitcher Torrey and Perdus, pitching for Nashville fought it out yesterday evening at Monroe Park, and when Old Sol dropped out of sight behind the trees and darkness crept over the land, Umpire Carpenter called the greatest ball game ever played in Mobile or in Alabama and the record game of the year in any one of the major or minor leagues.

But while the two twirlers did great work, the eight men on either team must not be overlooked.

While Mobile was credited with eight hits and Nashville was credited with nine there was not one score made by either of the teams during the entire seventeen innings of play and the result of the game was Mobile nothing and Nashville nothing.

Southern League Standing

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | 38 | 31 | 551 |
| New Orleans | 39 | 33 | 542 |
| Nashville | 34 | 30 | 531 |
| Atlanta | 34 | 31 | 523 |
| Mobile | 35 | 34 | 514 |
| Little Rock | 37 | 37 | 500 |
| Montgomery | 32 | 37 | 463 |
| Birmingham | 24 | 41 | 353 |

61. Mob Item, July 26 – 1908

Base Ball

Mobile Breaks Southern League Record in Money Paid for A Ballplayer

Frank Rhoton has been sold to the Mobile Club of the Southern League, and will report on Aug 15.

The highest price ever paid by a Southern League team for a player from a lower league was given for Rhoton, being $1,000.

Rhoton is beyond question the South Atlanta's best second baseman.

Nashville has endeavored to purchase his release, and Montgomery had an eye on him. He had also been recommended to Manager Donovan of the Brooklyn Nationals, and is probable that he would have been drafted at the close of the season.

Southern League Standing

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 48 | 37 | 565 |
| Nashville | 47 | 35 | 545 |
| Mobile | 45 | 38 | 542 |
| Memphis | 44 | 39 | 530 |
| Atlanta | 42 | 39 | 519 |
| Little Rock | 45 | 44 | 506 |
| Montgomery | 37 | 46 | 446 |
| Birmingham | 27 | 45 | 375 |

62. Mobile Item, Aug 4 – 1908

Base Ball

Tyrus Cobb and His Bride

Meridian, Miss. Aug 4 – Tyrus Cobb, the world's greatest ball player, accompanied by his wife are stopping over in the city on their way to Detroit.

Mr. Cobb has just returned home from Augusta, Ga., where he was united in marriage to Miss Cahrlie [Charlie?] Lombard, dauter of R.O. Lombard, an Augusta businessman.

Miss Lombard's acquaintance with Cobb dates back to when he commenced to make his baseball reputation as an outfielder on the Augusta team. He hails from Reyston, Ga., and has seen but four years of service, only two years in the big league.

He is only 22 years old, but is hailed as one of the greatest players the game has ever known.

Cobbs professional career began in 1904 when he played a short while with the Augusta team of the South Atlantic League. He played all through the season of 1905 and was

purchased by Detroit. Early in the season he warmed the bench in 1906 for Detroit, but one day he was used in an emergency and made good at once.

Southern League Standing

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 51 | 42 | 549 |
| Nashville | 47 | 39 | 547 |
| Mobile | 49 | 44 | 527 |
| Memphis | 49 | 44 | 527 |
| Atlanta | 46 | 43 | 517 |
| Montgomery | 44 | 46 | 489 |
| Little Rock | 47 | 50 | 485 |
| Birmingham | 31 | 56 | 356 |

63. Mobile Item, Aug 12 – 1908

Base Ball

Rube Waddell is the continual tickle of St. Louis ball fans and every one of his curves, being named, have copped him friends of even more infinite variety. To a crowd of admirers after a game with New York during the series at St. Louis of his “Leaping Lewis” and Jumping Jupiter and other balls.

“When I have lunched too well ‘Louie’ never is right. But he is a ground ball when I am lean in the girth” said Rube, and he continues.

When ever I have to take a few hitchies in my [illegible] before the game I know that ‘Louie’ will be breaking records.

“What sort of a ball is he?” Rube was asked.

“Well, I throw him with my whole body and a slow motion. Oh Louie is the living limit, I tell you, the living limit. If they meet ‘Lewie’ with their bat he is so heavy that he knocks the bat out of their hands.

Rube Waddell and his family have lately become residents of Mobile, when he is not playing baseball.

Southern League Standing

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville | 53 | 41 | 564 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 54 | 45 | 545 |
| Memphis | 53 | 47 | 530 |
| Mobile | 52 | 48 | 520 |
| Atlanta | 48 | 48 | 500 |
| Montgomery | 47 | 49 | 486 |
| Little Rock | 51 | 54 | 486 |
| Birmingham | 35 | 59 | 372 |

64. Mobile Item, Sep 20 – 1908

Base Ball

Nashville Wins Pennant In Southern League

The Southern League came to a close yesterday afternoon, And the pennant went to the volunteers, after one of the most exciting games of the season, the New Orleans Pelicans being downed by a narrow margin of two percentage points.

Standing of the Southern League

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville | 75 | 56 | 573 |
| New Orleans | 76 | 57 | 571 |
| Memphis | 73 | 61 | 544 |
| Montgomery | 69 | 64 | 519 |
| Mobile | 67 | 68 | 496 |
| Atlanta | 63 | 71 | 470 |
| Little Rock | 62 | 77 | 446 |
| Birmingham | 53 | 82 | 396 |

65. Mobile Item Jan 2 – 1909

Aeroplanes

Wilber Wright has succeeded in breaking all previous records, both the length of time he has remained in flight and the height of flight, in his experiments at Le Mans, France. – Mr. Wright took his first passenger in his aeroplane M. Ernest Leus in his flight.

Mobile Item, Feb 22 – 1909

Southern Leagurs Convene

In session of the new Battle House this morning is the directorate of the Southern League of baseball clubs, the meeting being for the purpose of taking up and acting on a number of matters which have been left open for transaction at this the spring meeting. Principally among the matters to come up is the schedule of the League season.

Presidents and presidents and managers of Mobile, New Orleans, Little Rock, Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Memphis and Nashville ball teams were present at this meeting.

66. Mobile Item Sep 18 – 1909

Close of Southern League Season of 1909

Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta's pennant winners will play a number of games in the larger cities on the Island of Cuba of the plans of the officials of the Atlanta Southern League baseball club are carried out.

The last game of the 1909 for the Mobile Gull was played at Birmingham yesterday resulting in the defeat of the Mobile team with a score of 9 to 3 in favor of Birmingham.

Southern League Standing

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 85 | 50 | 630 |
| Nashville | 81 | 54 | 600 |
| Montgomery | 75 | 59 | 560 |
| New Orleans | 72 | 65 | 525 |
| Mobile | 64 | 71 | 467 |
| Birmingham | 56 | 79 | 424 |
| Little Rock | 60 | 82 | 423 |
| Memphis | 50 | 88 | 362 |

Woodie Thornton, Mobiles star centerfielder and propriter of a billiard hall in Mobile returned to Mobile from Birmingham today where he left the team.

To friends he declared that it was his last season in baseball.

He said that he had "quantity sufficent" and would not play next season.

Soon after his arrival he was at his pool and billiard hall and he was quoted as saying that he would confine his attention to his billiard hall interests in the future.

67. Mobile Register Oct 4 – 1909

Rube Waddell

"The fastest left hand pitcher that ever threw the ball"

Louisville, Ky. Oct 3  It is rumored persistently that George Edward [Rube] Waddell, the famous left-handed pitcher of the St. Louis Browns, formerly of the Athletics, Pittsburg, Columbus, Louisville and other teams will be relegated to the minor leagues.

The Louisville club of the American association has, it is said, secured the services of the erratic twiler, who has been without a doubt the most wonderful left hand pitcher baseball has ever known.

Waddell has the most wonderful speed and its consequent “rise” basll ever seen on the diamond.

His curve was great also.

Saver perhaps Amos Russie, a righ hander, Waddell was the greatest combined speed and curve pitcher ever seen in baseball.

Jouet Meekin, Walter Johnson, Bob Wood, Ed Crane and a few others may have had more speed than Russie or Waddell, but not any of them combined curve and speed to such a wonderful extent. Waddell was by all odds, was the fastest left-hander that ever threw a ball.

An irresponsible chap, good hearted, boyish, fond of frolic, and not choice of his company, Waddell has been a free liver. Given one of the finest physiques ever vouchsafied a man, his manner of life has made serious in roads upon a tremendous constitution.

He has not had his former speed for three years now.

Recently he has been hit out of seven or eight games by men who could not get a foul off him when he was at his best.

[Rube Waddell, his parents and his sister, became residents of Mobile, in December 1907]

68. Mobile Item, Mar 6 – 1910
Base Ball  Chicago Cubs
Frank Allen

Two twirlers bearing the cognomen of Frank Allen will be seen on Southern League hurling mounds this season. One of these will be with Mobile and the other with Memphis, unless the [dope] goes [rong] and they will fail to stick in this circuit.

Frank Allen of Mobile is well known in Chattanooga, he is the product of Southwestern Presbyterian university and has spent some time here. His last appearance in this city was when he twirled a game for an all-star college team in the summer of 1908 against the Cubs, the crack amateur team.

Will McAllester was the opposing pitcher and Allen won out in a remarkable pitching duel by the narrow margin of 1 to 0.

Frank Allen of Memphis hails from the Northwest. He was with Seattle in the Northwest league last season and led the twirlers in that circuit.

Mobile Frank Allen is a southpaw with a world of speed, curves and five controle.

Memphis Frank Allen is a righ-hander and has proved a puzzle to the heavy hitters of the Northwest league.

Mobile Item Mar 6 –1910

Frank Chance and his bunch of Chicago Cubs will arrive in Mobile March 20.

A telegram to that effect was received yesterday. There will be fourty baseball players in the aggregation and they will play here three days.

It is just about ten years ago that Frank Chance came to Mobile. He was then a recruit from the California league, and was to be given a try-out.

69. Mobile Item, March, 22, 1910

Base Ball

Chicago Cubs vs Mobile Guls

When Fritz called “Play Ball” yesterday afternoon at Monroe Park there was a great throng to look upon the real thing as presented by the Chicago Cubs and the Mobile team.

It was an eleven inning contest and was played for blood.

With vetrans like Chance, Sheckard, Tinker, Schulte and the others in the game, the Mobile Gulls had to play ball and considering conditions they did so with vim and fought every inch of the way.

But for big Bill Chappelle, Mobiles pitcher weakening the game would have continued untill darkness, as he presented the winning run to the distinguished visitors.

Both teams scored in the tenth and in the eleventh after Tinker had flown to Wagner

Needham walked and Stacks got safe of Chappelle's error of failing to get the ball. Sheckard walked and the bases were full.

Beaumont came up and it looked like the big fellow couldn't get the ball over and he forced in the winning run.

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| Chicago | 0 1 0 – 1 0 1 – 0 0 0 – 11 | Total 5 |
| Mobile | 0 1 0 – 0 0 0 – 0 2 0 – 12 | " 4 |

70. Mobile Item, Mar 23 – 1910

Base Ball

Chicago Cubs vs Mobile Gulls

Frank Chance's champion Cubs went up against the Mobile team yesterday in the second and last game of the practice series between the Mobile Sea Gulls and the swift bunch of Chicagoans.

"Liz" Torre, erstwhile Mobile twirler went in to take the first side of the game for Mobile. Manager Chance, of the almighty Cubs, sent Pfeiffer in to start the Chicago ball to rolling. Mobiles "Liz" Torrey, the hero of the 17 inning game in which he and Hub Perdue officiated, took the first part of the game for the Gulls. Old "Liz" was on the job early and often, and during the five innings he was on the rubber he was lucky to escape with the total of two singles being made off his delivery, during which time he walked three men.

Reynolds, the youngster, who came to Mobile from the Virginia League took up where "Liz" left off, and Reynolds went over the bumps for a round trip. He downed the Cubs in the

first-inning he pitched in one, two, three fashion but the next inning was not so good for him.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mobile | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 Total 1 |
| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | x " 2 |

71. Mobile Item, Mar 23 – 1910

Base Ball

Joe Tinker

There is one man on the Chicago team which Mobilians will remember.

Tinker appeared here yesterday and while he went both days without securing a hit he played even with the good-timers who were handing it to him.

In the eight inning of yesterday's game after Mobiles' third baseman Darringer had struck out, Mobiles shortstop Berger singled to center. Dan Kirwin, Mobiles center fielder was coming up for his taps, and things looked all to the merry for Mobile.

Kirwin picked out one to his fancy and it went out from his bat like a shot from a cannon. Tinker was in readiness to receive the throw from the catcher in case Berger had attempted larceny [stealing second] and was on second base when Kirwin sent the pill out toward left. Tinker saw it and he was strictly on the job. With one bound he went off the bag and holding out his left suit he grabbed the fast-flying horse-hide and in less time than it takes to tell he had whiffed the ball back to Chance at first, doubling Berger at that bag.
The play was made so quickly that it took Berger's breath, and when Tinker come in he was compelled to raise his hat to the applause he received.

With Tinker at short, Johnny Evers working at second base and Johnny Kling behind the bat, Chicago has three jacks, and three Johnnies or jacks are not beaten every day in the month.

72. Mobile Item, April 3 – 1910

Detroit Tigers vs Mobile Sea Guls

Inability of the bunch of the Detroit players headed by Wild Bill Donovan to hit Mobiles Bill Chappelle and Bittrolff caused their defeat Friday afternoon at Monroe Park by a score of 4 to 1.

Mobile Item April 3 –1910

Cleveland vs Mobile Sea Guls

For the second time during their trying out, the Cleveland Naps went down in defeat, the first time by the Birmingham Barons and the second time yesterday afternoon at Monroe Park on the house grounds of the Mobile Sea Gulls.

George Reed, Mobiles manager sent Neal for the opening engagement, and the youngster made good from the beginning of hostilities. He pitched five innings and touched for seven of the twelve hits, and while the two scores of the visitors of the high-up league were made during his delivery, he showed his worth. As a matter of fact, Briscoe Lord, one of the former Souther Leagers, now in faster company, after being struck out by Neal – walked away declaring loud enough to be heard in the grandstand “He is a good pitcher.” And Briscoe knows.

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| Mobile | 0 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 | Total 3 |
| Cleveland | 0 0 0 | 0 2 0 | 0 0 0 | “ 2 |

73.

Mobile Item, April 14 – 1910
Base Ball, Southern League

Mobile and New Orleans started the game in the Southern League yesterday in New Orleans and Mobile broke all former records, in that she got away with a victory in the first game. Heretofore it has always resulted in a victory for the New Orleans Pelicans, but the hoodoo of former years has been given a shake, and Mobile starts out with the initial gaine on the good side of the ledger.

Chappelle was sent in to pitch for the Mobile Gulls, but he was wild, and after he had worked four innings and New Orleans had scored five runs off his delivery, he retired in favor of Allen, the southpaw of the team, and “Liz” Torrey took up where Allen left off, who left the game in the fifth inning on account of an ankle injury.

Mobile never got in the going until the eighth inning, when Berger started the ball going by getting a hit. Hits reigned after hit and when the smoke cleared off Mobile had six juicy runs to her credit.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mobile | 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 | 0 6 0 | Total 7 |
| New Orleans | 3 0 2 | 0 1 0 | 0 0 0 | " 6 |

Manager George Reeds noodle and "Liz" Torrey's good pitching pulled off a victory for Mobile while defeat seemed imminent.

74. Base Ball In Mobile
Mobile Register Sep 18 – 1910
Ending of the Southern Season

| | Won | Lost | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 87 | 53 | 621 |
| Birmingham | 79 | 61 | 564 |
| Atlanta | 75 | 63 | 543 |
| Chattanooga | 66 | 71 | 482 |
| Nashville | 64 | 76 | 457 |
| Mobile | 63 | 75 | 456 |
| Memphis | 62 | 76 | 449 |
| Montgomery | 59 | 80 | 458 |

75. Mobile Item, June 26 – 1910
Base Ball
Joe Jackson

Joe Jackson, the South Carolinian, with the New Orleans Pelicans continues to lead the Southern League batters through the games played June 21, with the swell average of 366.

Mobile Item, July 24, 1910

Joe Jackson, the speedy centerfielder of the New Orleans Pelicans, continues to lead the hitters of the league, having a swell percentage of 383. This lad has been hitting them on the nose all season and instead of his batting slumping it seems to be gaining all the time. Jackson is also the leading run getter of the league with 52 trips to the [pan]. He has also [bingled] forth 118 hits, being the first player to reach the century mark.

Base Ball "And" the Umpire

The man at the bat stood up
For the base ball season was ripe
And he sighted the ball the pitcher sent in
And hit it a terrible swipe

And the ball went whizing down

The field from the forceful whack
And bored its way through the shortstop
And knocked him flat on his back

And the crowd set up a howl
And the players set up a shout
And the pretty girl on the grandstand asked
"Does that put the umpire out?"

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Mobile Item, Aug. 28, 1910
George Edward [Rube] Waddel
and his parents of Mobile

With the advent of Monday, Aug. 29, fifth summers will have passed over the wonderful life of Mr. and Mrs. John Waddell of Mobile, Ala. by adoption.

Mr. Waddell [the father of Rube Waddell, the worlds one-time most famous baseball pitcher] when a young man emigrated to Mobile with his parents from Scotland. Soon after arriving the spirit of adventure fastened on him and to the wilds of Pennsylvania he with several others went, not in quest of gold, however, but oil.

Here before the long arms of the Standard Oil octopus reached the ten unknown fields – Mr. Waddell led the life of a pioneer. He struck it rich, but like many others who seem fated the tide of fortune left him when stronger financial interests absorbed his holdings. He entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and today, after serving a sufficient length to retire he is still a loyal employee and an ardent friend of the present Standard Oil company.

Mrs. Waddell [the mother of Rube Waddell] is a daughter of Henry Forbes, clerk of court of Hudson County, Penn. To the union eight children came to bless them, six of whom are now living .

John Waddell Jr., Buffalo, NY; George Edward [Rube] Waddell, Newark, NJ and Mobile; Mrs. J.L. Hamilton, Pittsburg, Pa; Mrs. Edward Jenks, Findley, Ohio; Mrs. Frank Stanlake, Tacome, Wash.; Mrs. Fred Austin, Mobile.

In celebration of their happy event, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin will entertain elabrately at the Church Street home, many friends of the families Monday night Aug. 29th.