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Base Ball

Arrival of a Professional Nine

The revival of the base ball interest in New Orleans which began last season promises to be materially assisted by the presence of the Hop Bitters Club, which reached here yesterday from Havana. The nine are quartered at the St. James Hotel. Mr. F. C. Bancroft is the manager.

The members of the club with one exception are engaged to play the coming season with the Worcesters of Worcester, Mass., and the fine record made by that club in the closing days of the season just passed indicates that our visitors stand in the front ranks of the professional clubs. Foley, the right field, is the only man who will not play with the Worcesters, as he goes to the Boston Club. The visitors will stay here as long as our local clubs can furnish them with opponents and from here they go on a tour of Texas.

Their first game will be played next Sunday at Oakland Park with the Eckfords. The latter since their organization have made such steady progress in working their way up that they stand the equal if not superior of any club in the city. The game, therefore, will be of unusual interest, from the proficiency of the clubs engaged and from the fact that it has been years since New Orleans has been visited by a professional club.

The striking order of the Hop Bitters, with their positions, will be as follows: Wood, LF; Knight, 2B; Foley, RF; Bennett, C; Whitney, 3B; Sullivan, 1B; Irwin, SS; Bushbong, CF; Nichols, P.