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## **A Good Start**

### ***The New Orleans Nine Win Its First Southern League Game***

Defeating Mobile by a Score of 5 to 2

It was a new sensation to the old baseball admirers who visited Sportsman's Park yesterday. This is the first time that New Orleans has been regularly represented in a league under the national agreement. It is the first time it has had a real baseball park, a real New Orleans club and real league games. The first taste was delicious. There were no delays in going to the bat or into the field, there were no long waits for balls, there was no talking back to the umpire, there was only one captain to each team, each side had its time for practice, and everything worked with the regularity and smoothness of clock work.

Returning to the subject of the park, it was hardly recognizable in its new dress. The only thing unchanged about it is the cemetery fence. The field stretched high and level to the stands against the fences, and the stands have the seating capacity for about 6,000 people. It was somewhat cloudy yesterday and the management at one time dreaded the coming of the rain. The clouds did not disappear, but the weather remained dry. Even with this unfavorable circumstance the stands were almost called upon to hold their full capacity. It was said that there were 4,700 paid admissions, making the attendance about 5,000. It was a patriotic crowd that stood by the New Orleans team from first to last, applauded every good play, and almost went wild when the nine took a decided lead. There is something in a name after all, especially when the name happens to be New Orleans.

It is not claimed that New Orleans has a team that will easily walk away with the Southern championship. It is not even claimed that New Orleans has as good a nine as it ought to have. But it has so lively, hard-working, capable set of youngsters who will make it lively for all comers. The nine only got down to work in earnest a few days ago and the change is already apparent. They showed considerable improvement in team work, and there was an earnestness about their play all the time which did them credit. It was well that they made a good impression, for they had a new organization to popularize, local pride to uphold, and an overwhelming defeat at Mobile the Sunday previous to wipe out.

If the New Orleans nine showed a change the Mobile team was hardly knowable alongside of the raw set that came here two weeks ago. It has been strengthened up, the men all played in proper

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positions, and it looked like a ball team. Looks spoke truly, for the Alabamians made a fine showing. Kelly, their pitcher, made his first appearance here and created an excellent impression. His only fault was his tendency to nervousness at critical points. McVey gave him fair support behind the bat. The rest of the nine started off to give him perfect co-operation, but all of them got rattled with him in the latter part of the game and assisted in giving the "home team" the victory.

Flynn and Bright, the new men, showed up very well. Of the old favorites, Behan did a little ragged work in his anxiety to do too well in front of home folks, and Duffee made the catch of the day. It was a long, backward running fly catch of a ball hit from Cartwright's bat, which ought to have been good for three bases.

Aydelotte got his revenge. The Mobilians who judged of their ability to hit him by the preceding Sunday's work judged without their reckoning. He pitched a great game, striking thirteen men out and holding their opposing side down to a matter of five scattered hits. Brennan gave him fine backing up behind the bat. Outside of a bad and needless throw by Brennan and a muff by Harry Fuller the team played an errorless game in the field. It failed to get on to Kelly safely, but showed the Mobiles how to get around the bases once having reached first. Mention has already been made of the team work improvement. Each player was backed up and several errors saved by some one else being around to assist the fielder called for. There was, however, a lack of good coaching. New Orleans has not yet developed a Latham or Comiskey, and several runs were lost yesterday because the men on bases did not have cooler heads on the outside to guide them. Powell did some of the best work for the home team. He ran bases with daring and judgment and picked a shot fly off the ground in right field in a manner which set the crowd wild.

The game was a very interesting one and the result was very doubtful for six innings at least. Cartwright got in the first run of the game upon his first time at bat, getting his base on balls and coming all the way around on passed balls. Mobile tied the score in the fourth inning, Klusman hit safe to left, stole second, went to third on Flynn's drive to right, and scored on Brennan's foolish throw to second, which turned out an overthrow. In the sixth Mobile was on top. Duffee hit to centre for a single, but Fuller let the ball go through him and Duffee reached third, scoring on a passed ball.

There was blood in the eyes of the New Orleans team as they came to the bat in the seventh inning. Harry Fuller hit a hot grounder through Behan and stole second. Shorty Fuller then hit to Klusman who let the ball go, and Harry Fuller scored on Duffee's throw home. McVey threw the ball back to second to catch Shorty but the latter secured the bag by a desperate slide. A passed ball advanced him to third where he stopped to see Aydelotte get to second on a hit by pitcher and a steal. Cartwright then hit a hot liner to Kelly who stopped it and played the ball to first, Behan catching Aydelotte at second while Shorty Fuller scored.

New Orleans fastened its grip on the lead in the eighth. Powell's fly was muffed by Duffee, who followed up the error with a foolish throw which let the Captain to second. He made a pretty steal to third and when McVey threw the ball a little wild to Flynn, Powell came home. Henry Murphy hit safe to right field, stole second and scored on Shorty Fuller's timely single to right field.

Mobile during this time did not get beyond first. In the last inning Aydelotte struck Klusman and McVey out. Flynn then came in and rapped a single to right. He tried to make two bases, but Powell got the ball to Geiss and Flynn retired the side and ended the game, which was an exciting one throughout.

The following is the official score:

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## OFFICIAL SCORE

Mobiles –	AB	R	1B	BS	PO	A	E
Duffee, cf .....	4	1	1	0	3	0	2
Klusman, 2b .....	4	1	1	1	5	2	1
McVey, c .....	4	0	1	0	4	1	1
Flynn, 3b .....	4	0	2	0	2	6	1
Behan, 1b .....	3	0	1	0	12	1	2
Bright, ss .....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Neihoff, rf .....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hays, lf .....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kelly, p .....	3	0	0	0	0	7	0
Totals .....	31	2	6	1	27	18	10

New Orleans –	AB	R	1B	BS	PO	A	E
Cartwright, 1b .....	5	1	1	0	15	0	0
Geiss, 2b .....	5	0	1	1	0	3	0
Brennan, c .....	4	0	0	0	11	2	1
Pujol, 3b .....	4	0	0	1	0	3	0
Powell, rf .....	4	1	0	1	1	1	0
Murphy, lf .....	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
H. Fuller, cf .....	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
W. Fuller, ss .....	4	1	2	1	0	3	0
Aydelotte, p .....	3	0	0	1	0	13	0
Totals .....	37	5	5	7	27	25	2

By innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
New Orleans .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	5
Mobiles .....	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

Earned runs – New Orleans 3. Total bases on hits – Mobile 6, New Orleans 5. Bases on hit by pitcher – Kelly 1. First base by errors – New Orleans 9, Mobile 6. Loft on bases – New Orleans 6, Mobile 5. Struck out – by Aydelotte 13, by Kelly 4. Passed balls – McVey 4, Brennan 6. Wild pitches – by Aydelotte 1. Balls called – on Aydelotte 58, by Kelly 58. Strikes called – off Aydelotte 63, off Kelly 56. Double plays – Kelly, Behan, and Klusman. First base on balls – by Aydelotte 1, by Kelly 2.

Umpire: Atkinson.  
Time of game: 2 hours

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So that the public can tell at a glance how the Southern League series stands, a table giving the required information will be published every day. It is not hard to remember how the club led off, but to keep record from the beginning the table is appended:

	New Orleans	Memphis	Charleston	Savannah	Nashville	Mobile	Games won
New Orleans .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Memphis .....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Charleston .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Savannah .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Games lost .....	0	0	0	1	1	1	3