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on Mobile

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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. 1 $\,^{\rm st}$ 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].

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2. THE DAILY REGISTER

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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 b ase ball players, it has been found practi — cable 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 f ormed 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

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, bu t Weiss was caught.

6. Base Ball in Mobile 1883

By this time it was so dark that 1.1 (k)5.6 (e)9.7 (r)9. (th)-1.5.1 (o)8.6 ()0.6 (d)-.6 0 Td5.6 (e)ewthedaedbsas.7 ()0.> (o)8.6

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.

entrance into the League. Messrs. Abe Spira and W. J. McGuire, two of Mobi le'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.

Charles McLean received a dispatch yesterday from Kelly, in which he stated tha

t he had

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 M ose at home plate being among the features of the game.

19. Mob Item June 21 — 189 0
Base Ball at Frascati Park
The Whistler Dobs vs the Mobile Champions

"Several of our people left here [Whistler] on a special train las t 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 the y had.

 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

21. Mobile Daily News, May 8 - 1892

Base Ball

Mobile Defeats The Great Cha ttanooga Team

"There was a large and select-crowd at Temperance Hall ywt -6.3(d)01-11.7(e)-11.5(a)-6.4(t)-8.83o.6(o)6.Cmr[(Bas)4(e6 TI

The first game of the series with Atlanta was opened yesterday afternoon at Frascati Park,

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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 af fection 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 e

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,

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.

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

Now here c omes 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(o)10.6(p)2.5(s)-3d ()Tj EM.6()isin17s0.6(t)2.4(h)(M)14.6(o11.1M)1466(g)11

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

Mobil e 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 conditio n.

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 Mobi le is the lack of a park, unless Mr. Wilson of Monroe Park fame will build one.

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

Many players who are the pink of propriety in citizens clothes allow their tempers to fairly run away wit h 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.

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 Unc le 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 u mpires, 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

Cleveland leads the National League, Peoria the Western Association, Evansville the Southern League, and Richmond the Virgin ia 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 w ell 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

Mr. J. Howard Wilson, general manager of the Mobile Electric Ligh t 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 diamo nd at his park on the shell road.

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 nea r 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 de puty 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 Ho useman 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;

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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 pr oved 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 Ash eville and Chattanooga for some time, and they could not have appeared here the last time but for her assistance.

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.

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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 Cemeter y, 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."

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Yesterday th e Atlanta Street Railway company made a proposition to take a certain amount

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 4()0.6(o)o10.6(2(o),-50.6(o)o5 Tw -6.602 2.5(5.4(c)o)o5 Tw -6.602 2.5(c)o5 Tw -6.602 2.5(c

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 Leagu e.

American Association will be composed of teams located in New York, Philadelphia,

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Birmingham has already got up sufficient money to co mmence 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 p revents 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 1

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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 profe ssional 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 2 nd 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

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 bee n 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

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

ight.

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

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 su ccess 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.

 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 -quarte r 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

Line up of Mobile team		Win	Lost	PCT
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	С
Verneville	Р

53. Sep 30 – 1907 From the Cotton States League to the Southern League

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

"Was I released by Manager Conney Mack? Not by any means. The re port 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

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 wityen

In 1 907 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 appre ciating 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

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purchased by Detroit. Early in the seas on 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 an devery 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 lunche d 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 b all 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 an

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
Montgo mery	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 Ba ttle 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

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,

Two twirlers bearing the cogn omen 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 amateu r 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 c ircuit.

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 Mo bile. 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 a double on double on double 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

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

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 wasm aiess to receike the thow cog the catche i case Beter ha at8tegopted

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Inability

Mobile	0 0 0	0 1 0	060	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

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Ending of the Southern Season

	Won	Lost	PCT
New Orleans	87	53	621
Birmingham	79	61	564
Atlanta	75	63	543
Chattan ooga	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 N22BDC 0.2ino -20 P-5.4(e)01.76al2.49ikno -20 cen0.5(t)-.4(h)-9.2(n)1.5(tu

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?"

**TRANSCRIBER' S NOTE: Pages 76 -79 appear to be missing from the manuscript; transcription will thus continue on page 80.

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

With the advent of Monday, Aug. 29, fifth summers will h ave 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. S oon 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.