TIMELINE

1884

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

 Discussions to form a new league based in the South lay the foundation for the formation of the Southern League in 1885.

1885

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Atlantas	66	32	.673	
Augusta Browns	68	36	.654	-1
Nashville Americans	62	39	.614	-5.5
Macon	55	47	.539	-13
Memphis Browns	38	54	.413	-25
Columbus Stars	49	47	.510	NA
Chattanooga Lookouts	33	61	.351	NA
Birmingham	18	76	.191	NA

• SOUTHERN LEAGUE

 On February 11th, delegates from several southern cities met in Atlanta to form the Southern League. Newspaperman Henry Grady is elected the first president.

ATLANTA

 Atlanta captures the first Southern League pennant behind pitchers Tom Sullivan (22 – 7) and Albert Bauer (21 – 9) and the hitting of third baseman Elmer Cleveland (.305).

AUGUSTA

 Hurler John Hofford wins the pitching Triple Crown in wins (39), ERA (0.62) and strikeouts (402).

• BIRMINGHAM

Two weeks before the end of the inaugural season, the Birmingham club calls it quits.

CHATTANOOGA

- Chattanooga becomes a charter member of the Southern League.
- Two weeks before the end of the inaugural season, the Chattanooga club calls it guits.

COLUMBUS

 Two weeks before the end of the inaugural season, the Columbus club calls it quits.

NASHVİLLE

• Len Sowders claims the league's first batting title with a .309 average.

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Atlantas	64	28	.696	
Savannah	59	33	.641	-5
Nashville Americans	46	43	.517	-16.5
Memphis Grays	43	46	.483	-19.5
Charleston Seagulls	44	49	.473	-20.5
Macon	32	59	.352	-31.5
Augusta Browns	21	31	.404	NA
Chattanooga Lookouts	20	40	.333	NA

ATLANTA

- Atlanta repeats as Southern League champions.
- Slugger Blondie Purcell leads all batters with 8 home runs.

AUGUSTA

Augusta franchise folds in July.

CHARLESTON

Hurler Gus Wehling had the lowest ERA at 0.78 for the season.

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga franchise folds in July.

NASHVILLE

Charles Marr leads all batters with a .327 average.

SAVANNAH

Pitcher Hank O'Day leads the league in wins with 26.

1887

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	74	40	.649	
Charleston Seagulls	66	41	.617	-4.5
Memphis Browns	65	46	.386	-7.5
Nashville Blues	32	32	.500	NA
Savannah	9	26	.257	NA
Birmingham Ironmakers	18	63	.222	NA
Mobile Swamp Angels	5	21	.192	NA

- New Orleans businessman Toby Hart secures a franchise for the city in the Southern League – the New Orleans Pelicans. Their first game is played on April 17th at Sportsman's Park. Tom Brennan is the manager and Abner Powell is the team's captain.
- Abner Powell convinces the Pelicans to make Ladies' Day a regular part of the team's schedule. The first in a series of regularly scheduled Ladies' Day games is held on April 29th.
- The Pelicans capture their first pennant, compiling a record of 74 40. Standouts during the season include Abner Powell, Charles "Count" Campau, George McVey and Ed Cartwright.
- Count Campeau steals 115 bases during the season.
- Abner Powell also institutes the practice of covering the infield with a modified canvas tarpaulin on rainy days.

1888

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Maroons	32	19	.627	
Memphis Grays	26	24	.520	-5.5
New Orleans Pelicans	25	32	.438	-10
Charleston Seagulls	20	28	.416	-10.5

NEW ORLEANS

 The Pelicans, under new manager Abner Powell, finish the 1888 season with a record of 25 - 32. Standouts during the season were John Sneed and Perry "Moose" Werden.

1889

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	46	9	.836	
Charleston/Atlanta	26	19	.578	-15
Chattanooga	25	25	.500	-18.5
Birmingham/Mobile	12	36	.250	-30.5
Atlanta	14	22	.389	NA
Memphis	12	24	.333	NA

NEW ORLEANS

- Abner Powell institutes the use of a special rain check for games that have been cancelled because of rain. He also establishes the Knothole Gang, letting the neighborhood kids into the ballyard free once a week.
- The Pelicans finish the season with a record of 46 9 and capture their second Southern League title. Standouts during the season were Mark Polehemus and Fred Abbott.

1890

• NEW ORLEANS

The Southern League did not operate and would not return until 1892.

1892

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Grays	73	50	.593	
Mobile Blackbirds	66	57	.537	-7
New Orleans Pelicans	66	57	.537	-7
Montgomery Lambs	66	58	.532	-7.5
Chattanooga Chatts	63	57	.525	-8.5
Atlanta Firecrackers	58	65	.472	-15
Macon Central City	51	69	.425	-20.5
Memphis Giants	46	76	.377	-26.5

• NEW ORLEANS

■ The Pelicans finish tied for 2nd with a 66 – 57 record. The star of the team is Charles "Count" Campau.

1893

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Charleston Seagulls	51	33	.607	
Macon Central City	54	38	.587	-1
Atlanta Windjammers	55	39	.585	-1
Memphis Giants	53	38	.582	-1.5
Savannah Electrics	53	38	.582	-1.5
Augusta Electricians	51	39	.567	-3
Chattanooga Warriors	49	45	.521	-7
New Orleans Pelicans	40	51	.440	-14.5
Mobile Blackbirds	38	53	.418	-16.5
Montgomery Colts	38	57	.400	-18.5
Birmingham/Pensacola	34	58	.370	-21
Nashville Tigers	33	60	.355	-22.5

• SOUTHERN LEAGUE

• In a dramatic comeback, the Southern League expands to twelve teams.

NEW ORLEANS

• The Pelicans finish in 8th place with a mark of 40 - 51.

1894

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Giants	42	23		
Mobile/Atlanta	43	25		
Charleston Sea Gulls	33	23	.600	-6
Savannah Modocs	30	27	.526	-10
New Orleans Pelicans	34	35		
Nashville Tigers	30	38		-17
Atlanta Atlantas	21	37	.362	-19.5
Macon Hornets	15	41	.268	-24.5

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga franchise sold and moved to Mobile.

NEW ORLEANS

 Abner Powell is replaced by Henry Powers as manager of the Pelicans, but Powers' team can do no better than 34 – 35, good enough for 5th place.

1895

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	70	37	.654	
Nashville Seraphs	69	38	.645	-1
Evansville Blackbirds	66	38	.635	-2.5
New Orleans Pelicans	46	55	.455	-21
Chattanooga/Mobile	37	63	.370	-29.5
Montgomery Grays	40	70	.364	-31.5
Memphis Giants	32	37	.464	NA
Little Rock Travelers	25	47	.347	NA

• NEW ORLEANS

 Abner Powell is reinstated as the Pelicans manager and guides his club to a 4th place finish with a record of 46 – 55.

1896

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	67	30	.744	
Montgomery Colts	60	37	.667	-7
Mobile Blackbirds	39	59	.398	-28
Columbus Babies	35	60	.368	-32
Atlanta Crackers	36	36	.500	NA
Birmingham Barons	26	41	.388	NA

NEW ORLEANS

■ The Pelicans capture their 3rd Southern League pennant, going 67 – 30 behind standout hurler Lucien Smith.

1897

• SOUTHERN LEAGUE

 The Southern League cannot muster enough financial support and does not operate.

1898

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Augusta	20	8	.714	
Charleston	20	10	.667	-1
Savannah	15	11	.577	-3
Atlanta	14	15	.483	-6.5
Birmingham	13	16	.448	-7.5
New Orleans	10	15	.400	-8.5
Mobile	11	18	.379	-9.5
Montgomery	9	19	.321	-11

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

 The Southern League struggles to operate and eventually collapses on July 4th.

NEW ORLEANS

The Pelicans close out the abbreviated season in 6th place with a record of 10
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1899

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Mobile Blackbirds	23	16	.590	
Shreveport Tigers	21	22	.490	-4
New Orleans Pelicans	19	21	.475	-4.5
Montgomery/Dallas	19	23	.452	-5.5

NEW ORLEANS

- Abner Powell introduces the idea of a detachable rain check on tickets to thwart fence jumpers and freeloaders.
- The Pelicans are in 3rd place with a 19 21 mark when the Southern League collapses again on May 1st. The league would close up shop permanently.

1900

No baseball

1901

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Nashville Volunteers	78	45	.634	
Little Rock Travelers	76	45	.628	-1
Memphis Egyptians	75	48	.610	-3
New Orleans Pelicans	68	56	.548	-10.5
Shreveport Giants	55	66	.455	-22
Chattanooga Lookouts	47	73	.392	-29.5
Birmingham Barons	45	79	.391	-29
Selma Christians	37	78	.322	-37

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

- Abner Powell, Charley Frank and Newt Fischer form the Southern Association from the ashes of the old Southern League.
- Reed W. Kent is the first league president. He is replaced by W.J. (Billy) Boles, who is replaced by J.B. Nicklin.

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga becomes a charter member of the Southern Association.

- Athletic Park opens in New Orleans on Tulane Avenue between South Carrollton Avenue and South Pierce Street. It would be the home of the Pelicans until 1908.
- Abner Powell will have an ownership stake in the Pelicans along with New Orleanian Isidore Newman.

 The Pelicans finish their first season in the Southern Association in 4th place with a record of 68 – 55.

1902

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Nashville Gray Sox	82	42	.661	
Little Rock Travelers	75	48	.611	-6.5
New Orleans Pelicans	73	48	.603	-7.5
Memphis Frankfurters	67	53	.558	-13
Atlanta Firemen	54	67	.446	-26.5
Shreveport Pirates	48	73	.397	-32.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	46	73	.387	-33.5
Birmingham Coal Barons	40	81	.331	-40.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

• The new league finds stability as all eight teams finish their schedule.

CHATTANOOGA

 Following the 1902 season the Chattanooga franchise is sold and moved to Montgomery, Alabama.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans put up a record of 72 47, finishing in 3rd place.
- Pelicans Attendance: 98,000

1903

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Egyptians	73	52	.584	
Little Rock Travelers	70	51	.579	-1
Shreveport Giants	67	58	.536	-6
Atlanta Crackers	59	59	.500	-10.5
Nashville Volunteers	60	62	.492	-11.5
Birmingham Barons	57	64	.471	-14
Montgomery Black Sox	53	67	.442	-17.5
New Orleans Pelicans	48	74	.393	-23.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

- An agreement is signed in Memphis that the 1903 Southern Association will include teams from New Orleans, Mobile, Birmingham, Montgomery, Savannah, Memphis, Atlanta, and Nashville. Little Rock, Shreveport, and Chattanooga are eliminated from consideration.
- Judge William M. Kavanaugh of Little Rock is elected league president. He will serve until his death in 1915.

NASHVILLE

- Ed Abbatiochio becomes Nashville's manager as Newt Fisher goes to Birmingham.
- On November 20, 1902, the Cleveland Indians purchase pitcher Hugh Hill from Nashville for \$500. Hill was 6 5 in 1901 and 22 7 in 1902.

NEW ORLEANS

 The Pelicans are managed at various times during the season by Count Campau, Zeke Wrigley, and Joe Rickert not can do no better than 8th place, finishing 46 – 78.

ТЕАМ	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Memphis Egyptians	81	54	.600	
Atlanta Crackers	78	57	.578	-3
New Orleans Pelicans	78	58	.577	-3
Birmingham Barons	73	64	.533	-9
Nashville Vols	72	67	.518	-11
Little Rock Travelers	61	74	.452	-20
Shreveport Pirates	55	81	.404	-26.5
Montgomery Senators	44	88	.333	-35.5

NEW ORLEANS

- Abner Powell sells his interest in the New Orleans Pelicans to Charley Frank who becomes their new field manager.
- On July 9th, pitcher Babe Brown tosses the first no-hitter in Pelican history against Shreveport. On September 11th, Jim Wiggs throws a no-hit game versus the Little Rock Travelers.
- The Pelicans conclude the regular season at 78 58 in 3rd place.

1905

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	84	45	.651	
Montgomery Senators	73	54	.575	-10
Atlanta Crackers	71	60	.542	-14
Shreveport Pirates	69	60	.535	-15
Birmingham Barons	70	61	.534	-15
Memphis Egyptians	69	62	.527	-16
Nashville Vols	47	88	.388	-40
Little Rock Travelers	37	90	.307	-46

ATLANTA

 Abner Powell is forced to sell his interest in the Atlanta Crackers, but promptly makes a sizable investment in the Nashville Volunteers.

• NEW ORLEANS

 An outbreak of yellow fever results in a quarantine of New Orleans. The Pelicans are forced to play most of their games out of town, but still manage to capture their first Southern Association crown behind Jimmy Dygert and Otto Williams, finishing with a record of 84 – 45.

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	86	46	.652	
Memphis Egyptians	79	55	.590	-8
Atlanta Crackers	80	56	.588	-8
New Orleans Pelicans	75	61	.551	-13
Shreveport Pirates	70	66	.515	-18
Montgomery Senators	66	65	.495	-20.5
Nashville Vols	45	92	.328	-43.5
Little Rock Travelers	40	98	.292	-49

NEW ORLEANS

 With a record of 75 – 61, the Pelicans finish in 4th place behind the pitching of Ted Breitenstein.

1907

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Atlanta Crackers	78	54	.591	
Memphis Egyptians	74	57	.565	-3.5
New Orleans Pelicans	68	66	.507	-11
Little Rock Travelers	66	66	.500	-12
Birmingham Barons	64	71	.474	-15.5
Shreveport Pirates	62	70	.470	-16
Montgomery Senators	62	71	.466	-16.5
Nashville Vols	59	78	.431	-21.5

• BIRMINGHAM

 Irving Wilhelm pitched two shutouts against Shreveport on the final day of the 1907 season to establish a consecutive scoreless streak of 53 innings.

LITTLE ROCK

 On July 9th against Shreveport, Travelers pitcher Keith threw back-to-back shutouts.

NEW ORLEANS

- On June 15th, Moxie Manual also threw back-to-back shutouts against Birmingham
- The Pelicans are led by pitcher Mark "Moxie" Manuel and infielder Jake Atz, finishing 68 – 66 in 3rd place.

SHREVEPORT

 Pitcher Beeker shutout New Orleans twice on August 16th in two 9-inning games.

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Nashville Vols	75	56	.573	
New Orleans Pelicans	76	57	.571	-0
Memphis Turtles	73	62	.540	-4
Montgomery Senators	68	65	.511	-8
Mobile Sea Gulls	67	67	.500	-9.5
Atlanta Crackers	63	72	.467	-14
Little Rock Travelers	62	76	.449	-16.5
Birmingham Barons	53	82	.393	-24

MEMPHIS

 On July 25th, Chicks pitcher Rudy Schwenck shutout Montgomery in both games of a doubleheader, allowing a total of seven hits between both games.

NASHVILLE

- The Vols, under manager Bill Bernhardt, become a Cleveland Indians farm team.
- Nashville and the Brooklyn Dodgers are each fined \$100 for illegally drafting Finlayson from Lynn, MA, and he is returned to Lynn subject to Class A draft. Having failed to draft the player during the major league drafting dates, the Brooklyn management is alleged to have requested Nashville to draft the player for them, offering to pay expenses. This having been done by Nashville, the whole transaction is declared illegal.

• NEW ORLEANS

- Pelican Park opens in New Orleans. It was located on South Carrollton Avenue between Banks Street and Palmyra across from present-day Jesuit High School. The ballpark would continue to be the home of the Pelicans until 1915.
- The Pelicans improve to 2nd place with a mark of 68 66.

1909

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	87	49	.640	
Nashville Vols	82	55	.594	-5.5
Montgomery Climbers	76	60	.559	-11
New Orleans Pelicans	73	64	.533	-14.5
Mobile Sea Gulls	64	77	.454	-22.5
Birmingham Barons	60	79	.429	-28.5
Little Rock Travelers	59	80	.424	-29.5
Memphis Turtles	51	88	.367	-37.5

NASHVILLE

The Chicago Cubs and the Nashville Vols engage in an exhibition game with the Cubs beating Bill Bernhardt's Vols 3-0, with Boston Red Sox players attending the game. The Cubs and Red Sox are holding spring training in Nashville, and in the next two days the Nashville Club will meet the Red Sox several times.

• NEW ORLEANS

- On August 15th, Ted Breitenstein hurls a no hitter versus Montgomery, walking only four men during the game.
- The Pelicans finish in 4th place with a record of 73 64.

1910

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	87	53	.621	
Birmingham Barons	79	61	.564	-8
Atlanta Crackers	75	63	.543	-11
Chattanooga Lookouts	66	71	.482	-19.5
Nashville Vols	64	76	.457	-23
Mobile Sea Gulls	63	75	.457	-23
Memphis Turtles	62	76	.449	-24
Montgomery Climbers	59	80	.424	-27.5

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga acquires the franchise from Little Rock.

NASHVILLE

- Bill Bernhardt announces that he will not manage the Nashville team next season. The Vols first baseman, William Schwartz, will reportedly be offered the job to manage; he has formerly managed at Akron.
- W.G. Hirsig is elected President of the Nashville Baseball Club in December.

• NEW ORLEANS

The Pelicans win their second Southern Association pennant behind the hitting of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the pitching of Pat Paige, Otto Hess, and Gordon Hickman. They finish the season with a 87 – 53 record.

1911

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	78	54	.591	
Montgomery Billikens	77	58	.570	-2.5
Birmingham Barons	76	62	.551	-5
Nashville Vols	69	64	.519	-9.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	67	71	.485	-14
Memphis Turtles	62	71	.466	-16.5
Mobile Sea Gulls	57	76	.428	-21.5
Atlanta Crackers	54	84	.391	-27

NEW ORLEANS

The Pelicans capture their third Southern Association title with a record of 78

 54.

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	85	51	.625	
Mobile Sea Gulls	79	58	.576	-6.5
New Orleans Pelicans	71	64	.526	-13.5
Memphis Chicks	68	71	.490	-18.5
Nashville Vols	67	70	.489	-18.5
Montgomery Rebels	64	75	.460	-22.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	59	75	.440	-25
Atlanta Crackers	54	83	.394	-31.5

ATLANTA

• In a game on September 4th, Cracker pitcher threw only 72 pitches in winning a 9-inning game for Atlanta.

MOBILE

 Pitcher Al Demaree struckout 20 men during an 18-inning game against Montgomery.

NEW ORLEANS

• The Pelicans compile a record of 71 – 64 and finish in 3rd place.

1913

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	81	56	.591	
Mobile Sea Gulls	81	57	.587	-0.5
Birmingham Barons	74	64	.536	-7.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	70	64	.523	-9.5
Montgomery Rebels	68	69	.496	-13
Memphis Chicks	64	74	.463	-17.5
Nashville Vols	62	76	.444	-19.5
New Orleans Pelicans	45	85	.346	-32.5

NASHVILLE

During spring training, the Philadelphia Athletics beat the Nashville Vols 11-8 on March 20th, as Frank "Home Run" Baker hits a home run over the centerfield fence at Sulphur Dell, and Eddie Collins hits an inside-the-park home run. Egan, Barry, and Collins had become ill from eating 'planked' fish, but Barry and Collins are able to participate in the game

NEW ORLEANS

■ The Pelicans go 45 – 85 and finish last in the Southern Association, prompting the firing of manager Charley Frank.

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	88	63	.583	
Mobile Sea Gulls	86	67	.562	-3
New Orleans Pelicans	80	65	.552	-5
Atlanta Crackers	78	66	.524	-6.5
Nashville Vols	77	72	.517	-10
Chattanooga Lookouts	73	78	.483	-15
Memphis Chicks	61	87	.412	-25.5
Montgomery Billikens	54	99	.353	-35

BIRMINGHAM

 Rickwood Field was the first baseball park to have electric fans in the grandstand. They were installed on July 3, 1914.

CHATTANOOGA

 On August 20th, Lookout pitcher Jeff Clark tossed 18 scoreless innings against Birmingham. He won the first game 1 – 0 while the second game was called on account of darkness at 0 – 0 after 9-innings.

NASHVILLE

• Infielder Artie Hofman and outfielder Del Young join the Federal League and are suspended by Nashville.

NEW ORLEANS

- Johnny Dobbs is named the Pelicans new manager.
- The Pelicans return to the top half, finishing in 3rd place with a record of 80 –
 65.

1915

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	91	63	.591	
Birmingham Barons	86	67	.562	-4.5
Memphis Chicks	81	73	.526	-10
Nashville Vols	75	78	.490	-15.5
Atlanta Crackers	74	79	.484	-16.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	73	80	.477	-17.5
Mobile Sea Gulls	68	66	.442	-23
Little Rock Travelers	65	87	.428	-25

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

 With the death of Judge William Kavanaugh, Robert H. Baugh of Birmingham is elected league president.

• BIRMINGHAM

Thirteen was the lucky number for pitcher Lefty Sigman whose record was 13
 13 for the season.

NASHVILLE

- Outfielder Bert King and pitcher Heine Berger refuse to sign their 1915 contracts, holding out for more salary from the Nashville club.
- William Schwartz announces in Mobile, AL that first baseman Eugene Paulette has been sold to the St. Louis Browns. Paulette will not report until the end

- of the season. Dick Kauffman, Gus Williams, and two additional players will report to Nashville as part of the deal.
- Nashville Vols centerfielder Floyd Farmer participates in 3 double plays in a game on September 1, 1915.
- Nashville acquires 3 players from the Quincy, IL club: outfielder Sherrer, catcher Boegle, and Pitcher Tretter. All are secured under optional agreement.

• NEW ORLEANS

- Heinemann Park opens at the corner of Tulane Avenue and South Carrollton Avenue. It will be renamed Pelican Stadium in 1938 and would remain the Pelicans home field through 1957.
- On July 7th, Pelican pitcher Buck Weaver throws a no-hitter against the Nashville Vols.
- The Pelicans win their fourth Southern Association pennant with a record of 91 – 63. Pitcher Popboy Smith is a standout.
- Pelicans Attendance: 134,405

1916

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Nashville Vols	84	54	.609	
New Orleans Pelicans	73	61	.544	-9
Birmingham Barons	69	62	.526	-11.5
Little Rock Travelers	73	65	.518	-12.5
Atlanta Crackers	73	67	.511	-13.5
Memphis Chicks	68	70	.493	-16
Chattanooga Lookouts	65	74	.467	-19.5
Mobile Bears	45	91	.331	-38

NASHVILLE

• On July 11th, Tom Rogers, pitching for Nashville against Chattanooga, pitches a perfect game, striking out 4. The game time was one hour and 25 minutes.

NEW ORLEANS

- On August 8th, Cotton Knaupp turns the only unassisted triple play in the history of the Southern Association during a game against the Chattanooga Lookouts.
- The Pelicans compile a record of 73 61 and finish in 2nd place.
- Pelicans Attendance: 111,387

1917

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	98	56	.637	
New Orleans Pelicans	89	61	.593	-7
Birmingham Barons	87	66	.569	-10.5
Memphis Chicks	81	73	.527	-17
Nashville Vols	77	73	.513	-19
Chattanooga Lookouts	76	74	.507	-20
Little Rock Travelers	64	86	.427	-32
Mobile Sea Gulls	34	117	.226	-62.5

• BIRMINGHAM

■ During the 1917 season Birmingham beat Chattanooga three straight games by a score of 1 – 0.

MOBILE

The Sea Gulls lost 20 straight games during the 1917 season.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans finish in 2nd place with a 89 61 mark.
- Pelicans Attendance: 120,064

1918

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	49	21	.700	
Little Rock Travelers	41	28	.594	-7.5
Mobile Bears	35	32	.522	-12.5
Birmingham Barons	33	31	.516	-13
Chattanooga Lookouts	35	34	.507	-13.5
Memphis Chicks	32	38	.457	-17
Nashville Vols	30	40	.429	-19
Atlanta Crackers	18	49	.269	-29.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

 As more and more teams struggle, the Southern Association considers closing the season.

LITTLE ROCK

 On May 15th, the Birmingham Barons and the Little Rock Travelers battled nine innings without a score, but the Travelers scored 10 runs in the 10th off Carmen Hill to win.

NEW ORLEANS

- On June 12th, manager Johnny Dobbs brings his N.O. club to the Texas League until the league suspends play on July 7th.
- The Pelicans had been in 1st place with a record of 49 21 until the Southern Association suspended play on June 28th.
- Pelicans Attendance: 50,484

1919

WON	LOST	PCT	GB
85	53	.616	
74	56	.569	-7
74	61	.548	-9.5
67	69	.493	-17
66	73	.475	-19.5
65	73	.471	-20
50	77	.434	-25
55	83	.399	-30
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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

 Newly elected league president John D. Martin moves the league's offices from _____ to Memphis. On March 28th Martin, as president of the Southern Association, arrives in Nashville to urge the State Supreme Court to render an early decision in allowing Sunday baseball games.

NASHVILLE

- Roy Ellam is re-elected manager by the directors of the Nashville baseball club.
- The Vols begin spring training at Sulphur Dell with 13 players reporting. Wet grounds forced Manager Roy Ellam to postpone workouts until March 28th

• NEW ORLEANS

- New Orleanian Larry Gilbert is signed by Pelican president A.J. Heinemann.
- The Pelicans run up a record of 74 31 and finish in 3rd place.
- Pelicans Attendance: 108,358

1920

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Little Rock Travelers	88	59	.599	
New Orleans Pelicans	86	62	.581	-2.5
Atlanta Crackers	85	62	.578	-3
Birmingham Barons	85	69	.552	-6.5
Memphis Chicks	72	77	.484	-17
Mobile Bears	68	86	.441	-23.5
Nashville Vols	65	89	.422	-26.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	53	98	.351	-39

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

- League attendance passes 1 million for the first time since teams began keeping accurate records in 1915. The league drew a total of 1,215,367 fans during the 1920 season.
- The Dixie Series is initiated the pennant winner from the Southern Association will play the pennant winner from the Texas League in a best-of-seven series.

NASHVILLE

- Harry Brabiner, secretary of the Chicago White Sox, announces that pitcher Payne and catcher George Lees have been sent to the Nashville club to replace pitcher William Hodge and catcher Clarence Jonnard while they are being given a trial with the Alabaster Sox.
- Roy Ellam, manager of the Nashville club since the 1916 season, is dismissed, stating from his home in Conshohocken, PA "I understand they charge me with not getting results."

- The Pelicans finish in 2nd place with a record of 86 62. Joe Sewell and Roy Walker turn in notable performances during the season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 108,358

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	104	49	.680	
New Orleans Pelicans	97	57	.630	-7.5
Birmingham Barons	93	63	.588	-14
Little Rock Travelers	74	77	.490	-29
Atlanta Crackers	73	78	.483	-30
Nashville Vols	62	90	.408	-41.5
Mobile Bears	58	94	.382	-45.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	52	102	.338	-52.5

BIRMINGHAM

 New Orleans catchers were ready to call it a day on in July when Baron players stole 11 bases during a single game..

NEW ORLEANS

- On July 24th, Pelican pitcher Tom Philips tosses a no hitter against the Mobile Bears. It was nearly a perfect game except for a single walk issued to Mobile centerfielder Emmett Mulvey.
- The Pelicans finish in 2nd place with a record of 97 57. Dazzy Vance and Ike Boone are standouts.
- Pelicans Attendance: 167,076

1922

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Mobile Bears	97	55	.638	
Memphis Chicks	94	58	.618	-3
New Orleans Pelicans	89	64	.582	-8.5
Little Rock Travelers	86	67	.562	-11.5
Birmingham Barons	74	80	.481	-24
Chattanooga Lookouts	59	93	.388	-38
Nashville Vols	59	96	.365	-41
Atlanta Crackers	55	97	.362	-42

NASHVILLE

- Vols catcher Gil Meyers is spiked by Little Rock pitcher Wallace Warmoth in a play at first base, and Meyers' tendon is severed above his ankle. The surgeon who operates on him states that Meyers will be out of baseball for good.
- Pitcher Red Lucas fives up five home runs against Mobile, three coming in one inning off four pitched balls.

- Pelican pitcher Joe Martina leads the club to a 89 64 season which puts the Pels in 3rd place for the season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 148,825

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	89	57	.610	
Mobile Bears	88	66	.571	-5
Memphis Chicks	76	70	.521	-13
Atlanta Crackers	78	73	.516	-13.5
Birmingham Barons	75	74	.503	-15.5
Nashville Vols	75	77	.493	-17
Chattanooga Lookouts	63	88	.417	-28.5
Little Rock Travelers	53	92	.365	-35.5

BIRMINGHAM

• Righthander Dennis Burns won three games in three days for the Barons having only pitched in 3-2/3 innings for all three wins.

NASHVILLE

- Lance Richbourg is sent to Nashville from Columbia, SC and later converts to the outfield from third base.
- Hazen Cuyler, who batted .340 and led the league in stolen bases with 68, reports to the Pittsburgh Pirates after being purchased by the major league team.
- Vols catcher Eiffert is traded to London, Ontario of the Michigan-Ontario League, for Catcher Leo Mackey, and Harris, Fields, and Lankenau are sold to London.

NEW ORLEANS

- Larry Gilbert is named manager of the Pelicans.
- The Pelicans win their fifth Southern Association pennant with a mark of 89 –
 57. They would lose the Dixie Series against Ft. Worth (2-4).
- Pelicans Attendance: 218,295

1924

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	104	49	.680	
Atlanta Crackers	99	54	.647	-5
New Orleans Pelicans	93	60	.608	-11
Nashville Vols	78	75	.510	-26
Mobile Bears	68	84	.447	-35.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	63	89	.414	-40.5
Birmingham Barons	54	98	.356	-49.5
Little Rock Travelers	51	101	.336	-52.5

NASHVILLE

• Nashville acquires pitcher Harry G. Shriver and outfield Bert Griffith from the Brooklyn team of the National League. The purchase price is not disclosed.

- The Pelicans wind up in 3rd place after a 93 60 season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 178,529

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	87	67	.565	
New Orleans Pelicans	85	68	.556	-1.5
Nashville Vols	81	72	.529	-5.5
Memphis Chicks	80	73	.523	-6.5
Mobile Bears	73	78	.483	-12.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	71	82	.464	-15.5
Birmingham Barons	67	85	.441	-19
Little Rock Travelers	67	86	.438	-19.5

NASHVILLE

- The Chicago White Sox win their 16th consecutive spring training game in Nashville versus the Vols, 12-6.
- At the player's own request, Chet Tolson is returned to Nashville by the American League Cleveland club. Tolson who had been acquired by Cleveland only the week before, stating that he is not ready for the major leagues.
- On July 30th, Nashville shortstop Johnny Bates gets 2 hits in a game against Atlanta, beginning a 46-game consecutive hit streak that does not end until September 17, 1926 against Little Rock.
- Kennesaw Mountain Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, announces that has found no justification for penalties to Vols players Fred Eichrodt and Lute Roy for allegations of attempts to switch the two players to New Orleans for the remainder of the season to enhance the Pelicans chances to win the championship. However, the Commissioner states that Vols manager Jimmy Hamilton is "highly censurable for encouraging Ralph McGill, sports editor of the Banner, to publish the story." Larry Gilbert, manager of the New Orleans club, testified in Chicago.
- Evelyn Burnette, niece of Nashville baseball club president J. A. G. Sloan, is killed when the car driven by her uncle overturns on a curve of the Dixie Highway in Tullahoma, Tennessee en route to Chattanooga for a ball game on September 7th.
- The Vols announce that Jimmy Hamilton has been retained as manager for the fourth season.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans finish in 2nd place with a 85 68 slate.
- Pelicans Attendance: 223,577

1926

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	101	53	.656	
Memphis Chicks	95	57	.625	-5
Birmingham Barons	87	61	.588	-11
Nashville Vols	83	68	.550	-16.5
Atlanta Crackers	75	76	.497	-24.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	55	94	.369	-43.5
Mobile Bears	56	96	.368	-44
Little Rock Travelers	51	98	.342	-47.5

NASHVILLE

 Nashville Vols manager Jimmy Hamilton purchases the Raleigh club of the Piedmont League.

NEW ORLEANS

- In a game against Birmingham on August 28th, the Pelicans win 25 16, setting a league record for most runs scored in a game by both teams (41).
- The Pelicans capture the club's sixth Southern Association crown with a 101 –
 53 record, but will lose to Dallas in the Dixie Series (2-4).
- Pelicans Attendance: 236,681

1927

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	96	57	.627	
Birmingham Barons	91	63	.591	-5.5
Memphis Chicks	89	64	.582	-7
Nashville Vols	84	69	.549	-12
Atlanta Crackers	70	81	.484	-25
Mobile Bears	67	87	.435	-29.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	59	94	.386	-37
Little Rock Travelers	56	97	.366	-40

• BIRMINGHAM

- Pitcher Ned Porter had a most embarrassing outing in relief in a game on May 28th. He walked five, hit one batter, made a wild pitch and in-between all of this managed to strike out the side. The opposition scored three runs and had the bases loaded at the end of the frame.
- Between August 23rd and August 27th, the Barons establish a league record for attendance during a home series: 50,861 (against New Orleans).

NASHVILLE

The 65th General Assembly of Tennessee adjourns early on April 7, 1927 to see Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees at Sulphur Dell. A resolution had been adopted to invite Ruth to address the Senate, but he sent word that it would be impossible for him to appear because of a lack of time.

NEW ORLEANS

- The 96 57 Pelicans win their seventh Southern Association title, but lose to Wichita Falls in the Dixie Series (0-4). A single game record crowd of 63,625 watch first game of series.
- Pelicans Attendance: 266,905

1928

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	99	54	.647	
Memphis Chicks	97	55	.638	-1.5
New Orleans Pelicans	73	74	.497	-23
Mobile Bears	74	76	.493	-23.5
Little Rock Travelers	72	82	.468	-27.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	67	85	.441	-31.5
Atlanta Crackers	66	87	.431	-33
Nashville Vols	59	94	.386	-40

ATLANTA

 The longest one-day losing streak in league history occurred in June when League President John Martin caused 14 games won by Atlanta to be forfeited to the opposition for violation of player classification rules.

• BIRMINGHAM

- On July 27th and 28th, Mule Shirley, slugging Barons first baseman, collected nine straight hits against Mobile.
- In a game against Memphis on August 6th, four Barons hitters Bigelow, Shirley, Rosenfeld, and Yaryan hit consecutively in the 1st, 6th, and 7th innings for 12 hits. Shirley, Rosenfeld, and Yaryan also hit consecutively in the 2nd inning.

• NASHVILLE

- The Minneapolis Millers of the American Association option first baseman Jim Oglesby to Nashville.
- The New York Yankees option right-handed pitcher Louis McEvoy to the Vols.
- The Cincinnati Reds fall to the Vols 3-2 at Sulphur Dell.
- Blackie Carter, outfield, and George Milstead, left-handed pitcher, are purchased by Nashville from Toledo. Nashville also sells Leo Mackey, catcher, to Mobile, and trades Oscar Fuhr, left-handed pitcher, to New Orleans for Beans Minor, outfielder and first baseman.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans finish in 3rd place with a 73 75 record. They are led by pitcher Dave Danforth.
- Pelicans Attendance: 176,016

1929

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	93	60	.608	
Nashville Vols	90	63	.588	-3
New Orleans Pelicans	89	64	.582	-4
Memphis Chicks	88	66	.571	-5.5
Atlanta Crackers	78	75	.510	-15
Little Rock Travelers	63	91	.409	-30.5
Mobile Bears	57	95	.375	-35.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	55	99	.357	-38.5

BIRMINGHAM

The 1929 Barons club boasted 13 men who hit better than .300 for the season.

NASHVILLE

 By August 19th Clarence Rowland's Vols have recorded 20 wins to only 3 defeats in their past 23 games while hammering out 10 home runs and pulling to within a game and a half of first place.

NEW ORLEANS

- Local favorite Henry "Zeke" Bonura leads the Pelicans to a 3rd place finish with a 89 – 64 record.
- Pelicans Attendance: 194,803

OTHER EVENTS

The stock market crashes in October.

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TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	98	55	.641	
New Orleans Pelicans	91	61	.599	-6.5
Birmingham Barons	85	68	.556	-13
Atlanta Crackers	84	69	.549	-14
Little Rock Travelers	81	73	.526	-17.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	67	87	.435	-31.5
Nashville Vols	66	87	.431	-32
Mobile Bears	40	112	.263	-57.5

BIRMINGHAM

• In a game against Chattanooga on May 10th, all nine Barons players were credited with a putout in the first three innings. In the first inning it was the left fielder, the shortstop and the pitcher. In the second inning it was the catcher, the center fielder, and the third baseman. And in the third inning it was the first baseman, the right fielder, and the second baseman.

CHATTANOOGA

The Lookouts play their first game in Engel Stadium on April 15, 1930.

LITTLE ROCK

 The first night game in Southern Association history was played at Little Rock on July 21st with the Travelers beating the Birmingham Barons in 10 innings.

NASHVILLE

- On June 14th, Vols first baseman Jim Poole hits 3 home runs, a double, and a single for 15 total bases versus Mobile.
- Clarence H. Rowland, manager of the Nashville Club for the past 2 years, purchases the Reading, PA club of the International League. Rowland will operate and manage the team in 1931.

- In January, Pelican owner A.J. Heinemann commits suicide. Cleveland Indians' owner Charles Somers purchases the remaining shares from Heinemann's estate.
- On May 21st against Chattanooga, the Pelicans win 21 0, at the time the largest shutout victory in league history.
- On August 5th the Pelicans play their first night game in Little Rock, losing to the Travelers by a score of 12 – 7.
- The Pelicans would finish in 2nd place with a record of 91 61.
- Pelicans Attendance: 175,239

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	97	55	.638	
Little Rock Travelers	87	66	.569	-10.5
Memphis Chicks	84	69	.549	-13.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	79	74	.516	-18.5
New Orleans Pelicans	78	75	.510	-19.5
Atlanta Crackers	78	76	.506	-20
Mobile/Knoxville	57	94	.377	-39.5
Nashville Vols	51	102	.333	-46.5

BIRMINGHAM

 The 1939 Dixie Series between Birmingham and Houston was the first time night games were played in the championship series.

MOBILE

In a game against Nashville on June 12th, the Bears win by the score of 20 –
 0, at the time one of the largest shutout victories in league history.

• NASHVILLE

- On May 18th, the first night game is played at Sulphur Dell.
- Fay L. Murray, part-owner of the American Association Minneapolis Millers, purchases the Nashville Volunteers. Joe Klugman is retained as manager, and Edgar Allen as business manager.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans finish in 5th place with a record of 78 75, despite standout performances from slugger Zeke Bonura and hurler Fred Johnson.
- Pelicans Attendance: 134,579

1932

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Chattanooga Lookouts	98	51	.658	
Memphis Chicks	101	53	.656	-0.5
Little Rock Travelers	77	75	.507	-22.5
Nashville Vols	75	78	.490	-25
Birmingham Barons	68	83	.450	-31
New Orleans Pelicans	66	84	.440	-32.5
Atlanta Crackers	62	90	.408	-38.5
Knoxville Smokies	60	93	.392	-40

CHATTANOOGA

- Chattanooga captures its first Southern Association pennant.
- The Lookouts defeat Beaumont to win the Dixie Series.

NASHVILLE

- The Nashville Vols defeat starting pitcher Ted Lyons and the Chicago White Sox 8-4 as Stan Keyes lifts a 2-run homer over the 262-foot right field fence in the first inning during an exhibition game on April 5th.
- Attendance for opening day is 14,502 loyal fans. Seating capacity is 8,000 in the grandstands, and the outfield is lined off with rope to accommodate the crowd.

Joe Klugman is released as manager of the Vols, and Charlie (Chuck) Dressen is appointed as replacement.

NEW ORLEANS

- Jake Atz replaces Larry Gilbert as field manager. Gilbert moves into the front office as the club's general manager.
- The Pelicans struggle to finish in 6th place, compiling a 66 84 record.
- Pelicans Attendance: 112,155

1933

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	95	68	.621	
New Orleans Pelicans	88	65	.575	-7
Nashville Vols	77	69	.521	-14.5
Birmingham Barons	76	75	.503	-18
Chattanooga Lookouts	74	77	.490	-20
Knoxville Smokies	68	82	.453	-25.5
Atlanta Crackers	62	86	.419	-30.5
Little Rock Travelers	62	90	.408	-32.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

 Season attendance hits a low mark with only 632,734 fans coming to the ballpark during the height of the Great Depression.

ATLANTA

• In a three game series with Nashville between May 26th and May 28th, the Crackers tallied 45 runs on 61 hits, but could do no better than win two of the three games.

NASHVILLE

- While managing a barnstorming team playing in Mexico City, Mexico, Lance Richbourg is struck in the face by Cuban umpire Senor Hernandez after Richbourg disputes a decision at home plate.
- On April 12th, in a game against Chattanooga, the Vols scored 22 runs on only 13 hits, but were aided by 15 walks.

- Larry Gilbert returns as the Pelican's manager.
- In a game against Atlanta on August 6th, Jim Moore threw only 19 called balls during the 9-inning game. Everything else was a strike or resulted in an out. During one stretch Moore pitched to 14 Crackers without tossed a single called ball.
- On August 18th, the Pelican's Fred Johnson throws a no-hitter against the Birmingham Barons, allowing only two Barons to reach base – one on a walk and the other on an error by catcher Chick Autry.
- The Pelicans go 88 65 and take their eighth Southern Association pennant.
 They would defeat San Antonio in the Dixie Series (4-2).
- Pelicans Attendance: 116,604

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
New Orleans Pelicans	94	60	.610	
Nashville Vols	87	65	.579	-6
Memphis Chicks	79	72	.523	-13.5
Atlanta Chicks	77	74	.510	-15.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	78	75	.510	-15.5
Knoxville Smokies	73	80	.477	-20.5
Birmingham Barons	64	90	.416	-30
Little Rock Travelers	59	95	.383	-35

NASHVILLE

- In February the Nashville Vols announce that plans are underway to affiliate with Columbia, SC, recently granted a franchise in the Piedmont League whereby several Nashville players will be sent to Columbia.
- Charles Dressen, manager of the Nashville Vols, announces that he will leave the hospital where he has been treated for typhoid fever since December 26th, and should be in good shape to resume his position with the team when the club starts spring training on March 15th.
- The Vols beat the New York Yankees 5-4 in a game at Sulphur Dell before a crowd of 3,000. The Yankees are stymied by the pitching of Hal Stafford, who relieved in the 5th inning and allowed only 4 hits through the last 5 innings, striking out 5. James P. Dawson, *The New York Times* reporter, describes Sulphur Dell's unique feature as "the right field here is cut out of a hill and is terraced, making it necessary for a fly-chaser to combine hill-climbing ability with speed and accuracy in fielding the ball." Dawson also reports that Babe Ruth "almost broke one of his legs catching Rodda's fly on the climb in first. The Babe slipped and stumbled but climbed on and came up with the ball." Ruth is 2 for 4, as is Lou Gehrig.
- In July Vols manager Chuck Dressen is announced as new Cincinnati Reds manager, taking over for Bob O'Farrell on July 30th. Lance Richbourg, Nashville outfielder, is named to take Dressen's place as Nashville manager.
- On September 18th the Vols win first game of Southern Association playoffs vs. New Orleans 17-11 in Nashville. Manager Lance Richbourg leads his team before 9,000 fans as team scores 13 runs in 7th inning.

- In a game on July 9th against Knoxville, Eddie Rose fouled off 19 pitches in succession off Smokies hurler Hulvey before finally grounding out.
- The Pelicans win their ninth and final Southern Association title with a record of 94 – 60, defeating Nashville 7-2 in the Southern Association playoffs. Clay Bryant holds the Nashville team to 6 hits.
- The Pels defeat Galveston in the Dixie Series (4-2). Pitcher Denny Galehouse is a standout during the season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 92,423

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	91	60	.605	
New Orleans Pelicans	86	67	.562	-6
Memphis Chicks	84	70	.545	-8.5
Nashville Vols	82	69	.543	-9
Chattanooga Lookouts	75	75	.500	-15.5
Little Rock Travelers	75	78	.490	-17
Birmingham Barons	59	95	.385	-33.5
Knoxville Smokies	57	95	.375	-34.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

In December the Southern Association is elevated to Class A1.

ATLANTA

• In a game on May 19th against Chattanooga, the Crackers won the game in the 12th inning, scoring 3 runs on 2 walks and 2 errors.

NASHVILLE

- Alfred Cuccinello, who hit .320 for the Vols in 1934 and who is the younger brother of Brooklyn infielder Tony Cuccinello, signs with the NY Giants.
- The NY Giants release two rookies to Nashville: outfielder Jim Asbell and pitcher John Leonardo.
- John Gooch, who caught in the majors with Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, and Cincinnati, announces he is leaving the team. Manager Frank Brazill has no comment.
- Lance Richbourg, outfield for the Nashville Vols, is named manager of the club for the 1936 season. This will be his fourth time to manage the team, succeeding Johnny Butler.

NEW ORLEANS

■ The Pelicans finish in 2nd place behind the pitching of Al Milnar. They would compile a record of 86 – 60.

1936

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	94	59	.614	
Nashville Vols	86	65	.570	-7
Birmingham Barons	82	70	.539	-11.5
New Orleans Pelicans	81	71	.533	-12.5
Little Rock Travelers	77	76	.503	-17
Knoxville Smokies	63	87	.420	-20.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	64	89	.418	-30
Memphis Chicks	60	90	.400	-32.5

LITTLE ROCK

Leo Nonnenkamp is named as the league's first Most Valuable Player.

NASHVILLE

 The New York Giants defeat the Vols 19-8 in Defuniak Springs, FL exhibition before 2,000 fans. Right-hander John Intlekofor is chosen by Manager Lance

- Richbourg to start the game for Nashville, and walks the first four batters he faces before being yanked.
- Manager Lance Richbourg scores 7 runs in a game against Knoxville on April 15th.
- Branch Rickey, general manager of St. Louis in the National League announces that the Cardinals have purchased veteran right handed pitcher Flint Rhem (4-3) from the Nashville club.
- The NY Giants purchase Nashville shortstop George Scharein (.288), who will report to the major league club in the spring.

NEW ORLEANS

- Iowa high school ace Bob Feller is "warehoused" with the Pelicans during his senior year. Although he was under contract, he never even went to Heinemann Park. After graduation he would be released by the Pelicans and immediately signed by the Cleveland Indians.
- On May 15th the Pelicans play their first night game in Heinemann Park, losing to the Atlanta Crackers.
- The Pelicans finish in 4th place with a record of 81 71. Outfielder Tom Henrich has a standout season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 135,890

1937

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Little Rock Travelers	97	55	.638	
Memphis Chicks	88	64	.579	-9
Atlanta Crackers	84	66	.560	-12
New Orleans Pelicans	84	66	.560	-12
Nashville Vols	80	73	.523	-17.5
Birmingham Barons	75	76	.497	-21.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	56	95	.371	-40.5
Knoxville Smokies	42	111	.274	-55.5

LITTLE ROCK

Southpaw Lee Rodgers struck out the first three men to face him in the 4th inning of a game against Chattanooga on August 19th, only to have the Lookouts score a run. Wright, the third batter to face him reached base when the catcher missed the third strike. Consecutive singles scored Wright.

MEMPHIS

Coaker Triplett is named league MVP.

NASHVILLE

- Less than 300 fans turned out between September 7th and September 9th for a series against Knoxville.
- Jim Bivin is traded by the Vols to Galveston of the Texas League for outfielder Peck Hamel.
- Chuck Dressen, recently ousted manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is named Nashville Vols manager. He signs a one-year contract for \$10,000, and has previously served as Nashville manager before becoming the Reds manager.

- On July 30th, Pelican pitcher John Humphries hurls a no-hitter against Chattanooga.
- In September in a game against Nashville, the smallest paid attendance in league history – 21 – is recorded.

- The Pelicans cap an 81 71 season, finishing in 4th place. Eddie Rose and Larry Bettancourt are standouts during the campaign.
- Pelicans Attendance: 119,809

1938

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	91	62	.595	
Nashville Vols	84	66	.560	-5.5
New Orleans Pelicans	79	70	.530	-10
Memphis Chicks	77	75	.507	-13.5
Little Rock Travelers	75	76	.497	-15
Birmingham Barons	73	79	.480	-17.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	66	85	.437	-24
Knoxville Smokies	59	91	.393	-30.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

 League president John Martin resigns and Major Trammell Scott is elected on January 22nd as the new league president.

NASHVILLE

- Vols outfielder Harvey Walker has an unassisted double play against Little Rock on June 13th.
- On September 7th, five Vols hit doubles in the 1st inning of a game against New Orleans.
- On November 8th, Fay Murray announces that Larry Gilbert, veteran manager of the New Orleans Pelicans, is the new Nashville Vols manager succeeding Charlie Dressen, who resigned after signing to become a coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Murray said that Gilbert, who has been the pilot of the Pelicans since 1923, will become a part owner of the club.

NEW ORLEANS

- Heinemann Park is renamed Pelican Stadium.
- April 19th is the largest Opening Day attendance in league history as 26,261 fans come to watch the Pelicans play Memphis.
- The Pelicans finish in 3rd place with a 79 70 mark.
- Red Evans is named league MVP.
- Pelicans Attendance: 142,153
- In a surprise move, Larry Gilbert resigns as the Pelican's manager to become manager and part-owner in Nashville.

1939

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Chattanooga Lookouts	85	65	.567	
Memphis Chicks	84	67	.556	-1.5
Nashville Vols	85	68	.556	-1.5
Atlanta Crackers	83	67	.553	-2
Knoxville Smokies	79	73	.520	-7
Little Rock Travelers	68	83	.450	-17.5
Birmingham Barons	64	89	.418	-22.5
New Orleans Pelicans	57	93	.386	-28

ATLANTA

 Cracker pitcher Luman Harris threw a single pitch in a game against New Orleans on August 5th yet was credited with the win. With the bases loaded and two out in the top of the 9th inning, Harris' one pitch caused Pelicans hitter Flanagan to fly out to end the inning. Atlanta scored a run in the bottom of the 9th for a 6 – 5 win.

CHATTANOOGA

The Lookouts win their second Southern Association pennant.

KNOXVILLE

Babe Young is named league MVP.

MEMPHIS

 Between August 6th and August 10th, the Chicks won four double headers in five days – two against Nashville and two against Knoxville.

NASHVILLE

- Larry McPhail, executive vice president of the Brooklyn Dodgers announces that the Nashville Vols, Class A-1, will continue their working agreement for 1939.
- The Brooklyn Dodgers acquire Charles Gilbert and Calvin Chapman, both left-hand-hitting outfielders with the Nashville Vols, paying \$40,000 for the duo.

NEW ORLEANS

- Roger Peckinpaugh is named Pelicans' manager.
- Between July 24th and July 28th, the Pelicans played five consecutive extrainning games, winning three games and losing two games.
- The Pelicans finish in last place with a dismal record of 57 93.
- Pelicans Attendance: 92,551

1940

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Nashville Vols	101	47	.682	
Atlanta Crackers	92	58	.616	-9.5
Memphis Chicks	79	72	.525	-23.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	73	79	.480	-30
New Orleans Pelicans	71	80	.470	-31.5
Birmingham Barons	70	81	.464	-32.5
Little Rock Travelers	59	90	.396	-42.5
Knoxville Smokies	57	96	.373	-46.5

ATLANTA

 Emil Malho is named league MVP along with Charles "Greek" George of Nashville.

BIRMINGHAM

■ The most decisive win in Barons' history came on April 29th against the Little Rock Travelers – the score was 27 – 3.

KNOXVILLE

• On May 3rd, five Knoxville players hit doubles in the first inning against Birmingham.

MEMPHIS

In a game on August 27th against Knoxville, the Chicks scored 12 runs in the first inning – the first 13 batters reached base safely either through a hit, a base on balls, or an error.

NASHVILLE

- Despite the weather around 39 degrees, the Nashville Vols take a 6-0 lead and coast to a 12-8 opening day victory over the Atlanta Crackers before a crowd of 8,206 chilly fans.
- From May 7th to May 16th, Nashville scored 94 runs and 143 hits in 10 games.
- Between August 11th and 12th Oris Hockett, Nashville outfielder, plays in 3 games in two days and makes 10 consecutive hits. On August 11th, in the first game of a double-header in Memphis, he gets a hit in his last at-bat; in the second game, he hits four successive hits in four at-bats. The next day, against Knoxville, Hockett is 5-for-5.
- George Jeffcoat, Nashville pitcher, strikes out 7 consecutive Lookouts on September 11th.
- Nashville beats the Houston Buffs 5-3 to capture the Dixie Series title after scoring 2 runs in the 10th inning on 2 errors and a base hit.
- The slugging Vols had five hitters that each tallied over 100 runs batted in during the season. Dugas and Boken were tied with 118, George had 109, Moser had 104, and Rocco had 101.
- Charles "Greek" George is named the league's MVP along with Emil Malho of Atlanta.

NEW ORLEANS

- Hal Anderson is named Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans become a St. Louis Cardinals farm club (1940-1942)
- A 71 80 record leaves the Pelicans in 5th place for the season.
- Pelicans Attendance: 68,326

1941

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Atlanta Crackers	99	55	.643	
Nashville Vols	83	70	.542	-15.5
New Orleans Pelicans	78	75	.510	-20.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	78	76	.506	-21
Birmingham Barons	73	79	.480	-25
Little Rock Travelers	71	82	.464	-27.5
Memphis Chicks	69	85	.448	-30
Knoxville Smokies	62	91	.405	-36.5

ATLANTA

Les Burge is named league MVP.

BIRMINGHAM

- In a three game series against Knoxville a double-header on May 4th and a single game on the 6th a total of 16 home runs were tallied: Birmingham hit 10 and Knoxville hit 6.
- First baseman Hank Sauer walloped a home run against Knoxville on June 18th over the scoreboard in left field. The ball traveled 405-feet and had to clear a 33-foot fence.

• LITTLE ROCK

• In a game on May 20th against Knoxville, Murray Franklin hit three triples, a home run, and a single for a total of 14 bases and pushing 7 runs across the plate.

MEMPHIS

• In a game against Little Rock on August 22nd, three Chicks walked twice in succession in the 5th inning as Memphis scored 8 runs.

NASHVILLE

- Fay L. Murray, 60-year-old owner of the Nashville club, dies after a brief illness.
- Chattanooga defeats the Vols 4-3 at home in the season opener for both clubs. George Jeffcoat is the losing pitcher even though he holds the Lookouts to five hits in the first eight innings but falters in the 9th.
- Leslie Fleming hit his stride early in the season, stroking 10 home runs in his first 13 games between April 10th and April 22nd.
- On April 13th against Chattanooga, outfielder Marvin Felderman has 3 at-bats in one inning.
- Arnold Meers, Nashville pitcher, issues 12 walks to Knoxville batsmen on June 20th.
- Boots Poffenberger, Nashville pitcher, is suspended for 90 days after throwing at umpire Ed "Dutch" Hoffman during last night's game. Boots is ordered off the field by the arbiter after "continual griping and use of abusive language," and instead of leaving the field turned and throws the ball at the umpire.
- Lawrence M. Gilbert, Jr., son of Nashville manager Larry Gilbert, dies at the age of 27 on August 24th. A heart ailment had forced him to abandon sports, and at age 27 had been confined to a local hospital for some time.
- In a game on August 31st against Memphis, the Vols smashed the first 5 pitches for 2 home runs, a double, and a single. The in-between pitch resulted in a long foul ball.
- After finishing in second place in the Southern Association, the Dixie Series is won by the Vols after winning their fourth straight game from Dallas, 6-2. It is the second Dixie championship won by the Vols.

NEW ORLEANS

- Ray Blades is named Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans improve to 78 75 and finish in 3rd place.
- Pelicans Attendance: 69,665

1942

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Little Rock Travelers	87	59	.596	
Nashville Vols	85	66	.563	-4.5
Birmingham Barons	79	73	.520	-11
New Orleans Pelicans	77	73	.513	-12
Atlanta Crackers	76	78	.494	-15
Memphis Chicks	77	80	.474	-18
Chattanooga Lookouts	66	86	.434	-24
Knoxville Smokies	61	88	.409	-27.5

BIRMINGHAM

 Despite the fact that relief hurler Vernon Stone didn't face a single batter, he was charged with the loss in a game against New Orleans on April 14th.

KNOXVILLE

■ In a game on May 19th against Atlanta, the Smokies won 2 – 0, scoring both runs on squeeze plays, one in the 7th inning and the other in the 9th inning.

• LITTLE ROCK

- On August 2nd, with the bases loaded and no outs, the Travelers edged a man across the plat to score the winning run before Knoxville could complete a triple play.
- Roy Schalk is named as the league MVP.

MEMPHIS

 Against Chattanooga on May 4th, seven straight batters reached first base in the opening frame, although only one hit safely against Lookouts' pitcher Bob Garner.

NASHVILLE

- In the first inning of the second game of a double-header on April 19th in Knoxville, the first nine Nashville batters each get on base with a hit, a walk, or an error; the same nine score in succession. The order was: Roy Marion, Jim Shilling, Legrant Scott, Gus Dugas, Charley English, Charley Workman, Mickey Kreitner, Johnny Mihalic, and Dutch McColl.
- In a game against New Orleans on April 29th, the Vols won 2 1 in a most unusual manner: the two deciding runs were scored with no base hit figuring in to the scoring. Catcher Hank Helf drive in both runs, one on a fly to the outfield and the other on an infield out.
- On June 12th, Vols Charley Workman, Hank Helf and Charles Gassaway hit homers off Knoxville pitcher Steve Warchol on 3 straight pitches.
- On August 27th Nashville scores 10 runs in the first inning before the Lookouts can retire a batter. Final score: Nashville 21, Chattanooga 6.

NEW ORLEANS

- Pat Ankenman is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans finish in 4th place, compiling a 77 73 mark.
- Pelicans Attendance: 110,401

1943

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Nashville Vols	83	55	.601	
New Orleans Pelicans	78	58	.573	-4
Little Rock Travelers	78	62	.557	-6
Chattanooga/Montgomery	69	70	.496	-14.5
Knoxville Smokies	65	71	.478	-17
Birmingham Barons	63	76	.453	-20.5
Atlanta Crackers	60	79	.432	-23.5
Memphis Chicks	56	81	.409	-26.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

William G. "Billy" Evans is elected league president.

BIRMINGHAM

- On April 24th the Barons score 16 runs in the 7th inning against New Orleans.
- In a game against Chattanooga on June 14th, the Barons turned five double plays and a triple play during the game.
- Barons' pitcher Bob Ferguson had to win the hard way against Montgomery on September 1st by leaving 16 stranded base runners during the 9-inning game. Despite giving up 15 hits, he only allowed 2 earned runs in the 5 to 4 Barons victory.

MEMPHIS

• Frank Veverka pitched two shutout games against Atlanta on July 15th, giving up 3 hits in each game. The following day he pitched 3 more scoreless innings against the Crackers and was credited with the win, his third in two days.

NASHVILLE

- During an 8 game stretch Nashville scored 100 runs against Atlanta and Knoxville.
- In a 26-13 win over Atlanta on August 18th, every Vols player has at least one hit, scores at least one run, and all except Charles Brewster has at least one RBI; Charley Gilbert bats 8 times in the game.
- On September 13th, with a 12-hit barrage, the Vols beat four Pelicans pitcher to win the Southern Association championship in New Orleans, 7-0. The series ends 4 games to 1.
- Ed Sauer is named as the league MVP.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans become a Brooklyn Dodger farm club (1943-1944)
- Ray Blades returns as the Pelican's manager.
- On June 10th, Pelican hurler Bob Williams throws a no-hitter against Chattanooga.
- The Pelicans climb to 2nd place with a 78 58 record.
- Pelicans Attendance: 101,600

1944

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	86	53	.619	
Memphis Chicks	84	55	.609	-2
Nashville Vols	79	61	.564	-7.5
Little Rock Travelers	66	72	.478	-19.5
Birmingham Barons	64	75	.460	-22
Knoxville/Mobile	63	74	.459	-22
Chattanooga Lookouts	57	83	.409	-29.5
New Orleans Pelicans	57	83	.409	-29.5

MEMPHIS

Pete Gray is named as the league's MVP.

- Fresco Thompson is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans finish tied for 7th place with a record of 57 83 despite a standout season from New Orleans native John "Fats" Dantonio.
- Pelicans Attendance: 102,267

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	94	46	.671	
Chattanooga Lookouts	85	55	.607	-9
Mobile Bears	74	65	.532	-19.5
New Orleans Pelicans	73	67	.521	-21
Memphis Chicks	68	72	.486	-26
Birmingham Barons	58	82	.414	-36
Nashville Vols	55	84	.396	-38.5
Little Rock Travelers	52	88	.371	-42

ATLANTA

Ted Cieslek is named as the league's MVP.

NEW ORLEANS

- In a game against the Nashville Vols on May 6th, the Pelicans score 16 runs in the 4th inning. This ties a league record for the most runs scored by one club in one inning (Little Rock 1929, Birmingham 1943).
- The May 6th game against Nashville was the largest shutout victory in league history with the final score being 32 0.
- The Pelicans finish in 4th place with a record of 73 67.
- Pelicans Attendance: 142,444

1946

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	96	58	.623	
Memphis Chicks	90	63	.588	-5.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	79	73	.520	-16
New Orleans Pelicans	75	77	.493	-20
Mobile Bears	75	78	.490	-20.5
Nashville Vols	73	78	.490	-20.5
Birmingham Barons	68	84	.447	-27
Little Rock Travelers	52	99	.344	-42.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

The Southern Association is raised to Class AA.

ATLANTA

 Ted Cieslek repeats as the league's MVP. He is the only player in league history to be twice honored.

MEMPHIS

• In a game against Birmingham on June 11th, the Chicks left a total of 19 men on base during the game. This set a league record for runners left on base during a regular 9-inning game.

MOBILE

 On August 28th against Chattanooga, the Bears left 21 runners on base during a 12-inning game.

- The Pelicans become a Boston Red Sox farm club (1946-1947)
- John Peacock is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans put up a record of 75 77, good enough for 4th place.

Pelicans Attendance: 329,071

1947

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Mobile Bears	94	59	.614	
New Orleans Pelicans	93	59	.612	-0.5
Nashville Vols	80	73	.523	-14
Chattanooga Lookouts	79	75	.513	-15.5
Atlanta Crackers	73	78	.483	-20
Birmingham Barons	73	80	.477	-21
Memphis Chicks	69	85	.448	-25.5
Little Rock Travelers	51	103	.331	-43.5

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

- Charles A. Hurth is elected league president.
- League offices are moved from Memphis to New Orleans.
- The revitalized league will attract 2,180,244 fans during the 1947 season, the first time season attendance has surpassed the 2 million mark.

MOBILE

Cliff Draper is named as the league's MVP.

NEW ORLEANS

- Fred Walters is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans enjoy the post-war boom with a 93 59 season, finishing in 2nd place. Standouts are Al Kozar, Al Flair, and Ed Lavigne.
- Pelicans Attendance: 400,036.

1948

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Nashville Vols	94	58	.621	
Memphis Chicks	92	61	.601	-3
Birmingham Barons	84	69	.549	-11
Mobile Bears	75	75	.500	-18.5
New Orleans Pelicans	70	83	.458	-25
Atlanta Crackers	69	85	.448	-26.5
Little Rock Travelers	67	83	.447	-26.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	58	96	.377	-37.5

BIRMINGHAM

In a game against Little Rock on April 22nd, the Barons left 22 runners on base during a 15-inning game.

NASHVILLE

- Harold (Buster) Boguskie collects 6 hits on Opening Day, April 16, 1948, just missing collecting his 7th on a close play at first base.
- On May 26th, Birmingham Barons first baseman Walt Dropo makes 3 errors in a game versus the Vols in Nashville; the next night, he repeats his feat by making another 3 errors at Sulphur Dell.
- Charlie Workman is named as the league's MVP.
- In December, Rollie Hemsley is named manager of the Nashville Vols, succeeding Larry Gilbert who moves to the front office.

• NEW ORLEANS

- Local businessmen led by A.B. Freeman sell the Pelicans to the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. The Pelicans become a Pirates farm club (1948-1956).
- Jimmy Brown is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans finish in 5th place with a record of 70 83.
- Pelicans Attendance: 234,772

1949

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Nashville Vols	95	57	.625	
Birmingham Barons	91	62	.595	-4.5
Mobile Bears	82	69	.543	-12.5
New Orleans Pelicans	77	75	.507	-18
Atlanta Crackers	71	82	.464	-24.5
Little Rock Travelers	69	85	.448	-27
Memphis Chicks	65	88	.425	-30.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	60	92	.395	-35

LITTLE ROCK

 In a game against Atlanta on May 15th, the Travelers left 23 runners on base during a 14-inning game.

NASHVILLE

Carl Sawatski is named as the league's MVP.

NEW ORLEANS

- Hugh Luby is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans finish 77 75 in 4th place.
- Pelicans Attendance: 248,772

1950

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	92	59	.609	
Birmingham Barons	87	62	.584	-4
Nashville Vols	86	64	.573	-5.5
Memphis Chicks	81	70	.536	-11
New Orleans Pelicans	71	79	.473	-20.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	59	89	.399	-31.5
Little Rock Travelers	52	96	.351	-38.5

LITTLE ROCK

Between April 19th and May 11th, the Travelers lost 21 consecutive games.

• NASHVILLE

 Bob Schultze is named as the league's MVP. He is the third consecutive Nashville player to win the honor.

- Hugh Luby is replaced in mid-season by Bill Burwell as the Pelicans' manager.
- Hal Bevan joins the New Orleans Pelicans.
- Pelicans Attendance: 203,445

1951

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Little Rock Travelers	93	60	.608	
Birmingham Barons	83	71	.539	-10.5
Mobile Bears	80	74	.519	-13.5
Memphis Chicks	79	75	.513	-14.5
Nashville Vols	78	76	.506	-15.5
Atlanta Crackers	76	78	.494	-17.5
New Orleans Pelicans	64	90	.418	-29.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	62	91	.405	-31

LITTLE ROCK

Hal Simpson is named as the league's MVP.

NASHVILLE

• In October the Nashville club signs a working agreement with the NY Giants through the NY club's American Association farm club at Minneapolis. The Vols recently terminated their agreement with the Chicago Cubs.

• NEW ORLEANS

- Rip Sewell is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans finish in 7th place with a 64 90 record.
- Pelicans Attendance: 127,304

1952

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Chattanooga Lookouts	86	66	.566	
Atlanta Crackers	82	72	.532	-5
Mobile Bears	80	73	.523	-6.5
Memphis Chicks	81	74	.522	-6.5
New Orleans Pelicans	80	75	.516	-7.5
Nashville Vols	73	79	.480	-13
Little Rock Travelers	68	85	.444	-18.5
Birmingham Barons	64	90	.416	-23

CHATTANOOGA

- Chattanooga wins their third Southern Association championship.
- Ellis Clary is named as the league's MVP. He is the first Lookout to garner the award.

- Danny Murtaugh is named the Pelicans' manager.
- The Pelicans end the season in 5th place with a 80 75 record.
- Pelicans Attendance: 232,043

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	87	67	.565	
Nashville Vols	85	69	.552	-2
Atlanta Crackers	84	70	.545	-3
Birmingham Barons	78	76	.506	-9
New Orleans Pelicans	76	78	.494	-11
Chattanooga Lookouts	73	81	.474	-14
Little Rock Travelers	66	87	.431	-20.5
Mobile Bears	66	87	.431	-20.5

NASHVILLE

Jack Harshman is named as the league's MVP.

• NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans finish in 5th place with a record of 76 78.
- Pelicans Attendance: 123,905
- On August 7th, baseball pioneer and innovator Abner Powell dies in New Orleans.

1954

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	94	60	.610	
New Orleans Pelicans	92	62	.597	-2
Birmingham Barons	81	70	.536	-11.5
Memphis Chicks	80	74	.519	-14
Chattanooga Lookouts	75	76	.497	-17.5
Little Rock Travelers	64	90	.416	-30
Nashville Vols	64	90	.416	-30
Mobile Bears	63	91	.409	-31

NASHVILLE

- Bob Lennon is named as the league's MVP.
- Tookie Gilbert, 24-year-old backup first baseman for the NY Giants and popular former Vol, announces his retirement from baseball.
- In September, Joe Schultz, manager of Tulsa in the Texas League for 3 years, is named manager of the Nashville Vols replacing Hugh Poland. Larry Gilbert, general manager, also announces that the Vols are ending their 3-year working agreement with the NY Giants, and have signed a working agreement with the Cincinnati Reds for the 1955 season.

- The Pelicans enjoy their last good season, finishing in 2nd place with a record of 92 – 62. Standouts include the Freese brothers, Gene and George, and pitcher Elroy Face.
- Pelicans Attendance: 206,305

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Memphis Chicks	90	63	.588	
Birmingham Barons	88	65	.575	-2
Chattanooga Lookouts	80	74	.519	-10.5
Mobile Bears	79	75	.513	-11.5
Nashville Vols	77	74	.510	-12
New Orleans Pelicans	76	75	.503	-13
Atlanta Crackers	70	84	.455	-20.5
Little Rock Travelers	52	102	.338	-38.5

MEMPHIS

Ed White is named as the league's MVP.

NASHVILLE

• In January, Ted Murray and Larry Gilbert, co-owners of Nashville in the Southern Association, confirm that they face the loss of their franchise. Nashville has been in the league since it was organized in 1901. A 30-day opposition for the purchase of Sulphur Dell, the city's ball park, for business purposes has been obtained from them by a syndicate in Nashville. Reportedly, the plan of the syndicate is to sell the property for business purposes and demolish the grandstand. It is reported that Knoxville, Tampa, and Jacksonville are anxious to obtain the franchise.

NEW ORLEANS

- Andy Cohen is named the Pelicans' manager.
- On May25th in a game with Little Rock, the Pelicans score 15 runs in the 7th inning.
- The Pelicans finish in 6th place with a 76 75 slate, despite a standout season for Danny Kravitz.
- Pelicans Attendance: 128,993

1956

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	89	65	.587	
Memphis Chicks	82	72	.532	-7
Mobile Bears	82	73	.529	-7.5
Birmingham Barons	81	74	.523	-8.5
New Orleans Pelicans	79	75	.513	-10
Chattanooga Lookouts	76	78	.494	-13
Nashville Vols	75	79	.487	-14
Little Rock/Montgomery	53	101	.344	-36

MOBILE

- Gene Lary is named as the league's MVP.
- Ralph Mauriello is named as the league's Rookie of the Year.

- The Pelicans finish in 6th place behind a 79 75 record.
- Pelican Attendance: 96,753

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	87	67	.565	
Memphis Chicks	86	67	.562	-0.5
Nashville Vols	86	69	.546	-3
Chattanooga Lookouts	83	70	.542	-3.5
Mobile Bears	75	78	.490	-11.5
Birmingham Barons	74	79	.484	-12.5
Little Rock Travelers	64	88	.421	-22
New Orleans Pelicans	60	94	.390	-27

ATLANTA

Joe Morgan is named as the league's Rookie of the Year.

NASHVILLE

- Stan Palys is named as the league's MVP.
- Nashville rehires Dick Sisler as player-manager for the 1958 season. Sisler, who also plays first-base, led the Vols to a 3rd-place finish in 1957.

NEW ORLEANS

- The Pelicans become a New York Yankee farm club (1957 1958).
- The Pelicans name Harry "Peanuts" Lowrey as their manager.
- On September 1st the final game in Pelican Stadium is played. The facility is demolished to make way for a motel.
- Pelicans Attendance: 67,287

1958

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	91	62	.595	
Mobile Berars	84	68	.553	-6.5
Atlanta Crackers	84	70	.545	-7.5
Chattanooga Lookouts	77	76	.503	-14
Nashville Vols	76	78	.494	-15.5
Little Rock Travelers	74	80	.481	-17.5
Memphis Chicks	69	84	.451	-22
New Orleans Pelicans	57	94	.377	-33

- The Pelicans arrange a two-year lease at City Park Stadium (now Tad Gormley).
- Charlie Silvera is named the Pelicans manager. He is replaced in mid-season by New Orleans native Ray Yochim.
- The Pelicans finish in last place with a 57 94 record. A campaign is started to try to revive interest in the failing franchise.
- Pelicans Attendance: 50,369

1959

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Birmingham Barons	92	61	.601	
Mobile Bears	89	63	.586	-2.5
Nashville Vols	84	64	.568	-5.5
Memphis Chicks	76	77	.497	-16
Shreveport Sports	75	79	.487	-17.5
New Orleans Pelicans	68	81	.456	-22
Chattanooga Lookouts	67	86	.438	-25
Atlanta Crackers	56	96	.368	-35.5

NEW ORLEANS

- Former Red Sox pitcher and native son Mel Parnell is named the Pelicans manager.
- On June 26th, Pelicans' pitcher Don Kildoo throws what will be the final no-hitter in the club's history against the Birmingham Barons.
- The Pelicans finish in 6th place with a record of 68 81.
- Pelicans Attendance: 71,577

1960

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT	GB
Atlanta Crackers	87	67	.565	
Shreveport Sports	86	67	.562	-0.5
Little Rock Travelers	82	69	.543	-3.5
Birmingham Barons	83	70	.542	-3.5
Mobile Bears	79	72	.523	-6.5
Nashville Vols	71	82	.464	-15.5
Memphis Chicks	59	87	.404	-24
Chattanooga Lookouts	60	93	.392	-26.5

CHATTANOOGA

• Chattanooga wins their fourth Southern Association pennant.

NEW ORLEANS

• The Pelican franchise sold to Little Rock. New Orleans becomes the largest city in America without professional baseball.

1961

TEAM	WON	LOST	РСТ	GB
Chattanooga Lookouts	90	62	.592	
Birmingham Barons	89	63	.586	-1
Little Rock Travelers	80	73	.523	-10.5
Atlanta Crackers	77	74	.510	-12.5
Macon Peaches	75	79	.487	-16
Nashville Vols	69	83	.454	-21
Shreveport Sports	69	84	.451	-21.5
Mobile Bears	61	92	.399	-29.5

• SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

• Following a season where just an average of 1,000 fans attended league games, the Southern Association suspended operations after 61 years.

CHATTANOOGA

 Chattanooga captures their fifth league title and the last Southern Association pennant in league history.