



# PELICAN BRIEFS

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## Al Milnar Wins 17 Consecutive Games

June 7 – August 21, 1935

Al Milnar was a native of Cleveland spotted by Cleveland Indians' General Manager Billy Evans and sent to the New Orleans Pelicans in 1934 for seasoning. He went 22 – 13 with a 2.61 ERA in his first season and much was expected of him in 1935. The young southpaw didn't disappoint, going 24 – 5 with a 3.85 ERA. His .828 winning percentage and 140 strikeouts led the Southern Association during the 1935 season.

However, during a remarkable 76-day period, from June 7<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>, Milnar won 17 consecutive games in which he was the pitcher of record, setting a Southern Association record. Twice he was relieved when the game looked to be in jeopardy only to receive no decision as the Pelicans rallied to win the game. Equally impressive is that 13 of his 17 wins were complete game victories thrown on four day's rest.

The streak was broken on August 25<sup>th</sup> against Knoxville as Milnar and the Pelicans lost 4 – 5 in 11 innings.

The following is a summary of Milnar's record-breaking feat:

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	IP	H	SO	BB	
June 7	Knoxville . . . . .	Won	3 – 1	7	2	5	1	
June 11	Nashville . . . . .	Won	12 – 5	9	10	6	3	
June 15	Chattanooga . .	Won	7 – 4	9	9	4	2	
June 19	Nashville . . . . .		6 – 4	8	7	4	3	<i>Taken Out</i>
June 23	Knoxville . . . . .	Won	4 – 3	9	8	2	2	
June 27	Atlanta . . . . .	Won	7 – 4	9	7	2	2	
June 30	Atlanta . . . . .	Won	7 – 4	6	4	0	0	
July 5	Memphis . . . . .	Won	3 – 1	9	4	4	2	
July 9	Little Rock . . . .	Won	10 – 6	9	10	5	3	
July 13	Birmingham . . .	Won	6 – 5	11	10	6	1	
July 17	Memphis . . . . .	Won	8 – 1	9	9	5	1	
July 21	Little Rock . . . .	Won	5 – 4	7.3	14	4	2	<i>Taken Out</i>
July 28	Knoxville . . . . .	Won	3 – 2	9	10	4	4	
August 1	Atlanta . . . . .		19 – 15	2.3	6	1	4	<i>Taken Out</i>
August 4	Chattanooga . .	Won	9 – 3	9	9	10	3	
August 8	Nashville . . . . .	Won	9 – 2	9	8	6	8	
August 12	Birmingham . . .	Won	7 – 4	9	11	6	2	
August 16	Chattanooga . .	Won	10 – 8	9	13	4	5	
August 21	Nashville . . . . .	Won	8 – 6	8.6	13	2	4	<i>Taken Out</i>

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