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## **Base Ball** The Game Between the Hop Bitters and Lone Stars

Yesterday the lately re-organized Lone Stars played the Hop Bitters at the Crescent City Base Ball Park. The game was witnessed by about two hundred people, and was very interesting throughout.

The Lone Stars were comprised of the following players: Bennett, I.f.; Reily, c; Nicholls, s.s.; Keefe, p; Tracy, r.f.; Brennan, 2d b.; Collins, 3d b.; Tennison, 1<sup>st</sup> b.; Redon, c.f. Bennett and Nicholls, formerly of the Hop Bitters, and now pitcher and catcher of the Wrights, played outside of their regular positions for the first time here yesterday.

Tennison, formerly of the Lees, played first base. During his connection with the Lees be made but an average record. His fine play yesterday therefore was a surprise. He never missed once and his batting was also very neat. Brennan, of the Eckfords, and Collins, of the Lees, lent their assistance at the other bases. Tracy and Redon were the only players of the old Stars who participated in yesterday's game.

The Hop Bitters players were: Wood, I.f.; Knight, r.f.; Ward, p.; Brennan, c.f.; Sullivan, 3b; Creamer, 2b; Wright, s.s.; Foley, 1b; Buchong, c. Ward is one of the renowned Northern curve pitchers, and his balls proved very difficult to tap. Foley was seen here for the first time on first base. His playing was very fine.

In the first inning Bennett went to the bat and succeeded in making a base hit. He stole second. Brown, who acted as catcher during the first three innings, endeavored to put him out, but his ball flew far over the baseman's head. Bennett took advantage of this mistake and came home. This was the only run scored by the Stars.

The Hop Bitters made their run in the third inning. Brown tapped a neat ball, which Bennet failed to pick up. This allowed Brown to reach his second. He came home on a wild pitch of Keefe's.

At the end of the ninth inning the score still stood 1 to 1, and as it was not yet quite dark it was decided to play another inning. Neither club succeeded in scoring any additional runs. In this inning a serious accident occurred to Mr. Tracy, one of the players of the Stars. A ball was tapped

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Tracy received a wound above the eye, which necessitated his forbearance from participating further in the game. Mr. Miller, of the Lees, who happened to be present, played in his place until the close of the inning. Brennan's injuries were very slight.

Owing to a disagreement concerning the arrangements, the game between the Hop Bitters and the Remy Clarkes and Crescents will not come off. The next game will be with the Lees on Sunday. The Hop Bitters and the Lone Stars will visit Mobile next week, and they propose taking a Texas tour together.

The Crescent Nine is composed of the following players: J. Bothner, c.; H. Murphy, p.; I. Murphy, 2d b.; J. Murphy, c.f.; M. Jamison, 1<sup>st</sup> b.; J. Cook, s.s.; Geo. Krumbel, 3d b.; J. Watskey, I.f.; R. Hays, r.f.

Two of the players were formerly members of the Mesdexexarts and two of the Wm. Fagans. The club was very successful last year defeating the Eckfords, Louisianas, F.T. Nicholls, Bondholders, and other clubs. They promise to do their best to give the Northern club a good game.