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Out Door Sports Base Ball

Yesterday afternoon the beautiful and airy grounds which have been devoted during the present season to the healthy sports of the field – the Delachaise property, near Louisiana Avenue – presented a most animated and enlivening appearance. The occasion was the commencement of a match of base ball between the Louisiana B.B.C. and the Empires, on a challenge of the latter. The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors were most ample in every respect. There were commodious tents for the ladies spread under the umbrageous branches of fine old live oaks, and they were served with refreshments by the polite stewards of the clubs, appointed for the occasion, and who performed their part of the duties of the day in the most creditable manner.

Nor were the male guests of the clubs unprovided for by the thoughtful masters of ceremonies upon this occasion. Everything was done to make them pleased with their visit to the ground, and to make them wish to come again. Altogether, there was a large and delighted concourse of citizens upon the field.

The Louisianians won the first innings. They went in and made a very fair beginning. For the three first innings there was but little to choose between the parties. The batting, running, and catching was excellent on both sides. On the fourth innings the Empires began to rank their seniors, and headed them by some runs on the fifth. Although it was getting towards dusk, it was agreed to play a sixth, before suspending the match, and at the end of the innings, the Empires led the Louisianians *twelve* runs.

Three more innings, on each side, remain to be played, in this so far admirably contested game, which will be resumed next Monday afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.