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Drunken Forfeit

Delta (D) League President S.L. Dodds announces the second forfeit of the 1904 season after receiving a wire from a league umpire stating that a drunk Yazoo City team forfeited a Sunday game at Canton.

In the wire, the umpire reports: "Yazoo team too drunk to play. Forfeited game to Canton in the sixth inning after they made it a farce. Manager (Red) Murch viewed the game from a tree a block off."

It should be noted that Canton is the only town in the six-team Delta League that does not observe prohibition laws. The score is 13-0 in favor of Canton when the game is declared forfeited and with the loss, the Zoos drop to 41-27 and 7 1/2 games behind front-running Clarksdale.

The following afternoon, a sober Yazoo City nine, "stayed on terra firma today" and behind back-to-back complete game efforts by Baxter Smith, returns to its winning ways sweeping a doubleheader from Canton, 5-1 and 3-0.

The Delta League will exist for only two seasons (1904 & 1905). With only one town over 10,000 in population, the aggregate population for the league is less than 50,000. Clarksdale will win the league's initial pennant by four games over Yazoo City.

Southern Leaguers, Yazoo City Baseball Players Defy You to Play a Game Like This.

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Canton, Miss., Aug. 2.—In the game this afternoon between Yazoo City and Canton, Yazoo City made thirteen errors in the middle of the sixth inning, when the umpire declared the game forfeited to Canton. Manager Murch of Yazoo City was in a tree, viewing the game from afar. Eddy Ford was assisted from the field by the police, and several other members of the team, it is said, were so intoxicated they could not see the ball. The conduct of the Yazoo City team was disgraceful and disgusting. The patrons of the game are indignant, and will resent a repetition of yesterday's game. When the game was forfeited the score stood 13 to 0, in favor of Canton.