

On Friday, May 6, Claude Jonnard out-duels Jesse Sigman as Little Rock edges Mobile 3-2, giving the Travelers their third victory in a four-game Southern Association series. Jonnard, a future major leaguer, allows only five hits while striking out six in picking up one of his team-leading 22 wins.

Two days later, several baseballs with nails driven into them are discovered at Mobile's Monroe Park. The nails are small and driven into the stitches and are barely discernable to the human eye. It is thought that the added weight on one side of the ball allows the pitcher to "do all sorts of funny things."

Several hard hits during the game cause the nails to protrude. Mobile players claim to know nothing about the balls or how they got put into play and team President John D. Logan promises a "full investigation"

Two months later, Mobile's Jesse Sigman, the prime suspect in the ball tampering incident, is suspended and fined \$250 after he "jumps" his contract to join an independent club in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

## WHAT NEXT? SPIKE BALL DOWN SOUTH SO IT'LL ACT FUNNY

Mobile, Ala., May 9.—Spiked baseballs have been discovered at the Mobile Southern Association Park, according to President John D. Logan, who has taken the matter up with President John D. Martin at Memphis and National Commissioner Landis at Chicago.

The balls were found after the Mobile-Little Rock game Friday, but the discovery of nails driven into them was not made until Sunday. The nail in each instance is a small long wire one, driven into the stitches, and the ball had to be examined closely to find it. It is claimed that the added weight of the nail in one side enabled a pitcher to make the ball do all sorts of funny things. The Mobile players claim that they did not put the balls into play and how they got into the game is yet to be determined. President Logan stated he would demand a full investigation.

### A Pitchers Battle

Mobile, May 6.—Little Rock made it three out of four today by defeating Mobile, 3—2. Sigman was outpitched by Jonnard in the pinches. R H E  
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Jonnard and Land; Sigman, Utt and Pond.