

RETROSPECTIVE

Zephyr Field Firsts

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The following is a list of firsts at the renowned new Zephyr Field in Metairie. Unless otherwise noted, each *first* occurred on the night of Friday, April 11, 1997. As the gentleman next to us in the third base seats at the home opener so accurately put it, “Dis is hist’ry.”

First Pitch – a called strike from New Orleans pitcher Nitkowski to Oklahoma City centerfielder Little.

First Hit – a single to left to Little.

First Triple – Rivera in the bottom of the second.

First Home Run – Bubba Smith on April 13.

First Out – Oklahoma City second baseman Estrada hit a ground ball between first and second and was thrown out from Zephyrs second baseman Bridges to pitcher Nitkowski covering first.

First Run – Little scored on a single to center by Anthony.

First RBI – Anthony.

First Strikeout – Nitkowski struck out Brown to end the top of the first inning.

First Zephyrs Hit – Flora, the first batter for New Orleans, singled to center.

First Zephyrs Run – Ramos scored on a triple by Rivera in the second inning.

First Stolen Base – Flora stole second in the first inning.

First Base on Balls – Nitkowski walked Oklahoma City catcher Tackett in the second inning.

First Error – Zephyrs shortstop Rivera committed an error on a ball hit by Sagmoen in the second inning.

First Double Play – With Mora on at first with one out in the third inning, Colon hit into a 6-4-3 double play, Frias to Estrada to Brown.

First Souvenir – The first foul ball to enter the stands was off the bat of Anthony. It skipped off the left side of the screen and bounced into Section 116 behind the Oklahoma City dugout.

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