

GIANTS PITCHING TO BE BIG FACTOR—RUBE BELIEVES IT STRONG ENOUGH TO WIN.**(By Dave Wyatt.)**

Unless I am very much mistaken the American Giants four first-string pitchers this year will be Tom Williams, Elout, Johnson, Lefty Brown and Marshall. The latter is a Kansas City product, and early spring lampings on the lad undoubtedly gives him a place with the first four. Nothing definite as yet can be said of "Blau" Williams, and should he luckily show up, he has a bright chance of being headed Detroitward or in some other direction where high class services are needed. Not that "Blau" is not alright, but it looks as if the Giants have annexed the class of the pitching field and "Blau" with the present staff would look like a corner on the pitching market. Yes Marshall is a most promising looking heaver, right hander, a world of speed, and he brings up his offering with a kick that is bound to play havoc with many an aspiring batter's average. Ewing, a high school lad from Massilon, O., has displayed some real class behind the bat, and he looks good to be detained for complete and expert inspection. Several of the newcomers look good and may land a berth with some of the clubs. It is certain that many hopes trying out here cannot be retained, therefore it is barely possible that by chance some team may pick up a diamond in the rough. One thing is certain, there is a fellow named Wiggins, a coal miner from down state, there is not a chance of anyone landing him. If the lad can bat anything like up to his class of fielding there he will be a grey old man when "Rube" turns him loose. He is a shortstop and we vouch for the statement, he looks like a fixture. At any rate the Giants are going to size up awful strong. Ewing, Wiggins and Jack Marshall, with Jim Brown to jump in and help out the established regulars of Dixon, Grant, DeMoss, Williams, Malachuk, Gans, Torrentti and Reese, with a hurling string of Tom Williams, Tom Johnson and Dave Brown, we opine that the going is bound to be mighty rough for the other fellows. True we haven't heard from Uncle C. I. and Blunt hasn't sent us any world fair reports. Mills says absolutely nothing and K. C. does not connect. Dayton is beginning to perk up and "Rube's" new talent interests Joe Green. It looks like a case of hurry brother magnets or the windy city crew have landed another one best bet team. Sunday, April 11th, the Giants open the season with Rogers Park, a Chicago League team, so we can get a real line on Foster's gang. But no matter what transpires within the next few days we have given you the lineup that you can just about look to wear the Chicago colors for the season of 1920.

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