



Not only is the team which Foster is fashioning the best that ever wore Windy City war-paint, but the big chief has supplied the material for what at this time appears to be one of the swiftest fielding combinations ever seen on any team amongst our clan. On paper and in practice it would seem to compare favorably in hitting power to former teams of established prestige, and most of the players are young, as compared with past aggregations of strong-arm gents. The main body of the team has been in action here for a week, and the players are just now beginning to show their first traces of real form.

### **A BUNCH OF HITTERS.**

Not only in size, but also in personnel, the roster reads not unlike a big league roll call. Foster has twenty men in the preparatory work. With Grant at first base, DeMoss at second, Malarcher at third and Williams or Wiggins at short, which seems to be the final arrangement, the club will present the unique spectacle of an infield composed entirely of men who



should, in the language of the diamond, be top-hitters in this new circuit, while Torrentti and Gans in the outfield are certain to camp around the select circles of the swatsmiths. Reese, the new outfielder, comes here from the Hilldales of Philly. He has been facing all the high class twirling of the eastern hurlers, and if there are any thing to signs, then he supplies that punch which the fans so feared might be missing. Then there is a possibility of one of the catchers developing into a slashing hitter. Anyway, it seems certain that the club will have at least six men hitting up around the coveted goal, and they will be in there battling every day. With that kind of hitting a team ought to win, if given just fair pitching, and from the class of men composing the slab staff it would appear that the heaving is to be of a very high order. Not only are all of last

year's holdovers coming back stronger than ever, but the new men are showing to advantage, and this includes the youngsters. Tom Williams, the former

eastern crack, is a late arrival and a few days' work has convinced him that he will be able to stage that same brand of pitching that so annexed the favor of the Chicago fans some three seasons ago. All know what Tom Johnson figures to do in the circuit. Lefty Brown has made a showing that makes him a formidable candidate for the honor of a regular, while Jack Marshall, a wiry, strapping fellow, with a baffling crossfire, and a corking overhand delivery, will make a vigorous bid, and no doubt will be retained.

### THAT INFIELD

The infield problem has been solved. Davy Malarcher, this season's guardian of the hot corner—third base—needs no introduction: his work is destined to yield a great surprise to the fans, for no doubt whatever exists Malarcher is one of the grandest ball players that ever wore a spiked shoe; in fact, Malarcher is so efficient at all positions that even a wise old owl like "Rube" fears he may not place him properly. Bobby Williams is showing speed and class and should be well groomed at short, as he and Davy paired on the infield some years ago; however, in case Bobby's overseas injury slows him



up, then Wriggins, a new man from southern Illinois, will no doubt lend first aid. This lad is a coal miner, and from the form he is now flashing it is going to be a mighty tough job to keep him out of the regular position. If this lad can hit the pill up to the standard that he grabs and flings the sphere, then it is da, da to the other clubs on the circuit. Many of the other new boys reveal streaks of coming class and may be retained by other clubs of the circuit. Ewing, a husky high school boy from Ohio, bids fair to break into the ranks of Foster's catchers, for with Jim Brown's prowess as a batsman, his ambition and all-around playing ability, with "Chunk" Dixon catching, Brown will soon convince the chief that such a man as he belongs somewhere in there every day, and with the retention of young Ewing, Brown will eventually break in there every day. Unless I am badly mistaken, the Giants' line-up this year will read: Grant, DeMoss, Williams, Wriggins, Malarcher, infielders; Reese, Torrenti, Gans, outfield; Dixon, Brown, Ewing, catchers; T. Williams, Johnson, Brown, Marshall, pitchers.

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