

AMERICAN GIANTS FACE CRUCIAL TEST

The Question of Superiority to Be Settled When the Windy City Gang Undergoes the Baptism of Fire in the West

Rube Foster and Bingo DeMoss will head westward with their charges immediately after the game Sunday, opening at St. Louis against the Giants of that city Monday, July 26, and will fight it out for five days there. The men signed from Uncle Sam's array of athletes are expected to be at liberty to participate in the Mound City end of the battle, so the query, Are the Foster crowd as good on the road as they loom up on the home lot should undergo quite an airing. Be it as it may, the circuit lot—that is, those who, unfortunately, have fallen under the ban of the Chicagoans' present form,

and it includes all save the Detroit Stars—will have much open space to close between themselves and the Americans, for at this writing the latter have shown such a clean pair of heels to all circuit competitors that the dust has long ceased to obstruct the vision of the unfortunates, and they now only entertain dreams of pennant hopes. In far-off Kansas City there is a clamor of thousands and an unmerciful wailing and gnashing of teeth for the life blood of big "Rube" and his baseball fighting band. The K. C. Monarchs have the fighters and the war clubs necessary for a successful waging of battle; but pray tell us where in the history of baseball battling has a heavy hitting club won the big honors? The Monarchs are a heavy hitting, plodding aggregation, who pose much after the fashion of the old-time prize ring battler, who turns up in a sorry-looking plight after a boxing lesson at the hands of one of our highly spirited twentieth century ring artists. At that the K. C.s might

take the Rubenites into camp. The big scrap will start on or about July 31 and go for five days.

In the meantime the A. B. C.s and Chicago Giants will engage each other at Anderson, Ind., on Saturday and will carry the battling on into Indianapolis for a Sunday and weekday's conclusion, while the Marcos will wrestle the Cubans at Springfield, Piqua and Dayton. Detroit Stars will hook up with the McCoy-Nolan aggregation, composed of big league talent, at Detroit on Sunday, while the K. C. Monarchs will polish up for Ruben's gang by tackling the Beloit, Kan., team, another Beloit with an all former big league outfit. The St. Louis Giants will take on a City League team in preparation for the Windy City gang, who open there on the 26th.

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