

# GIANTS IN READINESS FOR SEASON OF 1920

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**By a Ball Fan**

Time is drawing near for Chicago fans to get a peep at the boys who will represent this city this season, many players are now ready to report, the line-up is complete and on April 4 all men will appear at Chicago. The ground hog has come and gone, thousands of fans wait for the magic words, "Play ball."

**American Giants on April 11**

The opening date has been set at April 11. All fans want is for the day to be anything but zero. The new players that will don the uniforms of the Giants will be given a welcome that will go with them as long as they are connected with baseball. Chicago

is known to lead in all things. There is but one Chicago.

### **President "Rube" a Busy Man**

President Foster is a real busy man. He is closing the details of the league in such a manner that when completed his great effort will be handed down to posterity long after he is dead. His work will stand as a tribute to athletics, the crowning efforts of a life in promoting a game that from the beginning has been a task few men would undertake.

### **Other Clubs Unfair**

False rumors have been appearing in some papers from the East, saying that the American Giants and Bacharach's would play all western clubs. Such rumors are misleading. Bolden and Connors were offered an invitation to come to the meeting after they had refused to allow the western men to come there, to try and protect contracts between the clubs, allowing them to keep what men they had, to pay any salary they could. They turned down such an offer, and were outlawed by the league.

### **Bone of Contention**

Players had gotten to the place where they had no respect for contracts. The owners encouraged this. Their utter folly was wrecking baseball. It was their only salvation to come to an agreement. This was done. Such clubs as Hilldale and Bacharach were not included. Both clubs have built up clubs with players taken from other clubs. Their one hobby was to wreck a club. Any club that appeared there with good men, they immediately proceeded to start dissension with the men and make them dissatisfied.

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