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## THE BASE BALL SPIRIT IN THE EAST.

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### Writer Names a New Bunch For Colored All-American Base Ball Team.

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By Harry Daniels (Eastern Correspondent).

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Having seen Mr. Smith's choice of an all-American colored base ball club, myself along with fair-minded and considerate followers of colored players throughout the country, and not a few players, Mr. Smith by chance has seen. To pick a team of ball players from the field of colored players one must not overlook one end of the country where a man must possess every quality; moreover, superabundance of gray matter to start off with, closely follow with hitting, fielding speed, and last, but not least, to take advantage of every error of his opponents. So, if you can spare space, I will give my reasons for the East having a greater portion of the modern and scientific ball players.

The first thing to do is to engage a manager, so my choice for such an important position is, without a question of a doubt—the base ball world will admit—the grand old master, Soft White, the peerless leader of the Philadelphia and Cuban Giants. As for my captain, Grant Johnson, who for sixteen years has been a star and a great all around handler of plays and players, having greater experience than any active player in colored base ball of the present day. Having my captain and manager picked, I will present the names of the best players at present in colored base ball, throughout the field of colored base ball, without fear or favor.

Catchers—Petway of the Philadelphia Giants, the greatest since Arthur Thomas's time. Petway at present time is the best throwing and base-running catcher colored base ball has seen. For second catcher, Phil Bradley of the Royals is easy the second best catcher in colored base ball. He is a better hitter than Petway, and has a head along with a true-snap throwing arm. I can not see how Mr. Smith compares Booker as a great catcher, as the Philadelphia Giants

stole seven bases, on Mr. Booker in Detroit this past season.

First base—Robinson, of the Royals,

for mine, first, last and always, since Ray Wilson is out of the game. He is a good hitter and fielder, and there is no better as a base runner.

Second base—Captain Johnson, of the Royals, always has been a hard, consistent hitter, fielder and base runner, and a great handler.

Short stop—Lloyd, of the Philadelphia, is one man who is a wonder at fielding and hitting, also a fair base runner.

Third base—Gordon, of the Cuban Giants, the best man ever to play third base in colored base ball. He at present is without an equal as a hitter and fielder, and last, but not least, the peer of base-stealers.

Outfielders: Left field—Earl, of the Royals, is the best hitter in base ball; a sure fielder, going back or coming forward after a ball, and as fast as they come as far as speed is concerned, both in the field or on the bases. Center field—Monroe, the great, fastest man in base ball, and the most wonderful base runner for the past ten years; also strong at the bat. Right field—Rebel Duncan, of the Philadelphia Giants. He is a good fielder and one of the most dangerous men at bat a pitcher can face, also a dare-devil base runner.

Pitchers, the last and most important

—MacCellan, Buckner, Gatewood, Green and Hayman. I would have picked Fester, but what is the use, everyone knows he is a wonder. How Mr. Smith ever picked Ball, people here in the East, laugh at him. There never was a pitcher from the West who came East with as little nerve as Ball. I wonder if Mr



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Smith remembers as far back as 1904, when Ball, pitching the first game of the world's series against Foster, who was the Philadelphia Giant's choice against Ball for the Cuban Giants, when Ball quit like a whipped child and was relieved by MacCellan. This was the game Foster made his world's record of striking out eighteen men, including Mr. Smith, in nine innings.

**The All-American Team.**

Harry Daniels.		Jimmie Smith.	
Petway	c	Petway	
Bradley	c	Booker	
Robinson	1st b	Moore	
Johnson (cpt.)	2nd b	Harris	
Lloyd	s s	Lloyd	
Gordon	3d b	Wallace	
Monroe	cf	P. Hill	
Duncan	rf	Payne	
Carl	lf	Duncan	
<b>PITCHERS</b>			
MacCellan	-	Ball	
Buckner	.	MacCellan	
Gatewood	.	Foster	
Green		Dougherty	
Hayman			

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