

WINTER LEAGUE PLANS MADE PUBLIC BY PALMER

Four Club Circuit Formed to
Start in November; Ath-
letic Park to be Rebuilt —
Chicago Giants Coming

Will Palmer is certain that at last a winter league to his liking has been formed, and next Monday a squad of laborers will be marched into Athletic park, their purpose being to remodel the Logan Heights ball plant, so that it will be worthy of high grade winter baseball.

New fences will be erected, new stands thrown into place, new club-houses built and when Palmer gets through with the old ball orchard, no one will be able to recognize the place.

Strangely silent has been the winter-league magnate since advancing his winter league plan a month ago. He has worked hard but noiselessly, in this time. But now the time has arrived when due announcement can be made with safety, and Bill steps on the rostrum, saying there will be four club league, operating from November to March, and all players those of recognized professional experience.

San Bernardino, the Cline and Cline club of Los Angeles, the Chicago American Giants, Rube Foster's colored troupe, and San Diego will form the wheel which will begin operations in less than two weeks.

San Berdoo promises to have a high salaried quota of ball artists; Cline and Cline will be under the management of Bill Goodman; the Chicago Giants need no introduction and Palmer always has a cracker-jack team, one fault in the past being that it was generally too strong for the rest of the competition.

This season will be no exception for from the class of eight stars already signed by Palmer, the team will be even stronger than in form-

or years.

Behind the bat Palmer will produce Chief Meyers and Jack Roche, big leaguers by trade. Only one pitcher has been decided upon as yet, that being Ritter, the young spit ball artist whom the New York Giants dragged from the New York state league. Ritter was with McGraw all last season and the little Napoleon has requested his Indian chieftain to bring the lad west in order to give him experience.

"Chick" Autrey, Seal first sacker, will cavort at the old corner; J. Justin Bennett, Aberdeen and Witchia, is chosen for second; Thomas Downey, late of Little Rock, is to adorn the third sack and Francois Hosp, Oakland shortfielder will fill like capacity here.

For the outfield Downey will bring along an old teammate, Bunny Brief, present first baseman and leading mauler in the Coast league at Salt Lake. Brief was with the White Sox most of the present season, but formerly played under Downey at Kansas City. Other possibilities are Dixie Walker and Earl Hamilton of the St. Louis Browns.

Rube Foster's ebony hued tribe of Chicago Giants leaves Chicago tomorrow for New Orleans, according to word received by Palmer this morning. They stay there until the 24th, when they will grab trains westward, bound for San Diego.

The American Giants will make their home here, and not in Los Angeles as had been previously indicated.

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