

## THE A. B. C. BALL CLUB SOLD.

C. I. Taylor, of the West, Baden Sprudels, Purchases a Half Interest—Will Be Manager of the Famous Indianapolis Aggregation for 1914.

C. I. Taylor, who for the past four years successfully managed the famous West Baden Sprudels, has bought a half interest in the A. B. C. base ball club and will manage that organization this year.

Mr. Taylor is one of the most efficient and successful managers of negro base ball and there is no doubt but that the fans of Indianapolis will hail his coming with delight.

He is a strict disciplinarian, and, possibly, the greatest developer of young base ball players of the race.

He writes that while he expects to use several of the star players of his



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last season's club the "Merit system" will prevail "which means," he says, "that the fellow who can deliver the goods toward making the A. B. C.'s a base ball club of championship calibre, such as the fans of Indianapolis demand and should have, will be given the place. We play men in positions because of their ability, not favoritism."

Manager Taylor will report for spring training about March 25th, and will put his men through two hard practices each day till the team rounds into mid-season condition. He promises to show the fans high class base ball every day. "We expect to bring in the best clubs of the country and we expect to defeat them some, too," he says.

Mgr. Taylor's present address is 1214 Center St., Birmingham, Ala.

"Steel Arm" Taylor will also wear an A. B. C. uniform this year, which means that the local club will have a splendid pitching staff, including some other good ones that are to be named later.

Announcement is made that the opening game will be played at Northwestern Park April 19th.

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