
DISPUTE OVER TITLE.

But St. Paul Colored Gophers Put in Strong Claim.

Irving Williams, secretary and business manager of the St. Paul Gophers base ball club, sets aside the claims of the Philadelphia Giants and the Kansas City (Kans.) Giants' claim to the world's colored champions, and says that the Minnesotians are the rightful title holders. The Philadelphia Giants and the Kansas City (Kans.) Giants also claim the world's title. Williams writes the following to THE FREEMAN:

Kindly permit me to state through the columns of THE FREEMAN for the benefit of those in doubt and the public at large that the St. Paul Colored Gophers base ball club, through their defeat of the Leland Giants' base ball club at St. Paul, July 26 to 30, inclusive, season 1909, winning 3 out of 5 games played, do hereby lay claim to the title of world's colored champions. At the time we met the Leland Giants they were unquestionably the undisputed world's colored champions and it was not until after we had wrested said title from them that they met defeat at the hands of the Philadelphia Giants at Detroit, Mich., during the Elks' grand lodge. We therefore stand ready and willing to defend this title against all comers, meeting any of our opponents half way and on terms reasonable and suggestive to both parties.

The A. B. C. Base Ball Club,

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