

A Great Ball Team.

The following from the Pioneer Press will be of interest to local fans in as much as this crack organization met defeat here this summer in a game played against the Long Prairie boys—"St. Paul is the home of the champion colored baseball team of America. For three years this city has possessed among its assets the famous Colored Gophers. They have played all over the Western country, carrying the name of St. Paul into many states and they have made a record in these three years never before equaled by a top notch independent baseball aggregation in America.

"Few baseball fans in St. Paul realize the wonderful achievement of this remarkable organization which won the championship from the Leland Giants last summer in the greatest series of baseball games ever played in St. Paul.

"In the three years the Colored Gophers have been together they have played 365 games. They have won 305 and lost, but fifty-four, six games being tied. This gives the team the remarkable average for

three years of .835.

“No other base ball organization ever covered so much territory. The Gophers traveled a total of 16,432 miles, covering Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan.

“From June 25 to Aug. 1, 1907 the Colored Gophers won thirty-seven consecutive games including a no run, no hit game against the La Crosse, Wis. state league team on July 2, 1907, and won two out of three games from the St. Paul American association team in September, 1907.

“This year’s team and the present world’s colored champion team was composed of the following players:

“Pitchers—John Taylor, Davis, London and Garrison. “Catchers—“Rat” Johnson and McMurray.

“Infielders—Bobby Marshall, Wallace, James Taylor and McDougal.

“Outfielders—Batron, Milliner and Binga.

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