Opens Circuit at Indianapolis

Joe Green Paints Gloomy Picture for A. B. C.'s, While Taylor Is Confidence Personified

Dave Wyatt

Indianapolis fans are preparing to give C. I. Taylor and his cohorts a rousing welcome when they pry the lid off the home season at Washington Park on Sunday, May 2. The work of the A.'s to date has been such that baseball lovers at Hoosierville are of the opinion that they will be in the thick of the fight all the way and the fans are keen to show their appreciation. Green's Chicago Giants are the opponents of the A. B. C.'s, and as this, the first tilt under the new baseball government, will mark an epoch in history, it is only reasonable to assume that this, the initial go, is going

to be fought to a dizzy finish.

Green has a sort of life-size hunch that when he invades Taylor's native heath Sunday he and his gang are going to give the Hoosier tribe a trimming, and it is going to be accomplished in such a neat and concise manner that the victory will not only vibrate throughout the circuit, but it will serve as a symbol that bodes no good for all comers. Green bases his conclusions on the fact that, while all the other fellows were yelping and showing what great teams they had on paper, he has been quietly gathering players who can show how good they are on the baseball lot. Among the new ones that the Giants will spring, and clear out of the knowledge of all, is a big south paw from up around Winnipeg, Canada. This fellow's work is bound to prove a revelation to the fans, as his record has just been revealed. Brown, another classy pastimer from out in Iowa, is going to prove an eye-opener to the player hunters. As to just what men will constitute the front line of defense or offense, such as the case may be, is a matter of conjecture. We do know

that with Peters at short, W. Green at third, Jennings at second, Jefferies at first, Beckwith catching, and if the old, reliable Walter Ball elects to start

and has a day on, the shades of night will be falling fast for the Hoosier dam.

Taylor Ready

Taylor and his men have just returned from a tour of the South; reports have it that they encountered soft going, and were thus enabled to pile up an unbroken string of victories. To that the A's boss says: "I expect to find my softest picking right in the ranks of the circuit. With such men as Charleston, Shively and Jefferies in the outfield, players who have always been at the top of the class as hitters, fielders and run getters, why go South in quest of lambs in the way of opponents? There is not an infield on the circuit that has it on us—that is, as far as speed, experience, hitting and all-around fielding goes. Our pitching staff will stack up with any of them. Of my new men, Rile, a 210-pound heaver, is going to make

life miserable for the batters; Owens, another find, can be depended upon to function in grand style. Raglan is a grand pitcher and will be heard from. Veterans like Johnson and Dismukes, with their present form and wily as they are, are bound to make the going tough for the many new players that adorn the other line-ups, and who, as we learn, have not yet flashed any flaming class with the bat. Our catching staff is all that we could wish for. Powell, first string man, is acquainted with the particular methods in vogue on all the other clubs. We expect to have a very interesting canter with the Chicago Giants Sunday, and the least it can possibly amount to will be a double win for our team. Then we expect to be the first club to beat the Cubans, which will be on the 9th, and by so doing we will thus establish a record with a sort of an international tinge to it which in the distant future should make interesting reading for the future greats of the next generation. Keep your eyes on the A. B. C.'s this season.

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