

CRACK CHICAGO COLORED TEAM

WHO WILL PLAY THE ST. PAUL COLORED GOPHERS?



THE LELAND GIANTS.

From left to right, standing—Ball, Moore, Taylor, Frank C. Leland, Mgr., Winston, Green, Talbert.
Sitting—Harris, Johnson, Pettus, Williams, Wallace.

GOPHER-LELAND SERIES.

Opinion of an Ex-Professional.

This being the most scientific game makes it harder to criticise. It is like whist, has many players, but few phenomenal ones. So to get the "Future Series" mapped out, or "Doped", we

should compare each team by their respective players and their ability. So we start the catchers — **Armstrong** and **Pettis**. Both terrific hitters, good throwers and young catchers, make it an even break, Pettis should be ahead on the coaching of the Peerless Rat or Chappie which give him the finer points behind the bat. Catchers **Ball**, **Williams** and **Steel Arm Johnnie** are a wonderful trio, **Ball** is a A1 batter, good thrower, lightning on foot and very heady. **Williams** is a classy man, but the writer not seeing him work, makes him an unknown quantity, although he is well classed by other writers.

Johnny Taylor needs no "intro." his standing and rep. with the 1909 Gophers is too clear.

Parryborne, **Johnson** and **Davis** are all good. Lefty is O. K., and if supported properly will be troublesome. For a good left handed makes it very hard for all colored clubs.

Davis, the veteran, makes it mourn-

ful for all clubs, he even pitches against, matters not how poor an aggregation he has behind him. His head work is excellent and he may break up any game, at any time, with his "Big Stick." Johnson, the college man, should be watched. He has been schooled by Geo. Huff, one of our best coaches. The Lelands should lead the series on account of more experienced pitchers.

Rat is the king of all negro 1st baseman, Bobby Marshall, one of the best athletes in the West today and some more 1st baseman, having reach, fielding ability, and fearlessness, nothing but a locomotive can hurt him. Harris is better then Bowman at second, and the equal of Charley Grant in his best days.

Harris is a wonderful baseman and clever fielder with a McGraw head, a great hitter, and a peerless captain. Wallace and Jim Taylor as 3rd basemen are clever performers, Wallace out classes Taylor as far as Harris does Bowerman . "Dick" is a hitter, and Mordicai Brown of the Cubs "knows it, he is a good base runner

and liable to pull off a trick to win. Too much can't be said of these "Stars." **Dougal** a terrific hitter, for a small man, and he has an arm like a mule's hind leg, a fast base runner.

Selden of the Giants is unknown to the writer, but he must be a player to play for **Frank Leland** and the

South Side Four of Chicago.

As out fielders, **Winston** and **Moore** are a tower of strength to their club. **Moore** is the "Ty Cobb of the colored fielders," one of our best hitters, and one of the most gentlemanly players that ever put on a uniform.

Bobby Winston, is a left hand titter who has mastered the art of "hitting to left field," and fans know what value this is.

Talbert, the utility man, is a No. 1 outfielder, a heady fellow, and a crack base runner, who takes great chances—watch him.

But the Gophers have in **Barton**, a Star and Mercy! How this boy can

throw! He is supposed to be the best thrower in the game today.

Binga, of the Gophers is a great asset to his team. He is instinctive, seems to know just where the batter is going to hit. He never forgets a batter, how and where he hits, and he has made 4 or 5 hits in a game.

Wesley of the Gophers, unknown to the writer, but **Daddy Reid** is an "Old General" and his manager, **Mr. Irving Williams** knows the goods, I believe that they will "make good" in the series. After my limited knowldege of each has been summed up. I feel that the Giants have just a shade (just a lighter shade) the better of it. At least, it is my candid opinion, and that's what the Editor of the Twin City Star requested.

Alex. Irvin,
Ex. Ball player,

"The way it looks to me."

By **George Gaines**.

Well—"Here it is at last," "**Real Base Ball**" among the colored boys. **Mr. Frank C. Leland** has his "wonders" fit for a killing and "**Daddy**

Reld" is "up in the running." So the game will be a "record-breaker." I have just received the dope from Chicago that they are going after five straights. They bring with them **Pettis** (the black **Johnny Kling**), **Capt. Harris** (the second sacker) and one of the best, **Home Run Johnson**, **Bob. Winston**, (the keeper of the outer garden), **Mike Moore** (the sure hitter), and **Wallace**, well! say what you know about him—**Wise Guy**? Who will win? Say? It's a wise man who knows his wants, and a lucky one who gets them. But, I'll buy a ticket for 5 games. Are you on? This is what they bring here. But they will carry back a record. That's all. Defeat to either team is no disgrace.

Georgie.

The "**Lelands**" will "do the trick" but I hope to see the **Gophers** win.

Herb. Parker.

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