

NEGRO BALL CLUBS BOOKED TO BATTLE

**Colored Team Which Played Here
Will Battle for the Colored
Championship**

St. Paul, July 19.—Manager Irving Williams of the St. Paul Colored Gophers champion negro baseball club of the world, is making great preparations for the season's biggest series, which will bring as an opposition the world's famous Leland Giant club, and the opening game of the four contest card will be staged next Sunday afternoon.

Lexington park has been procured for the big series and Manager Williams expects to handle a record breaking crowd at the Sunday game. The Chicagoans are coming to St. Paul in the best possible condition and will, if possible, win back the coveted title which was dropped to the St. Paul Gophers last year.

Leland After Title.

Manager Frank Leland of the Leland Giants has been in the semi-

professional game for years and he declares that the club representative of his name this year is stronger by far than any club ever bearing the "Leland" label. The Chicago colored players are members of the city league and Manager Leland was taxed \$100 for the privilege of getting away from his scheduled dates. This fine was gladly paid, however, for the leader of the colored Chicagoans is particularly anxious to regain the title lost in 1909.

The Gophers have been touring the west since early this season and Manager Williams has so arranged his dates that the club will be kept in the fray right up to within two days of the opening of the big series with the Chicago crowd. According to reports being received daily from towns throughout the northwest the colored players are displaying marvelous speed and are in the best of condition.

Paughburn is Fast.

The pitchers are all working well and especially "Lefty" Paughburn, who is the leading member of the staff at this date. Davis and Johnson are also in the pink of condition and this trio of stars, backed up by two twirlers of mediocre standard should give the Lelands a tough time on the

series.

The first game will be played Sunday, July 24, and the other three battles will follow in order on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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