

Kansas City Spectators Greet Famous Ball Team With Wild Cheers at Opening Game on Home Grounds—Its Slogan Is Fair Play and No Favors.

Spring weather has come at last, and followers of outdoor sports are lining up for their favorite exercise. From



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present indications there will be a larger number of baseball teams and more efficient players among Afro-Americans this season than ever before. Among members of the Young Men's Christian association baseball, cricket and tennis will predominate, while the camera clubs will busy themselves with views from nature's garden.

Out in Missouri the Kansas City

Royal Giants opened the season at their home grounds on Independence avenue, Kansas City, on Saturday, April 16, in the presence of hundreds of spectators. They were cheered to the echo as they marched upon the field and took their respective positions. The Giants will be stronger this season than ever, as Manager Jack Johnson has already secured several players of reputation as fast base runners.

It is the intention of President M. B. Garrett and Secretary George W. Walden to so conduct their team this season as to leave no room for conjecture as to the ability of the Giants to meet all comers and win. They are out for clean sport, the elevation of the game and a square deal for each member of the team. The club has received new impetus from the hearty interest and co-operation which a large number of well known business men of Kansas City have manifested in it at the very beginning of the season.

Backed by men like M. B. Garrett, C. H. Calloway, George W. Walden and Manager Jack Johnson, a known baseball enthusiast and one who knows the game, the club starts out with flying colors and a determination to win success. The schedule of games as arranged at present includes nearly all

of the leading colored and many of the white clubs throughout the country. All first class teams wishing to book games for the season should correspond with the Royal Giants, at 1005 McGee street, Kansas City, as speedily as possible.

The officers of the club have pledged themselves to see to it that every man booked for a game is qualified, in good physical condition and willing to obey the rules of the game without being coaxed to do so. By this means many of the unpleasant features which often render the game one sided may be eliminated. Secretary Walden has the record of every player at his



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fingers' ends and will keep a close eye on every man. Opponents, therefore, need not have any fears in playing the

Giants, for their slogan is fair play and no favors. To promote the business end of the game is the aim of the Kansas City Royal Giants.

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