

# ***In the Field of Sport.***

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

## **WHERE TO WRITE BALL CLUBS.**

### **Their Names and Addresses of the Managers.**

The following are the names and addresses of managers of prominent colored baseball clubs in the United States:

**FRANK LELAND'S CHICAGO GIANTS**—Frank C. Leland, general manager, 2551 State street, Chicago, Ill.

**BROOKLYN ROYAL GIANTS**—Nat C. Strong, World Building, New York City.

**PHILADELPHIA GIANTS**—Nat C. Strong, World Building, New York City.

**CUBAN STARS**—Nat C. Strong, World Building, New York City.

**CUBAN GIANTS**—Nat C. Strong.

**MINNEAPOLIS KEYSTONES**—Kidd F. Mitchell, 1313 Washington avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SAN ANTONIO BRONCHOS**—Charles Bellinger, 236 E. Commerce street, San Antonio, Tex.

**NEW ORLEANS EAGLES**—Charles Stevens, 8838 Oak street, New Orleans, La.

**NASHVILLE STANDARD GIANTS**—J. W. White, 136 Fifth avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn.

**CHICAGO UNIONS**—D. D. Gordon, 3001 Wentworth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

**THE OKLAHOMA MONARCHS BASEBALL CLUB**—C. H. Young, 11 West California avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Kansas City, Kas., Giants**—Tobe Smith, 430 Washington Boulevard, Kansas City, Kas.

**Indianapolis A. B. C.'s**—Ran Butler, 462 W. 15th Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Louisville Cubs—J. W. Reccius, 228 Market Street, Louisville, Ky.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Baseball Team—Charles A. Bridges, 261 Main street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

St. Louis Black Bronchos (female baseball club)—Conrad Kuebler, 3133 Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

Birmingham Giants—Charles L. Taylor, corner Center and Core streets, Birmingham, Ala.

Bluff City Tigers—J. R. Redwood, 351 Beale avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Dixie Park Baseball Club—David P. Johnson, 64 Government street, Mobile, Ala.

The Rambler Baseball Club—William McPhail, Carthage, Mo.

The Cavalry Detachment Baseball Team—First Sergt. Melvin McCaw, Cavalry Detachment, West Point, N. Y.

Polamto's New Orleans Baseball Team—Charles Stevens, 8838 Oak street, New Orleans, La.

The Park City Grays—Charles Wilson, 240 Chestnut street, Bowling Green, Ky.

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## AS TO THE BASEBALL NUMBER.

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We do not doubt it one bit that there was some disappointment in our baseball edition because of a certain number of articles being left out, but we must say that it was a creditable issue, despite the serious mishap of our presses that prevented us from having a larger number. Also the amount of support that we received was indeed poor when you consider how great the game has become to our people. At all times we give our space to the public free of charge only when it

comes to making and running cuts, and because we did charge a small amount for cuts we found out that our supporters were few unless they were seeking free advertising, and we always came to the front on that score. It seems to us that we are becoming less appreciated in our efforts, and if so, why not discontinue sporting news? Some managers write us to send in a bill for any charges, and then get angry when we do so. Do you think that it costs anything to publish your news? Well, it does. But we do not charge you in all cases as we are charged. However, some time in the future we will venture to publish another baseball edition with the belief that everyone will look into the matter with more concern than heretofore.

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### THEY WANT GAMES.

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The Indianapolis Cubs, a fast colored team, would like to book games with teams in the state. Address Marion Thomas, 1825 Churchman avenue.

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### THINKS LELANDS GIANTS WILL WIN.

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In regard to the championship series between the leading colored teams of the world, I think that the Leland Giants team at present sanding is the strongest

colored team ever gotten together from our race. Why I say so: Take from the catcher to right field. There is Catcher Petway, who is in a class by himself. There are also others on the team in a class by themselves as colored ball players. Take that man Loyd, Pete Hill, Home-Run Johnson, Rube Foster. These men I class as the greatest of colored ball players. With the rest they have with them I can't see why they should not win the baseball honors

ALBERT TONEY,  
Shortstop Kansas City Royal Giants.

## SPRUDELS TAKE ONE FROM THE PLUTOS

It Was a One-sided Game in Every  
Way.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

WEST BADEN, Ind., April 15.—The West Baden Sprudels beat the French Lick Plutos Sunday, April 10, in a one-sided game, 12 to 2. The Plutos scored their only runs in the first inning, and throughout the other eight innings it was what might be called "candy." The Plutos can be excused on account of not having their full line-up, but it was clearly showed that the Plutos cannot compete with West Baden unless they have quite a change in their line-up. Charley Taylor, the well known manager of the Birmingham Giants, is captain-manager of the Sprudels, and has most of his old boys with him. Manager Taylor says that his team will compete with any colored team in the country, barring none.

Among those with the team are: Moore,

Brown and Bingham, in the old field, the best in the country as a trio. Lewis, Taylor, Wiley and Houston (reading from first to third) can't be beat in the infield. You al have heard about Steel-Arm Johnnie. Well, his brother is among those who will toss the leather.

"Nuff said." The West Baden Sprudels only ask the public to watch THE FREEMAN to find who the 1910 champions are. The Sprudels will deliver the goods, while Ed Rogers, THE FREEMAN representative, will let the public know who the real champions are. Messrs. Rogers, Burnett and Pollard are proud of their team, and will be glad to hear from the Louisville Cubs, A. B. C.'s and Leland Giants, and all southern teams, who think they are colored penant winners.

EDWARD H. ROGERS.

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## ST. LOUIS GIANTS OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL\* OPENING.

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Spectacular Street Parade Cheered by Thousands Along the Line of March. George Gatewood Pitching for St. Louis, Pitches a No-Hit-No-Run Game, Defeating the Louisville Stars by Score of 11 to 0.

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(By David Wyatt.)

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The St. Louis Giants pulled off a demonstrative honor of Negro baseball, the like of which has never been equaled in the history of the game.

A monstrous street parade in which automobiles, landaus, coupes and traps played a conspicuous part, started

played a conspicuous part, started promptly from in front of the Missouri Negro Republican League quarters at 12 o'clock and passed over a route which included all the principal thoroughfares inhabited by the Negro in St. Louis.

The fact that Negroes in St. Louis are the best housed of all in any part of the country was fully demonstrated. It required a period of two hours to cover the route, and all along the line of march thousands crowded sidewalks, windows and roofs of buildings and yelled until their throats were sore.

### Notable Men Take Part.

Enthusiasm was at fever heat and men, women and children all along the route could be seen fighting for points of vantage for the purpose of doing honor to the men of wide renown who were lending their support to further the cause of the great national pastime.

The occupants of the carriage which headed the parade included Mr. Floyd Ross, chief of the True Reformers in St. Louis; Mr. A. W. Lovd, grand councillor of the K. of P.'s in Missouri; Mr. Edward Foster, president of the Missouri Negro Republican League; Mr. William H. King, owner and editor of The Central Afro-American News Journal, and THE FREEMAN correspondent.

The fact that THE FREEMAN representative would attend the opening contest was known far in advance, therefore the writer and the paper which he was representing came in for a lot of complimentary praise, which brought about an

amount of hand-shaking which the writer considered a real test of physical endurance.

### Live Manager at the Helm.

Mr. Chas. A. Mills, the genial and hustling business manager of the St. Louis club, proved conclusively that he is a type of a young business man who is not only endowed with spirit and proclivities of the up-and-doing variety, but he is putting the same into circulation and getting results.

This demonstration at the opening contest should go down as a landmark in honor of this young man and his business associates. Mr. Mills has placed before the people of St. Louis a baseball team which by far outclassed the misfit aggregation which had the nerve to display their ability (?) before the vast crowd which assembled at the Giants' park today.

Aside from the great pitching of Gatewood, the snappy playing of McMurtry, Williams, Hewitt and Jones, the game was practically dead.

An ill-shaped "dingie" from the backwoods in the vicinity of Louisville essayed to pitch for the travelers. The captain said he answered to the name of Brown, Black or Blue; anyhow, the Giants rapped his delivery to such an extent that he became real blue before the "cap" threw out the big hook of relief.

A long, lean, lanky lad by the name of Lively, who acted just the opposite to what the name assumes, took up the burden and the St. Louis boys took to his delivery with such an amount of energy that the crowd suggested a call to the fire department to put the Giants out.

The stars with their new uniforms

added a brilliant luster to the assemblage of about five thousands fans, but the luster was dimmed to such an extent by the St. Louis boys that it cast a dark gloom over the crowd, which caused hundreds to leave before the contest had ended.

"Bug" Rose, formerly of the Leland Giants-St. Paul Gophers, led the visitors up to the block for slaughter, and aside from Rose, there was not a man who appeared to know enough of real baseball to enable him to get inside a park without the old proverbial quarter.

The St. Louis Giants conducted themselves like veterans. Their every move indicated practice, study and intelligent training. The game was full of comedy, mostly furnished by the visitors. This feeble attempt to make up for lack of baseball ability was met with hoots and jeers from the crowds to such an extent that the Louisville boys didn't know whether they were grabbing at fowls in a chicken coop or snatching at melons from the vines along the banks of the old Ohio river.

This overripe assortment of Kentucky fruit turned out to be the worst bunch of lemons that was ever uncrated in a baseball park, and they have put the teeth of the St. Louis people on edge for all time against such misfit aggregations parading under the name of baseball players.

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**LELAND'S CHICAGO GIANTS**

**WORLD'S CHAMPIONS.**

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**Their Famous Trip Carried Them to  
the Gulf of Mexico—Victory!**

## Their Slogan.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 9.—We arrived in the city of New Orleans and found beautiful weather awaiting us. The team is in good health, fine condition and winning form.

Since my last letter we have visited Houston, Tex., and defeated the Black Buffaloes by the score of 3 to 1. The second game went 14 innings and the Buffaloes won, with the assistance of the umpire, by the score of 3 to 2.

Our trip to Galveston was successful from an entertaining point of view, but rain prevented the game, and thousands of fans were disappointed in not being able to witness Chicago's greatest aggregation of baseball players.

We returned to Houston and were royally entertained by the city's best citizens, the boys being fairly carried away with enthusiasm and high-class entertainment. We then journeyed to Prairie View, Tex., and played the college team before more than one thousand students. The boys simply played with the college team and defeated them by the score of 10 to 1. Bob Marshall hit the ball like a demon, getting three hits and a home run in this game. We were shown all the courtesy possible at the college, and the students overdid themselves in making it pleasant for the team. We left that evening in wagons to catch our train at Hempstead, riding six miles over the country roads and through streams above the hub of the wagon wheels. It was a beautiful moonlight night, and all enjoyed the novelty of the ride hugely. Our special car, a handsome Pullman sleeper.

met us at this point, carrying us to Dallas, Tex., Wednesday morning. In the afternoon we met the Dallas Black Giants and defeated them by the score of 5 to 2. Chappie Johnson and Walter Ball were the battery this day, and they worked like beavers instead of baseball players. The following day we again played the Dallas Giants and defeated them by the score of 6 to 2. Cyclone Joe and Chappie Johnson were in the points for Lelands, and it was in this game that we got a real idea of Cyclone Joe's ability as a pitcher. His curves are of a lightning order and he is a wonderful slab artist. Harry Moore was the star hitter of this game, getting two hits and two two-baggers.

Sunday we met the New Orleans Eagles and defeated them by a score of 10 to 0. All New Orleans was out to see the game, and for more than an hour there was almost a riot among the people to secure admission to the grounds. Here is the score:

Leland's Giants..	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	—10
N. Orleans Eagles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Hits—Giants, 15; Eagles, 2. Errors—Eagles, 4.

Steel-Arm Johnny pitched and he was invincible.

The boys secured 15 hits in this game. Chappie Johnson, Bob Marshall and Joe Green hitting the ball to the fence, but were only allowed two-base hits on account of the crowd in the field. Captain Harris is playing second base and Wallace shortstop. They worked together just like a piece of oiled machinery, and Marshall is smothering the first bag greater than ever before. The team in fielding is playing an almost errorless game, and people are going wild over their superb

field work. Frank Leland joined us at New Orleans and will continue with the boys the remainder of the trip.

We play today and then leave for Moss Point, Miss.; Pensacola, Fla.; Mobile, Ala., and return to New Orleans Sunday next.

My next letter will tell you of the receptions that have been tendered us, and especially the magnificent entertainment that has been provided by Mr. J. A. Brown.

We are "going big" in the South this year, and have established a reputation that may be equaled but never excelled.

Yours,

MAJOR R. R. JACKSON.

## ST. PAUL GOPHERS WILL STAY.

Manager Phil Reid Decides to Keep His Strong Colored Team Together for Another Year.

The St. Paul Colored Gophers will not disband after all.

The announcement that the team would not reorganize caused such a protest, and resulted in five men coming forward offering to finance a movement to keep the team going, that Owner Phil Reid decided to keep the team here. Mr. Reid's coming trip to Europe had led him to decide to give up the team. This aroused

interest made him change his mind. Several star players got away and signed with the Leland Giants, due to the announcement that the team would not reorganize, but nevertheless a strong aggregation has been secured, including seven of last year's best players.

Barton, Davis, McDougall, London, Bingo and McMurray will all be back. Bowman, second base; Pangborn and Donaldson, pitchers, and Armstrong, catcher, are among the new men secured.

The Colored Gophers are the independent champions of the West and also the colored champions of the world, having beaten the Leland Giants last year.

In the three seasons of the team's existence the Gophers have played 365 games and won 311, a record never before equaled by a professional independent team in America.

They played the best teams in the country outside of the big leagues.

They will play extensively through the West this year, opening their season May 1 and playing 110 games this year.

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