

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

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

The Black Giants won three out of the four gamts with the Keystone boys and won one of a two-game series with Ft. Worth at Dallas Thursday and Friday. The Giants left on a Southern tour Sunday, April 30, and it is expected that a good many games will be played before they return home again.

## **UNIONS TRIM CHICAGO HEIGHTS.**

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 6.—The Union Giants trimmed the Chicago Heights team at Chicago Heights by the score of 2 to 0. Both of the colored pitchers twirled fine ball, allowing the suburban men but four hits.

## **MARIANA LOSES ONE AND TAKES TWO.**

MARIANA, Fla., May 13.—The team arrived here several days ago from a trip to Tallahassee, Fla., where they lost the first game by a score of 2 to 0, and won the two remaining games by scores of 3 to 2 and 5 to 0.

## **MIDDLESBORO WIPES UP BAR- BOURSVILLE.**

Special to THE FREEMAN:

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., May 6.—The Middlesboro Athletics played their first game last Friday with the Barbourville, Ky., team, winning by a score of 3 to 1. The batteries for Middlesboro were Thomas Clay and "Gippy" Perkins. Barbourville had E. H. Frye and Nelson Jones. A good crowd was in attendance.

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## MEMPHIS TIGERS MAY WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

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Great Record Shown in Defeating the  
Houston Hustlers.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 13.—The Memphis Tigers claim that they are to be reckoned with in the championship race this fall from the fact that they took three straight games from the Houston Hustlers of the colored league fame, and who also beat the now famous Chicago Giants in a fourteen-inning game recently at Houston.

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## PENANT-RAISING DAY AT CHICAGO.

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Sunday, May 15, will be pennant-raising day at Chicago, Il., and the Chicago Giants will hoist the flag on their diamonds, afterwards playing a game with Jimmy Callahan's Logan Squares. It will be remembered that the pennant was awarded Frank Leland's club, as his team contained the majority of the members of the team that won last year's pennant in the Chicago League.

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## OPEN FOR ALL ENGAGEMENTS.

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The Kloethe Reds baseball team, of Hot Springs, Ar., are now prepared to meet all clubs wanting dates. This club is now incorporated, and its officers are J. C. Cobb, president; C. Richardson, vice president; J. Weaver, secretary, and D. E. Johnson, manager. Eugene Henderson is captain. Their office is at 401 Malvern avenue, Hot Springs, Ark. Write them.

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## WEST BADEN SPRUDELS' RECORD UP TO DATE.

Below we give the record of the batting average of each player in the West Baden Sprudels Club:

|                 | 3-b.<br>Hits. | 2-b.<br>Hits. | 1-b.<br>Hits. | Times<br>at Bat. | Av.  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------|
| Moore .....     | 2             | 6             | 8             | 45               | .356 |
| Houston .....   | 0             | 3             | 12            | 45               | .334 |
| Bingham .....   | 1             | 3             | 10            | 44               | .319 |
| B. Taylor.....  | 0             | 3             | 4             | 22               | .319 |
| W. Wiley.....   | 0             | 4             | 4             | 27               | .297 |
| C. Taylor ..... | 0             | 1             | 9             | 43               | .233 |
| S. Wiley.....   | 0             | 2             | 7             | 41               | .220 |
| Stanford .....  | 0             | 0             | 3             | 14               | .215 |
| Brown .....     | 0             | 0             | 9             | 45               | .200 |
| Lewis .....     | 0             | 1             | 6             | 38               | .185 |
| Clark .....     | 0             | 0             | 1             | 7                | .143 |

## KANSAS GIANTS RUN AWAY WITH BEAVERS.

And Did Likewise with the Tinsleys.

On last Saturday and Sunday the Kansas City Royal Giants annexed two more games to their credit by defeating the Beaver Athletic Club Saturday by the score of 14 to 0, and on Sunday they took the Tinsleys of Kansas City, Kas., into camp by the score of 10 to 0. The features of the games were the general all-around work of the Royals, their timely and hard hitting. Manager Jack Johnson secured seven hits in the two games, while Albert Toney handled twelve chances in Sunday's game without a bobble.

This is their eighth straight game won and the last three have all been shutouts for the visitors.

The club will leave next week for a few

days' trip through Nebraska, but will return in time for their games at Shelley Park on the following Saturday and Sunday.

This week the attraction at the park will be Saturday the Bunting-Stones, one of the fastest semi-professional clubs in the city; Sunday, the champion Oklahoma Indians will try to get revenge for their defeat two weeks ago. The home address of the Royal Giants is 1005 McGee street, Kansas City, Mo.

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### **"SOL" WHITE POPULAR PLAYER.**

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**Only Professional Negro Baseball  
Player a College Graduate.**

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"Sol" White, the dean of Negro baseball managers, is as happy as the days are long. The "Old Master's" happiness is due to the fact that he has a strong team in the Quaker Giants and, above all, the team has secured a lease on the Camden League park as its home grounds.

Although there have been made several underhanded attempts to stop Capt. White in his efforts to secure a good team and to book dates, yet he has succeeded in overcoming the opposition and now has not only a good team but many dates.

Under the management of White, the Quaker Giants are recognized and will make a strong bid for the championship of the season. Recently the team has been playing against some of the strongest Negro teams and has been winning right along, and there has been a notable improvement in the work of the men.

A party of well-to-do men of this city has guaranteed the club all of the financial backing that is necessary, and under the management of White, who organized and made champions of the Philadelphia Giants, the team is expected to



give a good account of itself. Captain White enjoys the reputation of being the only professional Negro player who is a college graduate, having been educated at Wilberforce University, which is the oldest institution in America for the education of Negroes.

Among the men who constitute the Quaker Giants' force are: Brown, left field; Hill, second base; Barber, third base; Carter, right field; Grant, short-stop; Shorts, catcher; Johnson, center field or pitcher; Hayman, pitcher; Govens, substitute; Jones, pitcher, and Swickett, pitcher.

Among the members of the team are some of the fastest base runners among Negro players, while the batting average of most of the men will compare most favorably with that of any other team.

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## **ATHENS, GA., TEAM WLL PLAY GREAT BALL**

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### **Does Not Expect to Lose One Game Even.**

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ATHENS, Ga., May 6.—The Athens Athletic Club is now ready for all comers, although late in getting together for this season. Notwithstanding this fact, we hope to land all games this year. Most of last year's regulars will be with us again this season, and a lot of new material is on hand also. The old sports will have to hustle to beat them. Manager Franklin has arranged a long and hard schedule, and the boys are working hard for it every day. A. W. Brown, captain of the 1907 team, hopes to don a suit again this season.

W. Thomas, of the 1908-09 teams, will be back on the firing line again this season. He says he has a new one for the batters this year, but would like to take care of second for a change. He will have to go mighty

fast, says big Joe Givins, better known as "Home-run Joe," who will most likely be seen at that station this year.

O. Luster, one of the new men, will be on the pitching staff. Luster had a good rec-

ord last season. Now, Biliken, show us what you can do.

Welton Rowland, famous southpaw, who was with Pat Charles' club one season, is also on the firing line.

E. Strickland, who has held third sack for three straight years, will wear an A. A. C. uniform again. "No new material worries me," says he. He batted 350 last season.

C. Williams, known better as Plunkette, says with his right arm he will make all batters look like 30 cents.

R. Strickland, the deer-footed center fielder, tries to score every time he goes to bat.

S. Thomas, another of the new men, hopes for this to be his best year, as this is his first year with the big boys.

Charlie Shields, of last year's team, the fastest catcher in the South, will soon join the club.

Capt. E. Bacon will hold down first sack again this year. He is a good man, but keep off his feet.

Wee Dock Hill, the fastest shortstop in the South, will be back this year. It is worth the money to see him work.

We are open to all teams visiting the South. Address all mail matter to A. W. Brown, Morton building, corner Hull and Washington, Athens, Ga.

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## MITCHELL'S KEYSTONES MAY JOIN TEXAS LEAGUE.

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### May Take San Antonio's Place in the Race for Pennant.

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The Colored Keystones of Memphis arrived in Dallas and found everything in the best of condition for the series between the Keystones of Memphis and

tween the Keystones of Minneapolis and the Black Giants of Dallas. Colonel Mitchell is thinking seriously of staying in Texas and playing in the Colored League.

Mr. Thos. Waler, one of the foremost and leading magnates in the South, has prevailed and Colonel Mitchell has decided to take San Antonio's place in the Colored League, providing everything turn out all right.

Judge Wells and Colonel Mitchell left on the 26th of April to see about the franchise.

The Keystone's manager was more than pleased at the Sunday attendance, there being 3,500 people in the park, and all the boxes were filled with Texas' most distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

The weather was far from being ideal Sunday and the citizens of Dallas have made it welcome for Colonel Mitchell and his boys, and all teams coming South for training should not miss the greatest ball town in Texas.

Thanking the public and citizens of Dallas for their loyalty to the Minneapolis Colored Keystones, I remain,

Sincerely yours truly,

COL. EDWARD F. MITCHELL,

Owner and Manager.

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## UNDER GUISE OF CUBAN STARS TEAM FOOLS PUBLIC.

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### Deceives the St. Louis Giants Management.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13.—Much talk is going the rounds over the way in which the management of the St. Louis Giants were deceived by a bunch of get-rich-quick schemers, who claimed to be real

Cuban Stars, when in fact there was not a Cuban in the club. After great preparations had been made for the opening game in the new park secured by the Giants' Club for their game with the Cuban Stars on May 2, when over 3,600 fans had gathered to see the Cubans, a Mr. C. L. East, advance agent for the supposed Cubans, brought to the city a set of misfits to fool the public and get the money. However, it has been learned by the public that it was in no way the fault of the St. Louis Giants' Club management, as Charles A. Mills, the business manager, acted in good faith in securing the engagement. Such business has been done before and Manager Mills is not the first one to fall a prey to such wor. His letters that we produce below are self-sustaining in the fact that he had been tricked in a high-handed way by a party who makes a business of defrauding the people.

The letters follow and explain clearly the innocence of the St. Louis baseball manager:

St. Louis.

Hon. Elwood C. Knox:

Dear Sir—I booked a club here who called themselves the Cuban Stars, to open our new park May 2. After big preparations had been made for this said game of May 2, and over 3,600 fans had gathered in the new ball park to see these Cubans, Mr. C. L. East, advance agent for the supposed Cubans, brought to our city a club, and a misfit at that, with not a Cuban in his bunch, to deceive the public and get the money. Such a high-handed affair has never occurred here, and in justice to the real Cubans and the public, I want to warn all managers to be very careful of this crowd. As far as Charles A. Mills, of the St. Louis Giants, is concerned, letters will show he acted in good faith when booking supposed Cuban



Stars. I do hope that some one will put a stop to this high-handed game to defraud the public. This unpleasant occurrence has caused our club, the St. Louis Giants, to be unjustly criticised by some of our best followers and the public.

Mr. C. L. East (white) has misrepresented his club, and managers of other clubs should be very careful.

I am, yours respectfully,

**CHARLES A. MILLS.**

Business Manager St. Louis Giants.  
2320 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

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The following is the letter received from C. L. East, business manager of the supposed Cuban Stars, in which he accepts engagement:

Centralia, Ill., April 17, 1910.

Mr. Charles Mills, Manager St. Louis Giants:

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 14th, Mr. Gomalez informs me that he has wired you accepting game. I will be in St. Louis by the 24th or 25th. Go ahead with the advertising. We will be there rain or shine. I leave to-night for Mattoon, Ill. Will be in Decatur the 14th and Springfield the 21st. Mail can reach me at those points.

Yours truly,

**C. L. EAST.**

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## **DELIGHTED WITH SPECIAL BASEBALL NUMBER**

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### **Newspaper Men Pass Good Opinion on The Freeman.**

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**THE FREEMAN Pub. Co.:**

Gentlemen—As a reader and admirer of your paper, I wish to compliment you on the idea, make-up and general appearance of your baseball issue. It is to be

regretted that each issue cannot be the same. As lovers of the game, it makes our hearts glad to look upon the stars of the diamond. You have made a great step in the building up of interest.

Respectfully yours,

CLARENCE E. LANGTON,

"The Statesman."

Denver, Colo.

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## WEATHER MAN PLAYS HAVOC WITH BASEBALL MAGNATES.

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### Big Opening of Colored Clubs Put Off Until May 15.

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BY DAVID WYATT.

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Preparations for a grand opening had been perfected, and the Chicago Giants, who had just returned from a successful Southwestern tour, were slated for a flag-raising stunt. A bunch of about 1,800 of the faithful assembled at Auburn Park to take part in the ceremony and to get a peep at the new bunch of athletes that Frank Leland has imported for pennant winning purposes. "Cyclone" Joe Williams, who is credited with being responsible for the recent spring blizzards, as well as many victories for the Giants, was slated to pitch with the only "Chappie" Johnson as receiver general. Aside from the flag raising announcement, this battery alone drew out the crowd, others showing a willingness to go, but thought better of the fireside rather than face the

prospects of pneumonia and large doctor bills.

### Giants a Fast Bunch.

The Giants presented a formidable appearance, and all the men looked every inch a player of class; the boys, under the leadership of "Mate" Harris, put up a snappy practice, and soon brought to light the fact that Harris had infused into them that same energy, ginger and do-or-die disposition which has made him the talk of the fans ever since the advent of the Leland Giants. Taylor, the new man at third, displayed much form, being possessed of a good throwing arm and showing the coolness of a veteran. Youth will probably give him the call over the veteran Talbert, who, by the way, was displaying ginger equal to a Texas pony. Wallace, who is filling in at short during the illness of George Wright, is a fixture, displaying much form and high-class knowledge of the fine points of the game. Marshall, who gave the Chicago fans a sample of his ability last fall, is at this time putting up such an article of fast playing that the fans almost failed to recognize him. "Chap" Johnson, with his new pupil, had on such a head of steam that he was popping off every minute. "Chap" is some catcher, and the best receiver in the business to show a young pitcher the way to the head of the class.

Greene was full of "pep," as usual, and pulled off a few catches which indicated that his ankle, which was broken last fall, is as solid as ever. Winston, another accident victim, was showing his old-time speed. Bobby beat out an infield hit in the heavy going. Mike Moore, the old reliable, was a little indisposed, but was showing the great form as of old.

Great interest was centered in "Cyclone" Williams. "Cyclone" is a long, lean, lanky chap, with a world of speed



and some fancy curves. When the hot summer sun begins to shine, the speed that "Cyclone" is able to turn loose should be regulated by law, according to Joe Greene.

Pettus, the new catcher from the wild and woolly West, shows that he has put in lots of time polishing off the rough spots; he seems inclined to the fancy big mitt stunts that has made "Chappie" famous. The writer thinks he will do better to stick to the old rough-and-ready act, for the reason that Johnson's stuff is hard to copy and is a natural trait with the latter. "Artie" Ball got a chance to show in the outfield, and displayed the same nimbleness which has caused him to be classed as a high-class outfielder, as well as a pitcher amongst the best. Billy Norman claims that he will be in such form that his doings will be classed with the best.

John Taylor, better known as "Steel Arm," came in for a lot of attention from curious ones. One fan who formerly lived in Birmingham claimed that Taylor worked around the big steel mills in the Southern city, and through such he absorbed such an amount of the metal into his system that the wear and tear of a nine inning scuffle is only a mild workout. It requires about eighteen innings to see "Steel Arm" at his best. In the game against the Red Sox here, the Giants in every way lived up to the telegraphic reports of their high-class playing. The boys played circles around their first City League opponents, and according to the way they ran bases and punched the horsehide, we can see visions of another pennant.

### **Popular with the Fans.**

The team received a hearty welcome, and nine fans out of every ten are with the club. The boys received congratula-



tions and accepted the glad hand from hundreds of admirers, every one of whom has a deep anxiety within their breasts for the complete success of the club. We are glad to note the cosmopolitan spirit that is being displayed by the patrons of baseball here. The reception tendered the new men, who, by the way, have come to fill the positions formerly held by men supposedly invincible, shows that the people who attend the games want all who can play baseball to have a chance. The ancient idea that only a select few who have held the boards for years are fit for a great team has been thrown down, and the fast bunch that Mr. Leland has collected will cause such vague reasoning to be trampled under the feet of thousands who will meander out to Auburn Park to watch the Chicago Giants.

### Big Opening on 15th.

The big doings in colored baseball circles will take place upon May 15. At this time the two big clubs, the real class of the baseball profession, will draw lots, which, by the way, will be a fine chance to feel the pulse of the South Side fans as to which club will be in popular favor with the bugs. Both clubs have the strongest attractions that can be offered in the city. The Chicago Giants will entertain Callahan's Logan Squares, while the Leland Giants will have the Gunthers as opponents, both of the above named clubs being popular with the colored people, and it has been a much argued question for years as to which of the two are most admired by the colored fans of the South.

The test as to the popularity of the four leading clubs of the city has brought about a state of affairs which has aroused much interest and should prove a nice thing as far as the box office end of the affair is concerned.

### Both Clubs Claim Pennant.

According to a ruling of the City League officials, the pennant flag for the winning club has been awarded to the Chicago Giants. The club will unfurl the flag upon this date, and has made extensive preparations for the usual ceremony and flag-raising act.

The Leland Giants claim the pennant upon their own accord, and are backed up by Wm. Haisen, of the Gunthers, who pulled out of the City League with the Leland Giants. The Leland Giants claim that they have been presented with the pennant flag by a former City League official, and while the great opening flag-raising stunt is going on at Auburn Park, the exact ceremony will be celebrated at Normal Park. The two parks are separated by many blocks of space, both located upon the South Side. Auburn Park is located at Seventy-ninth street and Wentworth avenue, while Normal Park (home of Leland Giants) is located at Sixty-ninth and Halsted. The latter park is located one mile farther west than the home of the Chicago Giants, and one mile nearer to the city. This latter seeming advantage is offset by the distance west and the fact that patrons will have to use slow cross-line cars to reach their destination. Auburn Park has a decided advantage in the fact that the park is reached direct without change of cars on State street lines.

According to news reports, both teams have simply toyed with their opponents on the training tour; both clubs have a formidable array of talent, and we are all more than anxious to see both clubs succeed in their effort, which, though brought

about through difficulties, still we think  
will prove a great thing for the game,  
and we hope the result to be one of ultimate  
satisfaction to all.

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