

GALA DAY IN BASEBALL AT CHICAGO

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If any fan doubts that "Rube" Foster has not one of the best teams in the country, he should have been at their first game on last Sunday at Normal Park, 69th and Halstead streets. One of the largest crowds that has seen a ball game here this season was present to welcome the boys home. Speech making, bands of music, presentation of the flag and many other forms of amusement was indulged in for over an hour previous to the calling of the game.

Hundreds of "Rube" Foster's friends assembled around the captain and talked of his recent Southern trip, and "Rube" was very jubilant over his success. He declared to THE FREEMAN correspondent that never before in his life was he treated with greater hospitality and courtesy. He said that he had one of the best teams in the United States, and that as the summer rolls by, he would prove this statement.

The contest was between "Rube" Foster's Leland Giants and the Gunthers. The score was 5 to 1, in favor of the Giants. Costly errors behind Fred Bergmann were responsible for the loss of the game by Manager Niesen, Meddy dropping a fly in the fourth inning and Reitz booting another in the sixth that first tied the game and then the Giants started a batting rally that won.

On a platform in the southern part of the park, Secretary Mosely delivered a stirring speech. He spoke of the progress of baseball and how the American people were taking to the sport. He eulogized the team and presented the flag to "Rube." Mr. Foster was cheered until the fans were almost hoarse. The K. of P. Military Band played music during the game under the direction of A. T. Stewart.

The first two innings, neither team was able to score. In the third, Gunthers got on a jump and brought in one. In the fourth Duncan reached first. Lynch missed a high fly and Duncan went to second on an overthrow. Hiss sacrificed Duncan to third. "Home run" Johnson hit a terrific single through third and Duncan scored.

In the fifth, Petway made his famous throw to Lloyd at second, with first and second occupied and got his man clean. Pryor got on first by Bergman's fumble of his roller. Pryor after sprinting to first took cramps in his legs and Hutchinson did the running.

In the sixth, Hutton got to first on balls. Schall's hit sent him to second. Heckmyers hit a fly which Pete Hill trapped and completed a double play and retired the side. The Gunthers could hardly understand it. It was at this point that Hill showed great head work.

In the sixth the Giants brought in four scores. Duncan got to base on balls. Hill poked one over the infield, and on a wild throw, Duncan scored and Hill kept on to third. Johnson got to first on balls and stole second. Lloyd slammed one to left field and went to second and

Hill scored, Johnson resting on third. Payne hit to right field; Johnson scored on a delayed steal; Payne went to second while Lloyd scored and Payne stole third. It was in this inning that the Giants showed great head work and superior knowledge of baseball playing of a professional nature. Nothing was done during the remainder of the game, and the score ended 5 to 1, with colors flying, in favor of the Giants. The score:

Leland Giants.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Duncan, lf....	2	0	0	0	0
Hill, cf.....	1	1	1	1	0
Johnson, 2b.....	1	1	5	2	0
Lloyd, ss..	1	1	3	2	0
Booker, 1b.....	0	0	11	1	0
Payne, rf.....	0	1	0	0	0
Pryor, 3b.....	0	0	1	3	0
Petway, c.....	0	0	6	1	0
Wickware, p.....	0	0	0	7	0

Total	5	4	27	17	0
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Gunthers.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Lynch, cf.....	1	1	3	0	0
Reitz, 3b.....	0	0	0	2	1
Meady, lf.....	0	1	1	0	1
Hutton, 1b.....	0	0	10	0	1
Schall, ss.....	0	2	2	1	1
Heck'ger, c.....	0	0	4	2	0
Decker, 2b.....	0	1	2	3	0
Parker, rf.....	0	0	1	0	0
Bergman, p.....	0	1	1	4	1

Total	1	6	24	12	5
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Leland Giants	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	*—5
Gunthers	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—1

Three-base hit—Meady. Double play—Hill to Pryor to Johnson. Struck out—By Bergman, 4; by Wickware, 4. Bases on balls—Off Bergman, 2; off Wickware, 2. Umpire—O'Brien. Time—2:00.

Notes of the Game.

"Rube" Foster did not play in the second game. He sat on the bench and watched his men with an eagle eye.

"Rube" Foster's Leland Giants' pennant flag is blood red with maroon colors. The wind was just high enough for it to furl throughout the game.

Umpire Human gave fair decisions. He was firm and unmovable at all times. At no time did he receive a jolly from the crowds due to a raw decision.

Hiss sent a fly away over the fence and it was a pity that he had to strike out. But Hill is usually a safe hitter. He has a keen eye and is a credit to the team.

The infield was on the jump all the time, and the outfield did excellent work. Bergman was an easy mark for the giants to hit, and on several occasions, the white skinned semi-pros.

Bearguard Mosely, secretary of the team was as "busy as a bee." Right after making a brilliant speech he was seen in the box looking after the financial ends of the game.

As the band began to play at the close of the game, the Gunthers packed up slowly and passed out, suffering the second defeat at the hands of "Rube" Foster's peerless champions.

Nine-tenths of the fans were white people and the other tenth were colored

fans. Many ladies were at the game seated in boxes and in the comfortable and commodious grand stand.

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Whenever the Gunthers raised a fly, it was just the same as falling in a barrel of tar. As the game neared the end, Wickware got better and better. Like Kentucky whiskey, he seems to improve with age.

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Foster's Giants look like ball players, and more than that, they play like the best ones. They were dawning in their new suits, and one fair damsel was heard to say, "They certainly look good to me."

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Duncan, Petway and Lloyd are from the Philadelphia Giants. "Home Run" Johnson from the Royal Giants, Brooklyn, and Pryor and Hutcherson from the Chicago Unions. My, said one of the fans, what a powerful combination.

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In the first game between the Giants and the Nipperskins, the Giants won with a score of 5 to 2. Foster pitched with Petway behind the bat. It was another game in which showed the cleverness of the Giants and their brilliancy as players.

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M. Haynes was there with his usual fund of information. He is one of the best informed players in Chicago. Haynes says that he don't expect that he will play this season, although a number of teams are anxious to use him.

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Elwood Knox, managing editor of the Indianapolis FREEMAN, was a guest of "Rube" Foster at the first game. Mr.

Knox spent the entire morning hobnobbing with the boys. Each player expressed their appreciation of THE FREEMAN's sporting page.

CUBIAN GIANTS LOSE TO THE CUBS.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Cuban Giants lost three straight games to the Cubs before the largest crowds that have visited Springbank Park this season. Sunday's game went ten innings. West and Reece pitched wonderful ball. Martin, Griffin, Watson, Satterfield, Brag and Gordon pulled off brilliant fielding stunts. Fol-

low'ng is the scores:

Saturday, May 14—

Cubian Giants	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2
Louisville Cubs	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	—6

Tow-base hits—West, Walise, Martin. Double plays—Walise to Collins; Griffin to Collins. Struck out—By Martin, 2; by Gans, 3. Base on balls—Off Martin, 3; o: Gans, 2. Attendance—500. Umpire—Nutter.

Sunday, May 15—

Cubian Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	—2
Louisville Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	—3

Two-base hits—Robinson, Gordon. Three base hits—Gans. Struck out—By West, 3; by Reese, 3. Errors—Cubian Giants, 2; Louisville Cubs, 4. Attendance—2,500. Umpire—Nutter.

Cubian Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Louisville Cubs	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	*	—7

Two-base hits—Emory. Struck out—By Dawson, 2; by Griffin, 4. Attendance—400. Umpire—Nutter.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Say, Robinson is certainly a first sacker.
The Freeman for sale at Park every Sunday.

Emory and Rodgers did not have anything to do but look wise.

Nex Sunday, May 22, Black Sox of New York. Game called at 3:15.

Collins is playing first as it should be played. His swats are also timely.

Manager Stringer had a severe attack of heart trouble in the seventh inning.

That's right, Wallace, old boy, keep at 'em. Say, Kid, why can't I say Nic, instead of Mr. Wallace.

Maybe Watson can't play some third base? Six chances without a wobble. I guess that's going some.

Say, West, old fellow, you had to win your own game. You are all right, Kid-do, and she was there, eh?

Martin played the game of his life at short Sunday. eH also won his game Saturday. The C. G. only made six bingles.

Captain Griffin showed himself to be up to the job Sunday. Besides his generalship he played one of the best fielding games in a long time.

Little Prim is certainly a good target for West and Martin and his whip is in great shape. Oh, yes, Sheeney has gotten to be quite a ladies' man. His presence is in great demand at all social functions.

GIANTS RETURN FROM A SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

PENSACOLA. Fla.—The Pensacola Giants arrived last Saturday from Mobile, Ala., Moss Point, Miss., and New Orleans, La. The Giants won two games from Mobile, three from Moss Point and three from New Orleans. The Giants played the New Orleans at Lincoln Park. May 18. 19, 20.

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