

NEW BASEBALL CIRCUIT OPENS SUNDAY.

Chicago Giants Will Tackle Team That
Taylor Has Framed—Both Teams
are in Good Tejas.

(By Dave Wyatt.)

Sunday, May 2, will mark an epoch in local baseball circles, for upon that date what is as near a national baseball league as conditions will allow, will be the offering for the baseball fans at Washington Park. C. I. Taylor has just returned from a tour with his team, and his training trip has taken him and his charges throughout the greater portions of the South, where, as reports have it, they labbed up an unbroken string of victories. The A. B. C.'s team of this season is said to be of a class that will compare in a favorable manner with any aggregation that the Hoosier Mag. has handled, and if such be the offering then the fans of Indianapolis are in for a conspicuous place in the baseball sun of the new circuit. All of the old guards of the A's have been flashing form significant of the old days; Ben Taylor has been hitting the old apple often and far away, while Oscar Charleston has been...

Charleston has been finding the southern league parks too small for his alarms; Shively's playing has revealed a class that bodes no good for his opponents this year, and Clark at short has stood the fans on their heads all along the line. Dizzy, the veteran hurler, was never in better form, while Powell, his mate in the battery works, is displaying both on the defense and offense in a manner to excite alarm. Jefferies is in grand condition and Johnson undoubtedly is in for a grand year. Taylor has been extremely fortunate in assembling worthy youths, for in Houston, the new second sacker, he has uncovered a real find, a boy that can do everything and do it well. Longware, the third base guardian, is said to be all that the boss desires, and that within itself is a grand recommendation. The A's greatest hope is in the pitching staff: Big Rile, a two-hundred and ten pound youngster is said to be the most promising moundman on the new circuit. Raglan is a hurler that is going to give the other fellows a whole lot of trouble, while Owens, a pitcher and utility man, is said to be one of the most valuable men in the game. The Chicago Giants, the team that plays here Sunday, is a team put together in a manner that is going to make a whole lot of trouble for those clubs who are bent on front runner positions. It is practically an all-youth team, having just enough of the old hands to keep it from

of the old heads to balance them evenly. Walter Ball, the dean of pitchers, was never in better form and he, no doubt, will pitch the opening game against the locals, while Beckwith, perhaps the most efficient catcher in baseball today, will handle the offerings of the veteran. The Windy City team will show a short stop, Peters, whose work is bound to arouse the envy of all opposing managers, while young Jefferies, a first baseman, is certain to electrify with his interpretation of first base play. Jennings and W. Green are two well seasoned players on the infield and Jenkins in center is set to give the best Hoosier batter an awful rub with the willow. Joe Green has a wealth of good playing material and he comes prepared to throw the weight of his entire aggregation against the locals and says he's going to win. There will be a double bill and the first game starts early. It is barely possible that big Rife or Dismukes will work in the main event for the local team. Powell, no doubt, will do all the catching, or may be Murry, the high grade youngster, will do one show. At any rate, there is going to be a ball game out at Washington Park.

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