

## **A. B. C.'s WIN OPENER.**

C. I. Taylor's gang got away to a flying start for the present season when they took the fast Chicago Giants into camp to the tune of 4-2 in a canter that sparkled with pep, good hitting and grand pitching by pitchers Ball and Rile. Ball, although a loser, pitched the steadier, of the two and was entitled to a much better account in the final. However, the boos and jibes of six thousand fans, ninety-nine per cent of whom were frantically enthused over the new A's, made life miserable for the visitors, and many being young and lacking in practice as well as experience, went all to pieces in close places, allowing the Hoosiers to acquire runs where steadiness would have served to a good purpose.

The Chicago team earned their two runs while the A's accepted the advantage given them mostly through errors at critical times, and profited to the extent of at least three of their runs.

Rile, the new pitcher that Taylor is depending upon for championship

honors, displayed streaks of coming greatness, and will be a power in the defense of the Taylor gang. Walter Ball, the veteran, pitched one of the best games of his long career, coming out of some mighty tight holes with flying colors. Gollah, Butler, Green and Jenkins displayed hitting form that makes them look like dangerous men for the opposing pitchers this season.

The Chicago Giants, in their present form, that is without a chance for real practice this spring, would seem to have a team that is going to rank mighty high as batters. Green has a pitching staff that is going to be heard from, and when he gets his youngsters all primed and polished no doubt whatever exists if they do not finish at the top, then they will push the leaders to an exciting finish.

Many notables in the sport world witnessed the opening game. Ira Lewis, sport editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, came all the way from the Smoky City to be present. Dave Wyatt, dean of sport writers, came from Chicago. Ed Lancaster, Big Smith and sport bugs from Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis and Dayton were on hand. The Cubans play the A. B. C's here next Sunday, while the visitors play in Chicago against the American Giants.

**Taylor Has Fast Club.**



This year's club looks like the best team that Taylor has ever had and will no doubt make a great record. Next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the famous Cuban All Stars from Havana, Cuba, will be seen here, playing a double-header Sunday. The scores:

### FIRST GAME.

Chicago	AB	H.	O.	A.
W. Green, 3b. ....	4	1	3	2
Winston, 1f. ....	2	0	2	1
Jennings, 2b. ....	4	0	0	0
Jenkins, cf. ....	2	1	4	0
Backwith, c. ....	4	0	4	0
Gollah, rf. ....	4	2	0	0
White, 1h. ....	4	1	9	0
H. Jeffries, ss. ....	4	1	3	2
Ball, p. ....	4	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>
A. R. C.'s	AB	H.	O.	A.
Shively, 1f. ....	4	1	3	0
Clark, ss. ....	3	1	1	2
Christon, cf. ....	4	1	1	0
Taylor, 1b. ....	4	1	10	0
Dowell, c. ....	4	0	7	2
Houston, 3b. ....	2	2	4	0
Day, 2h. ....	2	0	0	2
T. Jeffries, rf. ....	2	1	1	0
Rice, p. ....	4	2	0	5
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>

Giants ----- 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—2  
 A. B. C.'s ----- 0 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 0—4  
 Errors—Jennings. H. Jeffries. Three-  
 base hit—Gollah. Two-base hit—  
 Houston. Rile. Sacrifice hit—Day.  
 Stolen bases—Green. Winston. H. Jeff-  
 ries. Shively. Double play—Winston  
 to Jeffries to Green. Bases on balls  
 —Off Rile. 3: off Ball. 4. Struck out—  
 By Rile. 5: by Ball. 3. Umpires—Mc-  
 Kee and Huhn.

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