

ROUND THE BASE LINES

JOE GREEN SAYS

Just tell 'em that when the old gong sounds the call to the barrier, I will be there, and with some team. I am not going to win this pennant on State street or in the papers. But when you glimpse the gang that is going to romp under my colors this year, I say that quite a sprinkling of the so-called world's champions that you speak of will be shooting the S. O. S. signals and yelling like madmen for help.

I don't think you are going to have any pitchers on the circuit who can push the old apple across the pan with any more speed and effectiveness than our old friend Walter Ball can.

I am going to have an outer defense that will size up to any in the league, not perhaps on paper, but out there on the ball lot, and that is where the

hair-raising stunts must be shown. Yes, I hear of the great finds that have been unearthed, and it's a grand thing for baseball, but say, I've a lad that I snatched off the prairies around here—Jefferies by name—just watch him; he's one of those boys that is so good in all positions that I am liable to put the Cubans' system into effect. play him in a new one every day. Then you don't find ball players every day hitting up to the class of Jinkins; and Beckwith, there is a mighty sweet ball player, and I guess he can't wield that old bat. I am not going to tip my hand before the season starts good, but say for me when I hit Indianapolis May 2 for the opening fray against Taylor, I am going to make him wish that he had dumped some of those dinks he's framing right off into the Gulf of Mexico.

Chicago Defender, Chicago, IL

Saturday, April 10, 1920, Page 11, Column 5