



Kenneth Gardner

KENNETH GARDNER TO STAR THIS SEASON

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New York, Feb. 27.—With the basket ball season soon to see its finish for the 1919-1920 season, and the press throughout the country starting their annual baseball season, stars from every little hole and hamlet popping up like daisies in the springtime, and the successful birds of last season batting 400, etc., the sporting writer hears of one who is worth while. The record of this lad, Kenneth Gardner, 20 years of age, should make some of the old timers sit up and take notice. He pitched against some of the best semi-pro teams, both white and Race, last season, winning the majority of his games. His pitching average was 900

—batting average, 350—featuring in his batting average were 12 home runs, 20 triples and 60 two-baggers and many singles. He holds the distinction

of not striking out once during the season. Another important feat for Gardner was demonstrated last September at American League park in Washington, D. C., the home of the Giants, against the Bacharach Giants of Atlantic City. In the second inning, score 5 to 0 in favor of the Bacharachs—bases full, nobody out—he struck out three batters in succession with nine straight strikes, sending terror and disappointment into the hearts of the seashore lads. The rest of the game he kept them biting. In the seventh inning, with the bases full and score 5 to 2 in favor of the Bacharachs, he connected with a home run, putting his team in the lead. The game ended a tie, 7 to 7. The Capital City Giants, of which James A. Kelly is the manager, has other good material and will have a team this season second

to none, and intends having their own grounds. Mr. Kelly has been in communication with several managers of semi-pro teams in and around New York city and expects to announce a schedule shortly through this paper that will start the real season on its way.

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