

# SWEATT ONLY MON- ARCH NOT REPORTED WILL ARRIVE SOON

The Kansas City Monarchs are now doing their training out at the new Muehlebach Field. Manager Mendez, led 26 base ball players to the new park Monday noon for their first hard work. The boys have had several days work on the Paseo, but needed a fast playing field to put them on edge. In their work on the new field, the boys acted like they were in mid-season form. Mendez assisted by catcher Duncan were giving the pitchers their first real try out. Harold Morriss the chunky little pitcher from California, looks very promising and after a few days

with the boys of the big league he will be given a regular berth. All that Morriss needs is more experience, as he has every thing that a young pitcher needs. Morriss is a very pleasant chap to meet and comes to this city well recommended as one of the finest young men in the State of California. Morriss also is a rather keen looking chap. I had better tell all of the girls right now that Morriss is a young married man and is now raising another young pitcher to send to the big league some day. Morriss is just 21 years of age and states that he has fell in love with Kansas City.

### **Drake Ready For the Go.**

"Plunk" Drake the old reliable pitcher of the Monarchs is going to have one of the best seasons of his career. Drake is one of the best pitchers in the game and a credit to the league. Drake had several offers to go East and join the Eastern league but he states that as long as



he is being treated right by Owner Winkinson and the Kansas City fans, he is going to stay right here in Kansas City. We need more base ball players like Drake.

### **Duncan and Moore in Pink of Condition.**

Frank Duncan the great catcher and Doble Moore the peerless short stop are taking things rather easy as they both reported in the best of condition after the winter campaign in Cuba. Frank and Doble after being in Cuba all winter are having a hard time understanding the local fans' language as both boys speak Spanish very fluently now. ~~Peso~~ Peso.

### **Lem Hawkins Has Arrived.**

Lem Hawkins better known to the local fans as just plain (Hawk) has developed in the past two seasons into one of the best first sackers in the league (if) not the best. Hawkins was a member of the Monarchs about thre or four seasons ago, but

was sent to the Chicago Giants with Jay Bird Ray in the deal that brought Frank Duncan to the home team. Hawkins was at that time just an ordinary first sacker or rather appeared so, with such men as Ben Taylor, Leroy Grant, High Pockets Hudspeth and Wesley of the Detroit Stars, and old man McAdoo of the St. oLuis iGants to compete against, but today Hawkins ranks with any first sacker that has ever played in this league, an dhe is full of fight all of the time and keeps the boys on their toes. Hawkins has made many friends ince coming to Kansas City, an dis well liked by the management for his loyalty to the team.

#### Old Reliable McNair.

Hurly McNair the greatest sun-fielder in the game is anxious for the gong to sound. Mack as the gang calls him is known by all of fans in the league. He is a wonderful out-fielder, and can go in and pitch a good game any time that they call upon him. Mack is a dangerous hit-



ter and when he steps to the plate the fielders go way back. Mack has been playing base ball ever since Rube Foster was in knee pants therefore he is known as the Grand Old Man of Base Ball.

### **John Donaldson.**

Donaldson a few seasons ago was the greatest pitcher in the country black or white and a team in this league with just two pitchers like Donaldson was when in his prime would make a runaway race for the pennant. Donaldson used to strike out more than 15 men every time that he pitched. He was the greatest left hander that the game has ever boasted of. John has developed into one of the best outfielders in the game, and is one of the fastest men in the league. He will look after center field this season and just watch John pull down the long flies that are hit into his territory.

### **Heavy Johnson. The Black Babe Ruth.**

Heavy needs no introduction to the

local fans, as they are all looking forward to seeing him hit more home runs over the fence than Bunny Brief of the K. C. Blues. Heavy is the most dangerous hitter to ever enter the league.

### **Bullet Rogan.**

Bullet Rogan the Monarch pitcher some times called the Giant Killer is now down to form and when he faces the Chicago American Giants he is going to start killing right from the go. Rogan not only is a great pitcher in star, but he is about the greatest alround base ball player in the game barring no ne. He can play every position on the team. Yes, Rogan first started catching behind the bat, and the local fans have seen him in every other positon since joining the Monarchs. He would catch sometimes but if it was not for that great Frank Duncan who is ready to catch every day.

### **Manager Joe Mendez.**

Joe is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. He was at one time



considered by John McGraw of the New York Giants the greatest pitcher in the game, and would bring more than \$50,000.00 if he had been a white man. Mendez today can take his turn in the box, and only last season he won many games for his team. He is a capable manager and the boys will all work hard for him. Joe has been playing base ball

for 20 years and still going great.

### George Sweatt.

Sweatt the big college player, now teaching school will report to the team before the season opens. Sweatt is considered by such men as Foster, Mendez, Petway, and Wilkinson one of the greatest finds, since the league started. Sweatt is young, tall, and one of the fastest men in the game. He has since entering college, played base ball, foot ball, bas-

ket ball and was a star track man. He is in the game evry moment of the time, and when he arrives he will take up his regular position at second base. Sweatt after his two seasons with the Monarchs should be a real setr this season. It is well that he is going to report before the season opens.

• Joseph, Allen and Creasy.

Newt Allen is one of the most valuable utility men in the game, and you can place him any day into any old position and Newt will deliver. He will hold down second until Sweatt arrives, but Newt states that he will make Sweatt hustle to tsay on second.

Joseph and Creasy are going to have a merry race between themselves for the third base job. Newt has been with the team two seasons and is now considered a veteran but in Creasy he is going to find a classy little player full of pep and ready to go. Creasy played last season with the All-Nations and such men as Don-



aldson and Sam Crawford state that Creasy is her to stay as far as ability is concerned.

### **Mothel to Help Duncan.**

Mothel the Topeka flash is going to help Frank Duncan do the catching this season. Mothel is another player that you can use most any place any time. Mothel was with the Monarchs the first season of the league and last season was with the All-Nations. With Henry Williams, of (Rheumatic Fame) on the sick list Mothel will be used regularly.

The Monarchs went to Topeka last Sunday to play the Topeka Senators of the Western Association League. The largest crowd ever to witness a game in the capitol city was out to see the opening of the season. Rogan, Mendez and Morriss with Duncan and Mothel were the batteries for the Champions. The Monarchs won the game by the score of 8 to 4. Heavy Johnson opened the season with one of his famous home run drives the

longest hit ever seen in the Capitol City. Several hundred local fans drove to Topeka to see the Monarchs win.

The local fans will have their first chance to see the local champions in action next Sunday when they stack up against Roy Sanders, All-Stars. The game will be played at Muehlebach Field. A double header will be on the card for the day. The first game starting at 1 o'clock.

The National Negro League will open the season April 28-29-30, at Birmingham, Ala., with the Cubans playing the Black Barons.

The Kansas City Monarchs the greatest drawing card in the league will open the season with the American Giants in Chicago May 3-4-5-6. This will be a hard fought series as both teams will fight hard to get an early start.

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