

THE NATIONAL NEGRO BASE- BALL LEAGUE OPENS TODAY

Today is the day that local fans have been looking forward to for some time, and it is expected that when the umpires call "play ball" that as many as 10,000 fans will be shouting in the grand stands. Andrew Rube Foster arrived in the city last evening at the head of his great American Giants, last year's champions, and it is predicted that the team that gets away first in this series will most likely be out in front for some time. This is the first time that the American Giants have opened the local season and the games are going to be hard fought. Foster has several new faces with him this year and it is hard to dope out his team before the present series starts. Foster always has had a great team and will spring a surprise on the local team. Foster has most of last year's team in his present lineup, with sev-

eral promising youngsters to fall back on. The American Giants are now quartered at the Hotel Street.

The Monarchs arrived home this morning fresh from their spring training trip in Texas, where they swept everything before them in several exhibition games. The boys are all in first class condition and will give a good account of themselves in the opening games.

The parade as usual will be one of the big features of the day. Starting from 18th and Lydia promptly at 12:30, the parade, led by a squad of motor police, will traverse the principal streets of the city, ending at the ball park at 1:30. Mayor Cromwell will pitch the first ball of the season and will be assisted by Mayor Gordon of Kansas City, Kansas. Police Commissioner Oppenstein, Judge Casimer Welch, and several other prominent city officials have promised to attend and help make this event the greatest baseball opening ever held

in this city.

A company of high school cadets, under the command of Sergeant Williams, will be on hands to give a military touch to the occasion. Promptly at 2:45 p. m. the parade out to the big flag-pole will start, headed by the two mayors and other visiting officials where the high school cadets will raise Old Glory, after which the mayor will take his position in the box and throw out the first ball. Moving pictures will be taken of the parade through the city and the opening ceremonies.

Two Negro umpires arrived in the city last night and for the first time in the history of the League and of Kansas City, to race men, will officiate in a big league game.

Several visiting newspaper men will be in the city today to attend the big opening and to witness the start of Negro umpires.

Frank Young, the sporting editor of the Chicago Defender, will be here, and will be looked after by several of the local newspaper men.

The Monarchs will start the following lineup today against the American

Glants: Hawkins, 1B; Anderson, 2B; Moore, S. S.; Joseph, 3B; Donaldson. C. F.; McNair, L. F.; Johnson, R. F.; Duncan and Williams, C; Rogan, Curry, Drake, pitchers.

The Monarchs, as they appear today, look to be the class of the league.

The Monarchs have the greatest pitching staff in the league.

With Johnson, Moore, Rogan, Duncan, McNair, Donaldson and Joseph, the Monarchs have about the fastest and the hardest hitting bunch in the league.

Manager Sam Crawford, who will again lead the team, is going to have the support of all of the local fans this year and Sam is expected to breeze under the wire a sure winner this season.

THE GREATEST ROOTER OF THEM ALL HAS GONE

In the death of Nelson C. Crews, baseball has lost one of its most valuable men. He was loved by every official of the League and was idolized by the members of the Kansas City Monarchs. His last trip to the

city of Chicago was to attend the meeting of the National Negro League. C. I. Taylor, another great figure in baseball, was at that meeting, and it was the last meeting that he attended. Baseball has sustained a great loss in the passing of these two great figures, and their loss will be hard to overcome.

Andrew R. Foster, the president of the National Negro League, came to Kansas City in time to attend the funeral of Colonel Crews, his great friend.

The management of the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team sent a beautiful floral design to the funeral of their great friend.

Secretary Gilmore will endeavor to establish a holiday in baseball to be known as Nelson C. Crews Day, in honor of the late editor. The matter will be brought to the attention of President Foster and Owner J. L. Wilkinson.

The Kansas City Monarchs attended the funeral of Nelson C. Crews in a body, headed by J. L. Wilkinson.

THE WAY THEY WILL FINISH IN 1923

Kansas City Monarchs.
American Giants.
Indianapolis A. B. C.
St. Louis Stars.
Milwaukee.
Detroit Stars.
Cuban Stars.
Toledo.

RULES GOVERNING THE BIG AUTO PARADE TODAY

All automobiles entering the parade today will form on Lydia avenue between 15th and 18th, facing south. The first to arrive will be given the front positions. Cars will begin to fall into line as early as 11 o'clock. Roy Dorsey, Homer Roberts, the big auto salesman, ably assisted by Bush Wells and several more fans, will have charge of the auto arrangement.

The Order of the Parade.

Motorcycle policemen.
Auto containing Andrew Rube Foster, Dr. H. M. Smith, Q. J. Gilmore

and Manager Sam Crawford.

Auto containing the two Negro umpires and visiting newspaper men.

Elks Band in motor truck, followed by the two teams in car.

Twelfth Street Rooters' Association.
Vine Street Rooters.

Eighteenth Street Rooters.

Kansas City, Kansas, Rooters.

Kansas City, Mo., Fans.

The Monarchs will appear in a new blue uniform today.

The new members of this year's team will be Mothel, C.; Williams, C., and three new young pitchers.

Baseball tickets will be placed on sale by Secretary Gilmore for Sunday's game immediately after Saturday's game at the following places:

Starks's news stand.

Barker & Burt's billiard parlor.

Panama Taxi, 12th street.

McCampbell & Houston, 23rd and Vine.

Palm Shining Parlor, 2407 Vine.

Entertainers' Cafe, 1345½ East 18th.

Last season's prices still prevail.

The general custom of the management of the team in giving out a few season passes still prevails. The

passes this year will not be issued until the first of the month, as the season is starting a week earlier than expected. There are thousands of fans that the management cannot reach this season, but will try and reach a few each season. Ladies' Day will be on Tuesday, as usual.

The St. Louis Stars will be here right after the Chicago series and another hard fought battle is expected, as St. Louis has a much stronger team than last season.

All games will start promptly at 3 o'clock.

Baseball
**Opening of the National
Negro Baseball League**
Kansas City Monarchs
VS.
**Rube
Fosters American Giants**
ASSOCIATION PARK
Starting Saturday, April 28, 29, 30, May 1, 2
B I G P A R A D E
OPENING CEREMONY AT THE PARK
Game called at 3 o'clock. Ladies' Day Tuesday.

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