

K. C. MONARCHS HERE SUNDAY

With the new baseball circuit launched out in full swing of their schedule, the devotees of baseball in Chicago are in for a lamping of some real attraction in baseball from now on, until the curtain is finally rung down on the close of the season.

Sunday, May 23, the Monarchs of Kansas City will open up at the local park and they will go through a five-game series against Foster's American Giants. The K. C. group have been going big guns since they started their invasion of the territory east of the big river. They set a pace at St. Louis that was killing and jumped from that point to Indianapolis, where they got away to a ten-inning win in their first game against the A. B. Cs. The K. C.s have a team composed of a mixture of nations: Mendez, the great Cuban player, is field captain, and he has surrounded himself with Portunda, the flashy Cuban third sacker; with Rodriguez, another Cu-

ban of much baseball note, doing the catching for the team. Frank Blukol, a Filipino, is the regular second baseman and he is one of the most dependable and experienced players in the game today. One or two of the players have the good, old Indian blood coursing through their veins, so this combination of talent gives the K. C.s that fighting caste that is always sure to make the contests just what the fans most desire. This gang are on their toes from tap of the gong until the last man is dead; they play with life and pep, carrying the fight to the other fellows, wielding the willows with dire effect as they go along. John Donaldson, the great scutpaw pitcher, is with this gang, and he is playing in the best form that he has shown in years. The pitchers of the club are youngsters of husky build and they are primed to go through long drawn out battles, being schooled to give and take, reserving enough for a hurricane finish if it comes to that. "Blue" Washington, who has been featured recently in the motion picture, "The Haunted House," is playing first base for the K. C.s

and he is not only a grand fielder, but he is one of the heaviest batters in the game today. The Monarch, perhaps, has one of the greatest outfields on the circuit. McNear in left has always been rated as one of the game's greatest hitters and fielders, while Donaldson, when not pitching, shapes up to the very best in the outer works. Carr, a fielder from the coast, flashes streaks of greatness and is believed to be one of the most timely hitters, fastest runners and right up to the best as a fielder and run getter. "Rube" Currie is one of the shining lights on the pitching roster of the new circuit and Lightner, Crawford, Harris and one or two others give the far west crowd an edge on the slab that is hard to offset. At any rate the five-game series here will give the fans a real line on just what sort of a show the American Giants have in the new circuit. The local machine has not been running smoothly here of late, so if they get away to a win or an even break with the Monarchs, with the latter's already proof that they are as good, if

not better. than any on the circuit,
then that should be a morsel of con-
solation to the admirers of the local
team. and should buoy the local play-
ers up to the point where they will
jump out in front and stay there.

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