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GREATER ST. LOUIS MUNY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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* PAST CHAMPIONS *

1962 Ceresia's Produce
1961 Kimecks Tavern
1960 Hoffmeisters Undertakers
1959 Carondelet Sunday Morning Club
1958 Kutis North (Retired Fouke Fur Trophy)
1957 Kutis North
1956 Borbein Young
1955 Carondelet Sunday Morning Athletic Club
1954 Kutis North
1953 Hoffmeisters Undertakers
1952 Kelly Shamrocks
1951 Dick Arnold Post
1950 Zollers Bar
1949 Fouke Fur (Retired Joseph D. Keller Cup)
1948 Fouke Fur
1947 Shear Motor
1946 Fouke Fur
1945 Keller Drug
1944 Meyer Bar-B-Q
1943 St. Louis Post Office
1942 Gebken Benz
1941 Keller Drug
1940 Natural Set Up
1939 Keller Drug
1938 Borbein Young
1937 Fouke Fur
1936 James Burke Democrats
1935 Wellston Legionier
1934 Weick Undertakers
1933 Columbia Athletic Club
1932 Sentinel DeMolay
1931 Honey-Dew (Sielof)
1930 Salisbury
1929 Mo Pac Engineers
1928 Hoffmeisters Undertakers
1927 Morgan Haulers
1926 Pants Store
1925 Schenberg Market
1924 Curlee Clothing
1923 Mo Pac Freight Accounts
1922 Hazel Milling Company
1921 Tate Motors
1920 Triple A Club
1919 Wagner Electric
1918 Donnelly Stars
1917 Wagner Electric
1916 Kinsey Club
1915 JES Wolf
1914 Hellrung Grimm
1913 Grimm Gorly Florists

GREATER ST. LOUIS MUNY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

1962 PLAYOFF RESULTS

August 19

Kutis North, 11; Harpett Cats, 2.
Braves, 30; Clowns, 3.
Brooklyn Robins, 7, Kutis South 6. (13 Innings)
Hoffmeisters, 7, Carondelet Sunday Morning Club, 1.
Red Villa, 6; East St. Louis Colts, 5.
Ceresia's, 17; Brentwood Cubs, 2.

August 26

Braves, 1; Kutis North, 0.
Brooklyn Robins, 6; Hoffmeisters, 5 (10 Innings)
Ceresia's, 9; Red Villa, 4.
Carondelet Sunday Morning Club, 2; Kutis South, 1.
East St. Louis Colts, 11; Brentwood Cubs, 1.
Harpett Cats and Clowns both drop out on forfeit.

September 2

Braves, 10; Brooklyn Robins, 9.
Carondelet Sunday Morning Club, 7; East St. Louis Colts, 1.
Kutis North, 5; Hoffmeisters, 1.

September 16

Ceresia's, 6; Braves, 1.
Kutis North, 9; Carondelet Sunday Morning Club, 1.
Red Villa, 8; Brooklyn Robins, 4.

September 23

Ceresia's, 12; Kutis North, 5.
Red Villa, 7; Braves, 6.

September 30

Red Villa, 3; Ceresia's, 2. (First loss for Ceresia's after 19-0 record)

October

Ceresia's, 6; Red Villa, 0.

Ceresia's gain leg on August A. Busch Trophy

Other teams holding leg on trophy include:

1961- KIMACKS

1960- HOFFMEISTERS UNDERTAKERS

1959- CARONDELET SUNDAY MORNING CLUB

GREATER ST. LOUIS MINY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

ALL-STAR GAME RESULTS

1962 - South, 9; North, 8 (11 innings)

1961 - North, 4; South, 0.

1960 - South, 12; North, 2.

1959 - North, 6; South, 4.

This section of the booklet was made possible through material furnished by P.G. Fix, a leader in the Municipal Athletic Association for years, in the City of St. Louis.

It is offered to give a short, but pointed history of the Munny program. It should be noted that the Greater St. Louis Munny Baseball Association is new in name only.

The following two items were also taken from the 1922 Year Book, one of the few remaining copies of this work is held by Mr. Fix.

THE CODE OF A GOOD SPORTSMAN

1. Thou shalt not quit.
2. Thou shalt not alibi.
3. Thou shalt not gloat over winning.
4. Thou shalt not be a rotten loser.
5. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage.
6. Thou shalt not ask odds thou are unwilling to give.
7. Thou shalt always be ready to give thine opponent the shade.
8. Thou shalt not UNDER estimate an opponent, nor OWER estimate thyself.
9. Remember that the game is the thing, and that he who thinketh otherwise is a mucker and no true sportsman.
10. Honor the game thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard wins even when he loses.

HUGH S. FULLERTON

PLAY THE GAME HARD, BUT FAIR, AND IN DEFEAT BE A GOOD LOSER.

RUDOWE H. ABEKEN

In hopes that this will be of some use to you now and in the future I am sending this copy to you. Any additions you may have or comments should be sent to the following:

Charles Murdoch
3426a Arsenal St.
St. Louis 18, Mo.
Munny Baseball Publicity

The Greater St. Louis Munny Baseball Association is the offspring of the Municipal Baseball Association, a part of the Municipal Athletic Association that was formed in 1912. The formation and work of this group will be dealt with later in this article.

On October 25, 1957, twelve days after the suspension of operations of the Municipal Athletic Association a special meeting was held of former members of the Municipal Baseball Association and it voted unanimously to continue as a group under the present title.

The word "Munny" was left in the title in order to show to the people of St. Louis and St. Louis County as well as the Illinois neighbors, its former connections with the City, and someday the leaders hope the city will resume its backing of the Association as it originally did.

THE ORGANIZATION IS ACTUALLY NEW IN NAME ONLY.

The points to show the suspension of the Municipal Athletic Association could be pointed out as follows:

1. The Segregation factor.
2. Politics and Pressure groups.
3. Private Youth organizations.
4. Apparent lack of interest in sports on the part of some Municipal officials.
5. Lack of funds and at times faulty management with the Munny itself.

The Municipal Athletic Association was formed in the fall of 1912, founded by Rodowe H. Abeken, Superintendent of Recreation in the City of St. Louis at that time; along with Monsignor Peter J. Dooley and Dwight F. Davis. Davis was one of the first presidents of the Municipal Athletic Association, as well as a president of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association and former Assistant Secretary of

War in the 1920's.

The following years showed signs of struggles and greatness and the official suspension as a Municipal function came in 1957.

The Municipal Athletic Association of St. Louis was a federation of various branches of sport that were fostered under the direction of the Division of Parks and Recreation. Its membership was intended to include all who participated in or who were interested in the various forms of Municipal athletics, especially baseball, soccer, basketball, football, tennis, golf, swimming, track and field, ~~Baseball~~ horseshoe pitching, rowing, boxing, bicycling, etc.

OBJECTS of the Muni were:

To unite all those who were interested as players or spectators, and through this organization to further extend and perfect the system of Municipal athletics for the physical and moral betterment of the people of the City of St. Louis.

To promote interest in athletics by establishing the award of trophies and emblems to the winners of championships in the various branches of sport.

To place all forms of athletics on a higher level by maintaining a high standard of sportsmanship.

To encourage everyone to a greater appreciation of the value, effectiveness, and usefulness of the public parks.

To supply an outlet for the mass of pent-up energy, which is born in youth, upon our public playgrounds.

To supplement the activities of the Community Centers and swimming pools.

To aid the various organizations in the Association in their efforts to place competitive play activities with the reach of the largest number of people, plus give the support necessary to the various branches of sports that are organized or may be organized.

To promote a more co-ordinate relationship of all organizations of a permanent character.

To secure a spirit of unity among the many interested in those games and to unify methods, rules, standards and championships of such athletic competition.

Following are two quotes as examples of the purpose of the founding of the organization:

"It is better to raise healthy men and women in our public parks than healthy trees and grass." Dwight F. Davis, 1922.

"Recreation for Every Citizen and Every Citizen for Recreation." Dr. B.C. Todd, President of the Municipal Athletic Association, 1922.

The Municipal Athletic Association was governed by the Central Council. The Central Council was composed of the following:

1. An executive Representative of the Division of Parks and Recreation, who was appointed by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and who was an ex-officio member of all committees but not eligible to any elective office or to vote.

2. Divisional Delegates - one delegate from each major sport approved by the Central Council, under the jurisdiction of the M.A.A. Each sport had its own constitution, officers and executive committee and thus was self-governing.

3. The Divisional Delegates elected Delegates-at-Large, equal in number to the Divisional Delegates.

The Central Council had general direction of the affairs, funds, policies and property of the Association, and of all Inter-City competition and affiliations with other bodies. All action of the Central Council was subject to the veto of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of the City of St. Louis. All funds were expended solely in the interest of the members, and no official was to receive a penny compensation.

MILL-TAX SUPPORT

Some of the early leaders of the M.A.A. thought that the only way to provide the adequate solution for the continuation of maintaining facilities up to standard and on a parity with demand, was to place the parks and recreation system on a mill-tax basis similar to the other local public institutions as the schools, library, zoo and art museum.

However this plan was never put into effect. As a result there developed a lack of funds to keep the Municipal Athletic Association going.

In 1912 there were 58 baseball teams in the Association and by 1922 there were 150 in the various classes. Aid from sporting goods companies and private contribution brought progress.

Due to a lack of interest on the part of municipal officials and as a lack of funds for the Muny, there developed a larger gap between City and Municipal Athletic Association, once a vital cog in the recreation system.

Plans that included new playing fields, future erection of a stadium could not materialize because of these facts.

Tandy
Excellent men had served on the Central Council which was the governing body until the late thirties. As Pete Fix has stated "Then tiring of the procrastination, the double talk and the creeping paralysis which gripped the Muny, they withdrew." Only a few remained to try to carry on the work.

ENTER PRIVATE GROUPS

At this stage private organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization and the Khoury group were organized when the coldness increased from the "City Fathers."

With this formation the Municipal Athletic Association hurried along the down-grade path. (George Khoury had once been a past president of the Muny.

Other instances of discord among the city officials not only hurt the Muny but actually fostered and encourages the growth of the Khoury and CYC.

The case in 1945 of an integrated Parish baseball team playing in the Muny, paid an entry fee, and then was barred from playing in the public parks simply because it was inegrated. Two different reasons were found as to who was behind the ban and they are: (1) Some men close to this situation said the Muny rules did not permit this. (2) Some men said that city officials gave the order to not allow the intesgrated team to participate because at that time the City of St.Louis wasn't ready for integrated, in their opinion.

Whether or not the Muny or the City gave the order we can not state clearly or whether or not this rule was then or is now right or wrong again can not be pin-pointed, but this incident not only built up resentment against the Muny but encouraged the development of the Khoury and CYC Leagues.

The year 1945 was also the period when another case came up, this time in tennis. A man asked permission to play but was turned down because of his color. He sued, as a taxpaying citizen of St. Louis, for the right to play in the tournament. The Muni won the battle but lost the war. It won because it cited that its charter showed it was a privately operated association. This divorced it from any direct affiliation with the city and of necessarily being supported by the City. The Muni was forced to declare itself a private organization to "save face" of the City as the race problem was a "hot" item at this point.

Since the Muni was declared a private organization the practice was halted of letting the City Superintendent of Recreation serve on executive committees of the organization. At this time, privileges and office help given to the Muni gradually were diminished and in 1954 when a Federation plan promoted by John Turner, who was the Superintendent of Recreation, failed to be accepted, the city forced the Muni to move out of the Recreation Section and halted free clerical service.

According to Park Commissioner Palmer B. Baumes, "this was in keeping in line with treating all private organizations equally." He pointed out that the Khoury and CYC were not given this help.

The final touch of the end to Muni came with the failure of the Federation plan. With these various agencies overlapping and fighting for playing space, John Turner, with the encouragement of Mayor Raymond Tucker and Mrs. Edward G. Brungard, worked out a formula for integrating all of the associations.

There was a meeting at the at the mayor's office outlining the program. While all organizations were representative for the meeting, a solution could not be worked out. Private organizations wanted more facilities but the Muny leaders were not ready to give up what they considered the best program even though their leaders were fighting against mounting odds. As a result the Muny was not forced to accept the Federation plan.

From the 1940's, the City leaders saw that by having private organizations, who would halfway do the job of organization and conducting amateur sports, that the city would not have to allocate funds from the recreation department to the Muny. Thus the City could be totally relieved of the responsibility of conducting an amateur sports program. These private organizations have not taken in a complete program that was once offered by the Muny.

Sports represented by the Muny until its suspension in 1957 were: baseball, basketball, softball, soccer, golf, tennis, rowing and swimming. The Muny organized the leagues, provided the umpires and officials, arranged for permits to use park facilities, scheduled championship meets, gave trophies and performed other services.

William G. Armstrong, the last president of the Municipal Athletic Association, gave the reason for suspension as lack of funds. He thought the Muny should have preferential treatment because it was set up under the Recreation Department by Rodowe H. Abeken in 1912, who was then park commissioner.

Handwritten: We have attempted to give only a short, brief history of the Muny that could cover volumes. If some form of mill-tax were set up for sports, sports would be again provided for many more. This is the view taken by the past leaders and there seems much food for thought in this program.

- 1974 SINCE 1974 ... IN ORDER ... (2)
- NORMAL (JIMMY) WEBB (1st)
 - MARTIN MATTHEW — (2nd) 1974
 - 75 • JOHN BROWN — 1975
 - FRANK (TEANNIE EDWARDS)
 - 76 • CHARLES "BIG TOM" TOMPIER 1976
 - HERBERT (DOC) BRACKEN 1977
 - 77 • HUBERT (MICKY) BALLANTINE 1977
 - ELY (LITTLE CHIS) CHISM 1979
 - 78 • JOHN (THEY) GREEN 1978
 - MAJOR TOM BROOKS 1979
 - JOHN HUNDLEY
 - 1980 • WILLIAM (DECKY) BOSWELL 1980
 - 1981

The announcement sent the writer researching the realm of records of noted Black Baseball Historian WEBB.

His fame as a Historian of note (coast to coast) began to mushroom from the old Tandy Baseball League. His detailed records of virtually every hunt, every fly ball --- every squeeze play, all sought by researchers!

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

Norman "Tweed" Webb, noted BLACK baseball historian and long-time St. Louis area baseball reporter, recently was the third BLACK to join the Society For American Baseball Research.

SABR has a membership of 235 throughout the country, including Dave Malarcher, former third baseman of Rube Foster's old Chicago American Giants and Ric Roberts, who spent 20 years on the Pittsburg Courier serving as sports editor.

An authority on Black baseball, Webb is also researcher for Hall-Of-Fame in Cooperstown, New York and a charter member of the amateur baseball hall of fame here.



Normal "Tweed" Webb
MR. TANDY LEAGUE

Wells Ends Retirement; To Manage Indians

By Normal (Tweed) Webb
Willie "Devil Wells, one of the greatest shortstops in the old Negro Leagues, will end his retirement this spring to manage the Austin Indians Baseball Club, a semi-pro unit in Texas.

Wells made his debut here with the famous St. Louis Stars in 1924 and played with them through 1931 when they disbanded. The 5'7", 160 pounder was recognized as a masterful shortstop who possessed good speed, fine hands and an accurate (though not strong) arm.

He was especially adroit as going back and hauling in Texas Leaguer bids.

Wells broke in with San Antonio in 1923. He played in the winter league in Cuba for thirteen years with his travels taking him to Puerto Rico, Mexico and even in Canada.

After leaving St. Louis and the Stars he had tours of duty with the Kansas City Monarchs, Chicago American Giants, Indianapolis Clowns and the Newark Eagles. . . . all powers in the NNL.

Devil had a career mark of .320. He is weighing the possibility of coaching the Houston Tillotson College Baseball Team also.

Senior Baseball Semipro Loop To Be Formed

A new senior semipro baseball league locally will be formed this year and named for James (Cool Papa) Bell, a St. Louisan who was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame a year ago.

The Bell League, organized by Martin Mathews and Marlon Tillard, already has lined up the 1974 Heine Meine League semipro champions, the Mathews-Dickey Knights, the Orr Plumbers and three other teams — the Bruins, Angels and Cougars.

Mathews, co-founder of the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club, invited all senior teams interested in joining the league to contact Tillard, commissioner of the Tom Brooks League, at 382-5952.

Information Sought On Old Black Stars

The national baseball library at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., is seeking to expand permanent files on former players in the old Negro leagues. Questionnaires can be available by writing to Normal (Tweed) Webb, 4574 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, 63108, or by phoning him at 367-6304

"The purpose of the questionnaire," said Webb, "is to provide researchers and visitors to Cooperstown with background on black league players."

NOTICE!!!

Readers desiring a reply or information are requested to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with letter.

Brown: "Happy Beyond Words"

"I feel deeply honored," 68 year old Brown said quietly. "It was surprising. . . after all there were many excellent athletes who played in the league both before and after me."

"I really loved the game. . . still follow it closely," Brown said. "During the years I had many thrills. Defeating the Compton Hill Cubs 1-0 in the late twenties (he doesn't recall the exact year) would be one of the greatest. . ."

Brown, who later managed the Pullmans' passed up several opportunities to play in the Negro Big Leagues. "I had a good job with Pullman and decided to take the security."

Tweed Webb, his keystone partner from 1922-30 (who was inducted into the Hall last March) insist that he was the greatest in Tandy history. Brown expresses "delight" in James (Cool Papa) Bell's elevation to Baseball's Hall of Fame. "I have met him on occasions. He is a real fine gentleman. . . of course, everyone knows what a fine ball player he was."

One thing that Brown never expected to see was the progress Blacks are making in organized baseball. "It is deserving but I didn't think I would live to see it," says the active member of the Lutheran Church.

Cool Papa award going to MVP

The most valuable player in the Tournament of Champions, a week-long senior men's baseball tournament next September, will receive the James (Cool Papa) Bell Trophy, in honor of St. Louis' most recent Hall of Fame inductee, tournament commissioner Don Gabbert announced. In addition, the outstanding pitcher will receive the Elwin (Preacher) Roe Trophy. The entry fee for the tournament, to be held for the first time this year, is \$50. For more information, call Martin Mathews at 382-5952.

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME and MUSEUM
Cooperstown, N. Y. 13326



John W. Brown

Enters Amateur Hall-Of-Fame

The inductees are, Joe Crady, Bill McKenna, Joe Brady, Bill Kewins, Virg Siemer, John W. Brown, Roy Netzeband, George Dickerber, Harry Donovan, Skinny Grossacki, Leroy Hankins, Russ Waterson and, posthumously, Tom McConnell, Louis J. Boggiano, Jr., and Edward Morgenthaler.

Normal (Tweed) Webb, noted Black baseball historian who was inducted into the Hall last year, provided some information on Brown, who will be third black member inducted into the Hall.

A standout as a second baseman, shortstopper in the Tandy Baseball League, Brown is hailed as perhaps the best all-around player in that circuit's history. He played for championship teams: the Broomer Tailors (1924-25); The Pullman's '1926-34-' and Scullin Steel (1935-46) . . . a total of twelve championships!

Brown's career was launched in 1922 with the St. Louis Black Sox. "There is no doubt about it, I rate him the greatest I ever saw in amateur baseball circles," staunch supporter Tweed says.

Brown had a lifetime batting average of .340 at Tandy. In 1931 he hit .500 to pace the Pullman's to the semi-pro state title (for Negroes).

Brown was "a marvel at covering ground either to the left or the right, whether going backward or forward. . . and he possessed a remarkable arm, that was true," Webb, who teamed with him to form a crack doubleplay combination from 1922-30 observed.

The 68 year old Brown is a longtime member of St. Phillips' Lutheran Church.

Normal (Tweed) Webb is a member of the Scruggs Memorial C.M.E. Church (a former classy baseball player himself, Rev. Robert Lewis Douglass is the pastor) ...

- 1889 ————— 1947
TWEED'S HALL-OF-FAME
- 1- RUBE FOSTER - PRES. MGR. P.
 - 2- SATCHEL PAIGE ——— P.
 - 3- OSCAR CHARLESTON — CF.
 - 4- JOHN HENRY (POP) LLOYD — SS
 - 5- BIZZY MURKIN — C
 - 6- SMURKY JUE WILLIAMS — P.
 - 7- BEN TAYLOR ——— 1B
 - 8- "COOL PAPA" BELL — CF
 - 9- JOHN GIBSON — C.
 - 10- BULLET WILLIAM ROGAN — P.
 - 11- WILLIE WELLS ——— SS
 - 12- JOHN DONALDSON — P.
- TWEED HAS FOLLOWED BLACK BASEBALL SINCE 1913!
EYE WITNESS HISTORIAN!

REMEMBER THE OLD ST. LOUIS STARS?

STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT
 MGR. TAYLOR, - PALMS, C. - TRENT, P. - SUTTLES, 1ST - J. WILLIAMS, P.
 HENSLEY, P. - WELLS, S.S. - H. WILLIAMS, C. - CREACY, 3RD
 SITTING
 BAT BOY, - J. RUSSELL, 2ND - BELL, C.F. - B. RUSSELL, R.F.
 CANNON, P. - DAVIS, P. - REDUS, L.F. - McDONALD, P.



ST. LOUIS STARS
 WORLD'S CHAMPIONS
 NATIONAL NEGRO LEAGUE
 WORLD'S SERIES (9 GAMES)
 ST. L. STARS WON 5 - AMER. GIANTS WON 4

A RARE COLLECTOR'S ITEM: This photograph of the 1928 National Negro League World Champion St. Louis Stars is the property of Mrs. Luvenia Russell, widow of Branch Russell, one of the athletes. Standing, Left: Manager Jim "Candy" Taylor; Clarence Palm, catcher; Theodore (Ted) Trent, pitcher; George (Mules) Suttles, first baseman; J. Williams, pitcher; "Eggie" Hensley, pitcher; Willie (Devil) Wells, shortstop; Henry Williams, catcher and Dewey Creacy, third. Sitting, Left: the unidentified bat boy; John Henry Russell, second sacker; James (Cool Papa) Bell, centerfield; Branch Russell, rightfield; pitcher Richard Cannon; pitcher Roosevelt Davis; leftfielder Wilson Redus and pitcher Luther McDonald.

NORMAN
 JAMES
 FORMER
 TENDON
 LEAGUER

ST. LOUIS STARS
 WON THE NNL
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 IN
 1928, 1930, 1931

PHILADELPHIA GIANTS, LINDSEY
 GIANTS, BOSTON GIANTS, LINDSEY
 LINDSEY GIANTS, N.Y. BLACK PANTHERS
 CHICAGO AMERICAN GIANTS
 CUBAN & GIANTS, BROOKLYN ROYALS
 GIANTS, COLUMBIUS BUCKEYES



MEET JOHN HENRY RUSSELL

Y LLOYD
 ... fielding short stop.

TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE HISTORY
Compiled & Edited By...
NORMAL (TWEED) WEBB...
NOTED BLACK BASEBALL HISTORIAN

1922 — ~~TANDY LEAGUE~~ — 1985

BIRTH OF THE 1ST BLACK MUNY LEAGUE
IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

- THE TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST COLORED MUNY BASEBALL LEAGUE HERE.
- THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS MADE BASEBALL HISTORY AT TANDY PARK, WAS ORGANIZED IN 1922 UNDER THE NAME OF THE COLORED INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE.
- After 62 years there are many fond memories of years gone by. On a cool and raw spring afternoon, March 16, 1922, the wind blowing in from the old Mississippi River beat steadily against the windows of the Spalding Sporty Goods Store on Locust.
- In a second floor room of that store sat a small group of Black men; representing four sandlot teams. The meeting was called to order by LUIS WAMHOFF (Salomon) who was later voted to be the Tandy group's first president.
- At this organizational meeting were WILLIAM BRADFORD manager of UNION ELECTRIC TEAM; Manager ANDY WRIGHT OF SCULLIN STEEL; manager LONNIE GRAY OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TANNING CO. and manager HUE VAUGHN OF MISSOURI PRESS BRICK CO.
- Down memory lane, other officials were Rev. James COOK, LEROY BROOMER, BUD TERRY, AL COCKTRELL, WILLIAM BOSWELL, TWEED WEBB, JOHN D. BUCKNER, TOM BROOKS, JESSE HESTER, LEVERT RANSOM, at present STANLEY JORDAN (SINCE 1977)
- after the disbanding of the famous ST. LOUIS STARS, Negro National League (3 TIMES) champions, real chance to take the front rank in St. Louis — The games were played in Tandy Park and later around the a

Tandy Baseball League: Colorful History

Many... GREAT, BLACK BASEBALL STARS ...

TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1922 Union Electric
 1923 Union Electric
 1924 Broomer Tailors
 1925 Broomer Tailors
 1926 Pullmans
 1927 Pullmans
 1928 Union Electric
 1929 Pullmans
 1930 Pullmans
 1931 (NO LEAGUE) Pullmans SEMI-PRO CHAMP
 1932 Pullmans
 1933 Pullmans
 1934 30th ward Democrat
 1935 20th ward Democrat
 1936 Harper Patten Roofers
 1937 20th ward Democrat
 1938 Scullin Steel
 1939 Scullin Steel
 1940 Harper Patten Roofers
 1941 Scullin Steel
 1942 Scullin Steel
 1943 Curtis Wright
 1944 Scullin Steel
 1945 Curtis Wright
 1946 Brave Eagles
 1947 Foster Tigers
 1948 Scullin Steel
 1949 Sextons
 1950 Braves
 1951 Braves
 1952 Brave
 1953 Scullin steel
 1954 Dodgers
 1955 - Scullin Steel

1956 Braves
 1957 Braves
 1958 Braves
 1959 Braves
 1960 Braves-Dodgers (Co-Champs)
 1961 Braves
 1962 EX-115
 1963 Muthers Dickie Knight
 1964 Brooklyn Robins
 1965 Brooklyn Robins
 1966 Braves
 1967 Braves
 1968 Eagles
 1969 Eagles
 1970 Cubs
 1971 Orioles
 1972 Orioles-Colts (Champs)
 1973 Colts
 1974 Brooklyn Robins
 1975 Brooklyn Robins
 1976 Colts-Orioles (Champs)
 1977 Texas Lady Braves
 1978 Eagles
 1979 Braves 1984 BRAVES
 1980 Orioles 1985 BRAVES
 1981 BRAVES
 1982 KNIGHTS
 1983 KNIGHTS

John Buckner Memorial
 Buckner, a long time sports enthusiast and educator served the Tandy League for 20 years and Ransom became affiliated with the league after Buckner, as president in 1963. He retired 1976.

UMPIRES

The National Umpire Association under commissioner Charles Zomphier handled all of the Tandy League games up to 1969.

• However, the first organized sandlot baseball league was in 1914-16. There was such a thing in our city as a Chuck Baseball League in which St. Louis argus sports editor the late RICHARD JACKSON was a pitcher and later a YMCA League. THIS WRITER SPENT 44 years IN THE LOOP before my retirement IN 1966.

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ROOMS OF BLACK BASEBALL HISTORY

HOLLOWAYS & BROWN
TWEED WEBB'S
LONG TIME
FRIENDS 000

Former St. Louisans Praised By Ohio Teachers Group

In the recent issue of "The ORTA" (Ohio Retired Teachers Association) the magazine praised Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Holloway, former St. Louisans, for the contributions they have made in the teaching profession in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following is a re-print of the article from the magazine:

HARD TO TOP SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOLLOWAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holloway, members of the Greater Cleveland RTA Chapter, have 75 years of service to education between them — and a list of activities that would leave young folks gasping to keep up with. Cynthia Holloway is immediate past president of the Greater Cleveland Chapter and is presently a Director. She has had the honor of being a U.S. delegate to the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession world conferences; in Sydney, Australia in 1970, in London 1972, West Berlin in 1975, was a member of the host delegation in Washington in 1976, to Lagos, Nigeria in 1977 and to Jakarta, Indonesia in 1978.

She is a member of the Alumni Council, School of Education of Case Western Reserve and the American Association of University Women.

Edward Holloway is Legislative Chairman of the Greater Cleveland RTA Chapter and is a board member. He's a past member of the Executive Committee, Association of Classroom Teachers, member of the O.E.A., Citizens League of Greater Cleveland, Chairman of Board of Christian Education and a member of the City Club of Greater Cleveland. They have both attended N.E.A. national conventions for 22 consecutive years.

The ORTA Quarterly joins the Greater Cleveland RTA Chapter in their salute to the busy Holloways. Our thanks to Lois M. Purvis and District Director James McDowell for the information and photos.



C. HOLLOWAY



E. HOLLOWAY

Then, the list of media organizations who received regularly ABH of F news releases must be expanded to embody the Black media...and all of it. A great measure of the good which accrue to the inductees in the superior recognition the Black media will give, particularly to inductees of color. We at the ARGUS have been able to circumvent the ABH of F's practice of exclusion by teaming with the noted Black baseball historian, **NORMAL [TWEED] WEBB** to run features on the Black inductees routinely. shortly when their inclusion is announced.

Just thought that I would acquaint you with the fact that there exists an ABH of F in our midst and reveal some of its most disturbing practices... not that I hold any confidence that any sweeping metamorphosis is going to occur. But it ought to.

April 11, 1977

JOHN WILLIAM BROWN
He passed



Black players inducted since Tweed have been **JOHN W. BROWN** (1975); **FRANK [TEANIE] EDWARD**, 1976; **HERBERT [DOC] BRACKENS**, 1977; **JOHN W. GREEN**, 1978; **ELIJAH [LITTLE] CHIS** CHISM, 1979; **JOHN LEE HUNDLEY**, 1980 and **JESSE ASKEW**, 1981. Umpire **CHARLES [ZOMPI] ZOMPHER** posthumously enshrined in 1976.

Contributors who have followed Mathews into enshrinement are the other half of the Mathews-Dickey Boys team, **HUBERT [DICKEY] BALLENTINE**, 1977; Police Capt. **THOMAS E. [TOM] BROOKS**, 1979; **WILLIAM BOSWELL**, 1980 and **JAMES M. WHITE-SIDE** (an umpire), 1981.

Two conclusions rush to the front. They are inescapable. At the snails pace in which Blacks are being included strongly suggest some asinine quota system or the other (never have more than two ever been inducted at a time). What a wonderful thing it would be if as many of the hundreds of deserving Black individuals could enjoy this designation while living, but actuary tables conflict with the defactor quota system. Maybe ability and not race ought to govern the annual number of Black/whites. If the Board of Directors must remain all-white (or it handpicked 'safe' Black(s) are to be added) why not a special Committee to ferret out deserving Blacks (but not if the ABH of F is going to cling to the one player, one contributor, per year garbage)?

Its practice is to annually induct large group of ex-amateur ball players (seldom less than ten, often many more) and a goodly number of contributors (an average of four) and an umpire or two. A cursory count reveals that 154 such individuals have been enshrined thus far. Fourteen of them are Black.

Frankly, that strikes me as ludicrous. I would think that the decades of Negro baseball alone..the Tandy Leagues, the old Compton Park would certainly qualify substantially more. Not only that but the amateur diamonds never stopped cranking out deserving Blacks organized baseball finally lowered its racial discrimination, segregation bars. In fact it still does. This area has produced major and minor league players in greater numbers than fourteen. Almost that many are presented there now. Boatloads of talent remains ABH of F untapped.

I am compiling a list of things to discuss with acknowledged baseball folks, particularly yester-era.. particularly the likes of George C. Davis Sr. over in Kirkwood, when we get together. You can bet this will be one of them. Owe him a visit anyway.

The Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame (ABH of F) made **NORMAL C. [TWEED] WEBB** the first Black player to be its inductee back in 1974. That same class housed the first Black contributor, **MARTIN L. MATHEWS**, co-founder of the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club.



SPORTS DESK

BY MORRIS HENDERSON
— ARGUS Sports Editor —

AMATEUR BASEBALL HALL OF FAME TRAVESTI

There exists an Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame our midst. It has been flourishing since 1974. Enshrinees are listed and displayed prominently in excellent Sports Hall of Fame. That is located in bowels of Busch Memorial Stadium--home of baseball and football Cardinals.

The affairs of the Hall (Amateur Baseball that is), which made its initial splash upon the local scene back in 1974 I believe, are administered by a Board of Directors which has recently changed administration. The Board is totally devoid of any Black representation, a situation that has been a hallmark of its existence! The belief here is that at least most of the objectionable practices can be traced directly to the solitary factor.

JOHN BROWN TANDY LEAGUE'S FINEST PLAYER... TWEED

NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB

NOTED BLACK BASEBALL HISTORIAN — SERVED 44 YEARS IN THE TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE AS A PLAYER, MANAGER, SECRETARY, OFFICIAL SCORER, VICE PRESIDENT AND ANNOUNCER — SINCE 1922.
LONG TIME ST. LOUIS ARGUS AND ST. LOUIS AMERICAN BASEBALL REPORTER AND PLAYED ON SUCH TEAMS
FORT WAYNE PIRATES, TWEED'S BLACK SOX, ST. LOUIS BLACK SOX, BROOMER TAILORS, CLEVELAND STARS
AND ST. LOUIS PULLMANS — (CHAMPIONS) — 1926 — 1928 — 1929 — 1930 — 1931. ORGANIZED HARPER POTTER ROOFERS
BORN AUG. 19, 1905

NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB
NOTED BLACK BASEBALL HISTORIAN
4574 ENRIGHT AVE. 367-6304
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108

* SPECIAL AWARDS *

Tweed, is the source most area sportswriters seek out when knotty black baseball informational problems erupt. He points with pride to the fact that he was the eyewitness reporter for a period spanning some sixty years.

FOR A LIFE TIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN BASEBALL!

- 1926 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD — FORT WAYNE PIRATES OF INDIANA — (ROY TYLER, MGR.)
• PLAYED SHORTSTOP FOR THE NEGRO SEMIPRO BASEBALL CHAMPIONS OF INDIANA.
- 1959 TANDY ATHLETIC ASS'N AWARD — TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS — (JOHN V BUCKNER EXECUTIVE SECY.)
• FOR DEDICATED SERVICE — 1922 — 1959 — BETTER KNOWN AS MR. TANDY LEAGUE!
- 1963 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD — NATIONAL UMPIRES ASS'N. — (CHAS ZUMPHIER — PRES. & ORGANIZER)
• FOR YEARS OF LOYAL AND CONSCIENTIOUS SERVICE AS OFFICIAL SCORER — 1934 — 1963.
- 1964 TANDY A.A. SERVICE AWARD — TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS (LEVERT RANSOM PRES. CAPT. TOM BROUS COMMISSIONER)
• FOR 40 YEARS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE GROWTH AND POPULARITY OF LEAGUE.
- 1964 "CITIZEN OF THE WEEK" — RADIO STATION KATZ
• FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION MADE TO MAKE ST. LOUIS A BETTER CITY. (PRESENTED BY DOUG EASLE)
- 1967 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD — MATHEWS-DICKEY BOY'S CLUB (MARTIN MATHEWS & HUBERT BALLENTINE CO-FOUNDERS)
• FOR PUBLIC RELATION SERVICE RENDERED THE BOYS CLUB — 1961 — 1967.

DATA ON PHIL BROWN

Compiled and Edited

BY "Normal" Tweed Webb

PHIL BROWN was a fine gentleman and a friend to many of us who participated in and followed the local sandlot scene. However, he had only a brief career in the Tandy Baseball League.

He displayed class as a relief hurler in three seasons. His southpaw slant, included a sharp breaking curveball that sinks.

In 1940 Brown played with the champion Harper pool roofers and in 1941 the roofers finished second. In 1942 he pitched for Emerson Electric. He played in other sandlot leagues around St. Louis area.

BROWN'S RECORD at Tandy B.L.

JUNE 25

(IN 3 YEARS)
IN RELIEF WON 6 GAMES...

LOST 4 — ERA 4.12

LINE GAME	ROOFERS
H. Johns	3b
Silas	2b
N. Johns	1b
Bowdry	3b
Bolar	3b
Neal	3b
Conrad	3b
Williams	3b
Totals	32 11 11
	Brewster
	F. Smith
	P. Brown
	Q. S.
	Totals
INNINGS	1 2 3 4 5
Roofers	1 0 1 0
Elks	2 1 1 0 0

• PHIL BROWN

A TRIBUTE TO MORRIS HENDERSON FROM YOUNG WHITE SPORTS WRITER.

The Redbird Chirps
297 Bellington Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

MORRIS HENDERSON DIED

by Steven Jablon

On Saturday, May 8th, the Sports Editor of the ST. LOUIS ARGUS, Morris Henderson passed away. He suffered a heart attack just over three weeks ago and was found in a coma. He was rushed to a hospital where he stayed for those three weeks.

Before becoming Sports Editor of the ARGUS he fulfilled the same job with the ST. LOUIS AMERICAN. As well as being active with sports he was active with his church, local help center, and other charitable organizations. He also was heard regularly on KMOX RADIO's "Sports Open Line".

His long time friend and colleague Normal "Tweed" Webb described Morris as "A real nice guy." KMOX RADIO Sportscaster Bill Hazen described him as, "A man who was interested in all sports."

We at THE REDBIRD CHIRPS send our condolences to Morris' family and friends. As the saying goes: May God find him safe at home.

Morris Henderson, dead at age 55. God bless him.

Amen

"RUBE" FOSTER NEXT YEAR?

ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

by Morris Henderson
JAN. 8 1976

Cooperstown's (New York) Special Committee on players in the long defunct Negro Leagues has tapped six athletes for enshrinement since Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn gave birth to the idea. An announcement is expected in the near future of their choices for this year. From some indications, the honor will accrue to Oscar Charleston and perhaps Rube Foster. At least that is the appraisal of the noted baseball historian, 70-year-old Normal (Tweed) Webb.

"In five years they have only named six from the list of many great players," says the man who reputedly saw them all.

He is firm in his oft-stated assertion that Rube Foster should have been number one and, his own all-star team from the old Negro Leagues omits two of the six: Monte Irvin and Judy Johnson. Leroy (Satchel) Paige, Josh Gibson, James (Cool Papa) Bell and Buck Leonard have berths.

"Charleston, in the roaring twenties, was billed as the greatest Negro baseball player in the world. What a ballplayer"! Tweed reminisces. "Thank God I am a living witness of the old-time black players," he adds.

The greatest center-field of all-time, regardless of race, was Willie Mays, in Webb's estimation. Charleston ranks next to him. Then follows, not necessarily in order, Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Tris Speaker, Mickey Mantle and Cool Papa. "Obviously some of the Committee members do not know their black baseball history," Tweed allows.

He remembers Charleston quite vividly. He saw him make his debut in 1915 with the famous Indianapolis ABC's against the old St. Louis Giants.

"Kids like Chas 'Zomp' Zomphier, Teannie Edwards, Red DeBerry, William 'Ducky' Boswell and Glen Dixon used to hangout at the Giants park over on North Broadway.. if you were lucky enough to a get a ball hit over the fence you could get in or you could mark score..serve as bat boy...or some times slip in," he laughed. Tweed while a twelve-year-old, served as bat boy for the Rube Foster 'Giants.

OSCAR CHARLESTON



The ABC's had such stars as Jimmie Lyons (fastest man in baseball at the time), second baseman Bingo DeMoss; first baseman Ben Taylor and Dutch Johnson who could played anywhere on the diamond.

There are other deserving athletes awaiting enshrinement, Webb insists. Among them he names Bizz Mackey (the greatest catcher ever); Smokey Joe Williams (the fastest pitcher ever) Willie Wells, Taylor, Bullet Rogan and John Donaldson.

Charleston was born in 1896, in Indianapolis and died in October, 1954 in Philadelphia. He batted and threw lefthanded and sported a lifetime batting average, Tweed estimates of .360.

"He was build like Babe Ruth through the chest.. a fast base runner who could beat you so many ways. He hit many doubles and over 30 homeruns per season in his prime."

Rube Foster's Chicago American Giants, Tweed says, of 1911-1922 were the "greatest team I ever saw". Charleston played with the team in 1919 and 1920 and hit a total of 70 homeruns in that span.

Charleston's top years at the plate were in 1925 with the Harrisburg Giants (.430) and 1933 with the Pittsburgh Crawfords (.450), Tweed's records shows.

Who knows...1976 could be the year that Oscar Charleston & Rube Foster.. either or both.. ascend to baseball immortality. The vibes would seem to indicate it.

OSCAR CHARLESTON
BECAME THE 137th
MEMBER OF THE...
NATIONAL BASEBALL
HALL OF FAME and
MUSEUM
Cooperstown, N. Y. 13326

Dick
Oct 24
1954

Amateur Baseball Hall Program Finalized

Details of the second annual induction program of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame have been announced by Don I. Gabbert, Chairman. The dinner, which will be held March 20th at the Red Carpet Inn, will be headed a variety of prominent sport figures.

Bob Burnes, Executive Sports Editor of the St. Louis Globe Democrat and a KMOX radio personality, will emcee

track when he injured his knee in rookie camp and was severely hampered during the regular training camp. He managed to get into only 10 regular season games, sitting out a number of others, before he was waived in November. It was a crushing blow.

"I was talking to myself, losing confidence and getting more discouraged every day," he said of his disappointing time on the bench and his departure from the team. "I felt the chief reason for my performance was the knee, but I also thought I would be able to come back."

"I went back to Connecticut and saw my friends and my college coach, Don Rowe. They helped me and talked to me, keeping up my confidence. Instead of thinking about being waived 1,000 times a day, I only thought about it 100 times each day."

Jimmy stayed in shape by running, and when the opportunity presented itself, he was ready.

"Yes, it surprised me to be back so soon," he says, "but the coaches always knew I had talent, so I just kept hustling for that second chance. My job is to keep the team running, and I wasn't doing that before. Maybe it was the knee, but it's okay now."

Foster returned to the bench for the first few games of his return, and then got his chance on Jan. 30 off the bench. By Feb. 5, he was starting against Kentucky. That was four games ago. As a starter he has piled up 29 assists, including a single game career high of 14, and done his job of moving the ballclub.

the affair along with Greg Marecek, Sports Editor of the Suburban Journals and popular St. Louis U Hockey broadcaster who will serve as toastmaster.

Former Cardinal greats Ray Blades and Mickey Owens will also participate. Blades managed the Redbirds in 1939-1940, after a ten year playing stint with them. Owen was the catcher during the fabulous gas house gange era. He is the guest speaker for the affair.

France Laux, dean of sport announcers who regaled the crowd with stories of the past last year, returns to do the same thing this year.

The inductees are Hap Currier, Bill McKenna, Joe Brady, Bill Koewing, Virg Siemer, John W. Brown, Roy Netzehand, George Dickerber, Harry Donovan, Skinny Gromacki, Leroy Hankins, Russ Waterson and, posthumously, Tom McConnell, Louis J. Boggiano, Jr., and Edward Morgenthaler.

Normal (Tweed) Webb, noted Black baseball historian who was inducted into the Hall last year, provided some information on Brown, who will be third black member inducted into the Hall.

A standout as a second baseman, shortstopper in the Tandy Baseball League, Brown is hailed as perhaps the best all-around player in that circuit's history. He played for championship teams: the Broomer Tailors (1924-25); The Pullman's '1926-34-' and Scullin Steel (1935-46) . . . a total of twelve championships!

Brown's career was launched in 1922 with the St. Louis Black Sox. "There is no doubt about it, I rate him the greatest I ever saw in amateur baseball circles," staunch supporter Tweed says.

Brown had a lifetime batting average of .340 at Tandy. In 1931 he hit .500 to pace the Pullman's to the semi-pro state title (for Negroes).

Brown was "a marvel at covering ground either to the left or the right, whether going backward or forward. . . and he possessed a remark-



Larry Whisenton

2nd round draft choice

**by Normal (Tweed) Webb
Black Baseball Historian**

As 1975 looms...and we have a few days left, let's, as usual, examine 1975 for highlights of the greater St. Louis baseball season.

It was one in which such local stars as Tom Healy, Grayling Tobias, Larry Whisenton and Ronnie Walker attracted attention of the scouts.

Tobias posted a .66 batting average in the greater St. Louis baseball tournament. He is a freshman starter on UMSL's basketball team and an accomplished baseball player. Displaying great sportsmanship we rate him as the top baseball player of the year!

Ted Simmons, Cardinal catcher was the main speaker and Big Red's running back, Terry Metcalf was a guest at the 14th Annual Mathews-Dickey Boys Club Awards Dinner held on February 21st. KMOX's Jack Buck was the Master of Ceremonies. More than 200 trophies were presented to outstanding teams, athletes, coaches. The Friendship Charity Club of women presented the Boys Club with a \$1,000 check.

Old Pro's Unlimited of Chicago honored James (Cool Papa) Bell and the writer at their first annual sport man's celebration on June 28 before 1,000 persons in the windy city. Cool Papa received a standing ovation.

Bobby DeLoach turned in the history making performance. The 9 year old E. St. Louis Khoury League pitcher hurled a perfect game. He fanned all fifteen batters he faced. There were only two fouls hit off the young hurler. The Stars won the battle against Caseyville, 21-0.

Ronnie Walker, brilliant first sacker for Europa in the American Legion Baseball circuit.. a prep standout in three sports at DeAndreis High, hit .460 overall last season for the purple and white.

Brooklyn Robins captured the Tandy Baseball League title again. On September 21, Mark Knust struck out 16 and allowed 4 hits in the first game to help Liberty down the Robins, 7-2. Brooklyn roared back to win the

playoff series.

Larry Whisenton and Bob Healy shared the PHL Baseball Player of the Year award as selected by the sports editor of this Newspaper. The Central High outfielder-pitcher was selected in the draft by Atlanta. Roosevelt's Healy was taken by the Dodgers. Whisenton batted .449, specializing in extra base blows to lead Central to a second place PHL finish. Healy was one of the best pitchers the league has ever produced.

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, Benjamin Goins and Grayling Tobias were honored at the Cool Papa Bell Baseball League's first annual dinner, dance November 21. Bill Wilkerson, KMOX, was the emcee.

Death came to three stars: Ed Fogarty and Carl F. Baum, both Charter members of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors. Rock Wilson of the Pullman nine. James Davis, a rabid fan, died Feb. 8th.

Major Tom Brooks Baseball League winners were the Mathews - Dickey Pirates. Manager William Colby and catcher Ernest Lester, both stated that some of their stars will move up to the Bell League in 1976.

James (Cool Papa) Bell Baseball League championship was won by the Mathews - Dickey Knights. The Dodgers finished second. Marion Tillard is the Commissioner.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority paid tribute to Cool Papa and the writer at their annual George Washington Carver Luncheon held at Stouffers on January 4th.

Darryl Carter's, United Fund Poster Boy (age 11) lack of his right arm was no handicap. He made the Atom League All-Star Team and was chosen "Boy of the Year" in the Mathews - Dickey Boys Club.

John Brown and fourteen other persons were inducted into the 1974 Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame on March 20th. PHL championship, finishing 8-1. Sumner was second with 6-3; Central and Roosevelt tied for third with 5-4 marks.

Quite a year. For the black baseball records send self addressed, stamped envelope to me at 4574 Enright Ave., St. Louis 63108.

Redbirds Hike Prices

The Cardinals announced recently that prices for box seats will be increased 50 cents for 1976 while reserved seats, general admission and bleacher tickets will remain at the same level as 1975. The increase will put the cost of box seats at \$5.00.

Prices for 23,000 reserved seats (#3.50), 8,000 general admission (\$2.00) and 4,000 bleacher tickets (\$1.50) will remain the same.

Box seat season ticket

MAY 19, 1974,
"HOUR OF SORROW"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD — I SHALL NOT WANT.

In behalf of the Tandy Baseball League
and Old Time Negro Baseball players
association, we wish to express our
heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved
family of the late MR. HENRY GILKEY

In paying tribute and respect to the
memory of one who had PASTIME among
us, we have lost a good member,
former player, friend and fine person!
May we leave this little verse with
the family? —

"IF WE CAN STOP ONE HEART FROM BREAKING, WE
SHALL NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN. IF WE CAN EASE
ONE LIFE THE ACHING, OR COOL ONE PAIN, OR
HELP ONE FAINTING ROBIN INTO HIS NEST AGAIN,
WE SHALL NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN."

MAY GOD BLESS THIS FAMILY!!!

ORAN WILLIAMS — PRES.
NORMAL "TWEED" WEISB —
BLACK BASEBALL HISTORIAN

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MARCH 7, 1977

THE HOUR OF SORROW...

"WHEN THE GREAT SCORER COMES TO MARK
AGAINST YOUR NAME" HE'LL WRITE NOT "WON
AND LOST" BUT HOW YOU PLAYED THE GAME"

TO THE FAMILY OF BEREAVED!!!

In the behalf of the Amateur Baseball
Hall of Fame, TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE,
COOL PAPA^{Bell} LEAGUE, TOM BROOKS LEAGUE, MATTHEWS-
DICKEY Boys Club, NATIONAL BASEBALL Hall
of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, OLD
pros unlimited club of Chicago, ILL.
old time Ball players of Wisconsin,
old time negro baseball players of
St. Louis, Horner Boys Club, former
players of the old Rube Foster League
and Baseball fans throughout
the greater St. Louis area, wish
to express our heart felt sympathy
to the bereaved family of Mr.
FRANK (EDWARDS), whom we
affectionately called "TERRANCE"
as a grateful salute to a fine clubber
gentleman, a ^{former} player, Manager, Coach,
organizer and sponsor of many teams.
May God Bless him!

the paying tribute and respect
to the memory of one who had
helped shape the character of
many youngsters since 1916,
Baseball lost one of its most
colorful, dedicated and outstanding
baseball men in the country!
and this reporter, who had
the privilege of playing baseball
against Teannie in grade
school days goes back 62 years
He always took a deep interest
in what he did. His teams were
everything to him. Yes, He'll
be remembered as the man
who spent a lot of his hard money,
time on sandlot and semi-pro
baseball.

Teannie's baseball career began
like most boys in grade school
from there to such teams during
his 48 years in baseball,
St. Louis Hawks, Blue Sox, St. Louis
Brewers, Kinloch minors and
a few more.

a test of his greatness as a manager. He voted into the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame last year. He won 10 pennants in 14 years: 9 with the BRAVES and 1 with Scullin Steel Mills in 1953 during his truly hotbed career record. Some of his former players went on to the major league including Elston Howard of the New York Yankees, Bigube Coste of the Cleveland Indians, Sam Geibrone of the Boston Braves, also Al Smith and Quincy Troyer.

Some of the other outstanding players who on league teams were. The great Doc Brackee, Fred Robert, Leroy Moore, John Moore, Al Ely, Ely Chasin, John Chasin, Toll Ramsey, Jessie Ashen, Palmer Hubbard, Charles Williams and many more. Allen Dixon, H.B. Damp, Chas Tomphie, John Brewer, ODDIE Davis: played most teams with the 1st team.

name most certainly won't
be forgotten by any one he met
during his short 73 years on this
earth - Thank God I am a
living eye witness to the
Frank (Tranmer) Edwards story

May we leave this little verse
with the family - from the
amateur Bascomb Hall-of-Fame.

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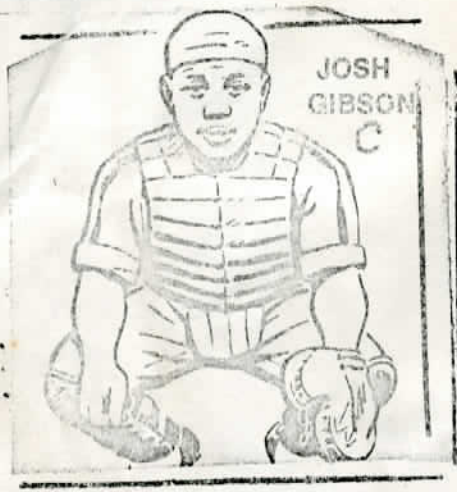
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Don Gatter
Chairman, Board of Directors

Normal Tweed with
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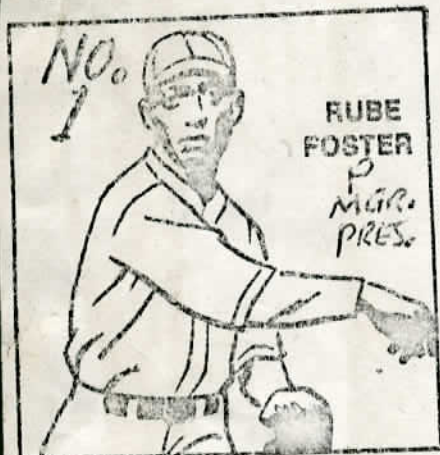
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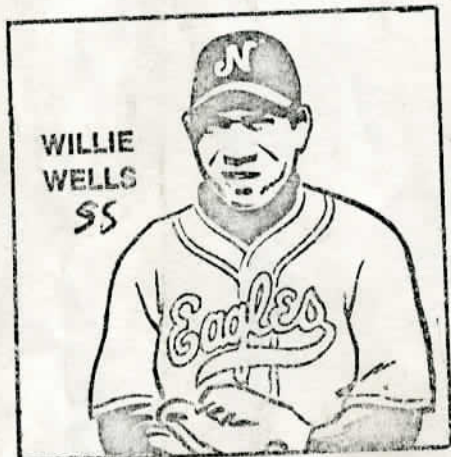
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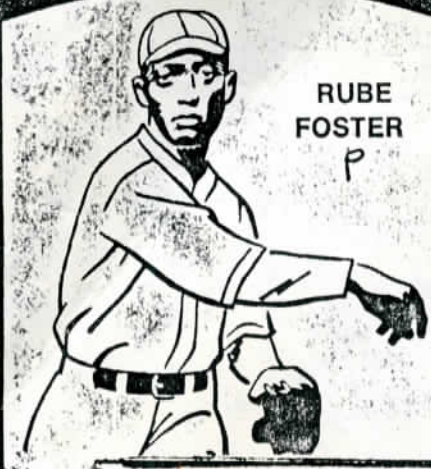
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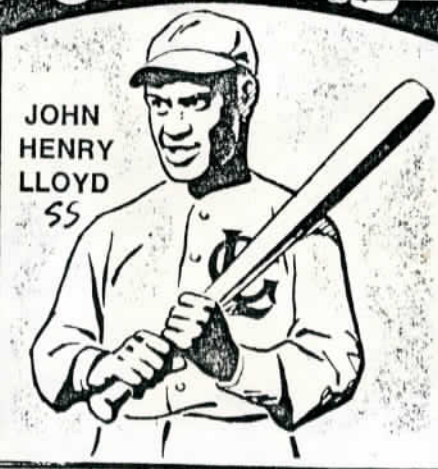
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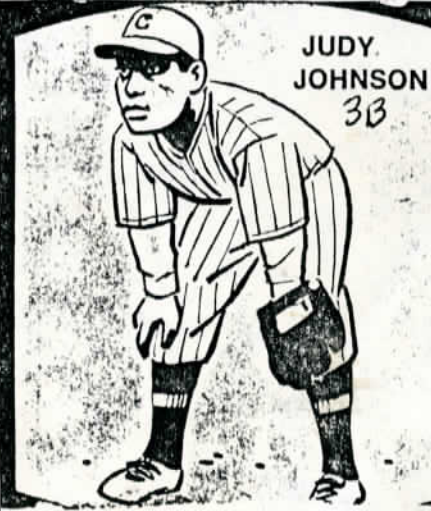


Normal "Tweed" Webb, long time St. Louis Argus Baseball Reporter and Scout, who campaigned for the admission of Blacks into the major leagues before the "Jackie Robinson Days" and whose effort led to James "Cool Papa" Bell's election to the Hall Of Fame.

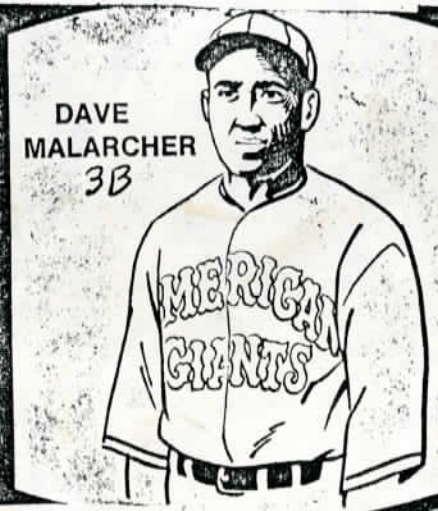


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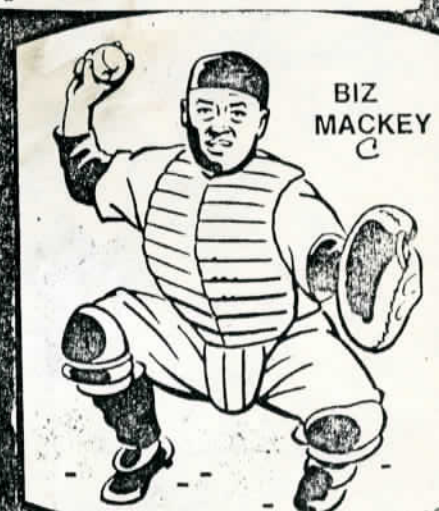
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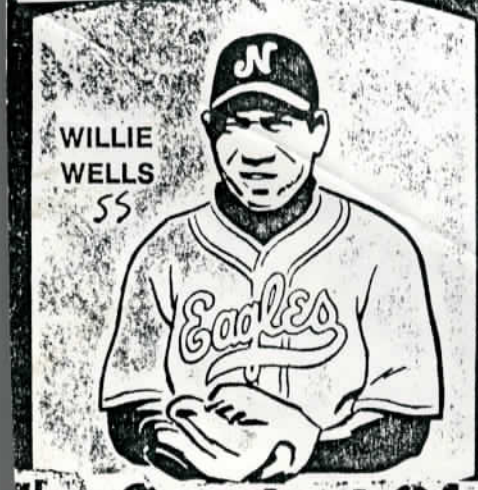
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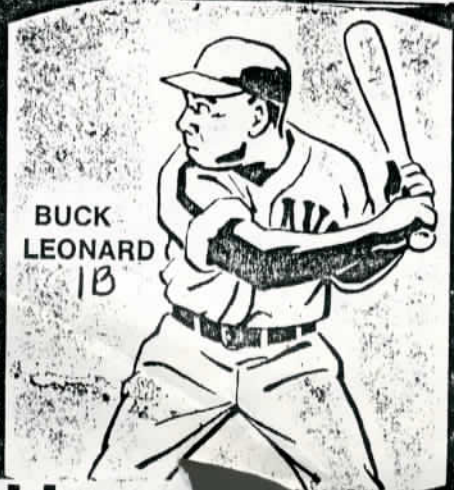
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Recognition Overdue *FOR* Black Baseball Stars

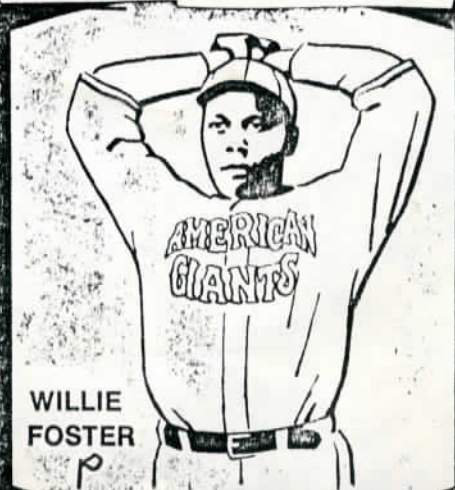
Who Were Born Too Soon.



WILLIE WELLS
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The Greatest Of Oldtime Negro Ballplayers

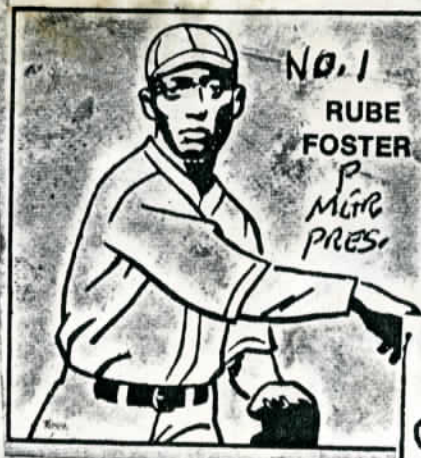


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THE CALLS POURED IN: Our September feature on black baseball historian, Tweed Webb, heading for baseball's Hall of Fame, had us deluged with mail and phone calls, many from around the country. Here is a pic of 'Tweed' as the 19-year-old slick-fielding Tandy League Champion 'Broomer Tailors' team.

Tweed Belongs In Baseball's Hall Of Fame

More than anyone else in America it was Normal 'Tweed' Webb who recorded and told the story of the stars of Negro baseball, before Jackie Robinson and integration. He belongs in Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, along with other St. Louis media greats: Bob Burnes, Bob Broeg, Jack Buck, Harry Carey.

Failure to Touch Base Costs Omaha Two Runs and the Game

OMAHA, Nebr., Sept. 12 (AP)—Omaha and Louisville will have to battle at least two more games while Minneapolis marks time in the American Association play-offs.

The Louisville Colonels profited by an Omaha base running error and trimmed the Cardinals, 3-2, yesterday, squaring their best-of-seven series at 2-2. Minneapolis closed out the other semifinal at 4-0 by tripping Denver, 9-8, in 13 innings, the night before.

As a result, the Millers gained a badly needed rest for their mound staff before the play-offs final round, which qualifies the winner to meet the International League titlist in the little world series.

Omaha's Jim Pearce and Louisville's Jerry Casale both pitched six-hitters but the failure of Pearce to touch third base cost the Cardinals two runs in the seventh inning, when the score was tied at 2-2. Umpire Einar Sorenson ruled that both the tally by Pearce and one by Wally Lammers behind him were nullified.

Cards Manager Johnny Keap protested the decision hotly and was thumbed out of the park.

The Colonels then used Buddin's single, Bob Broom's sacrifice, a wild pitch by Pearce and Dick Gernert's sacrifice fly to score the winning run in the eighth.

Charley Peete's homer, the only extra base blow of the evening, accounted for both Omaha runs in the fourth frame.

just one victory away from the finals of the International League play-offs today after beating the Cuban Sugar Kings for the third time in four games.

The Leafs won the fourth of the play-off games yesterday when Mike Goliat homered in the tenth inning for a 2-1 triumph. The Montreal-Rochester series, in which the Red Wings lead, 2-1, was rained out at Rochester.

HAVANA, Sept. 12 (AP)—
The Toronto Maple Leafs were

Bill Berry, Softball Phenom

Playing Manager at 56 Star Hurler and Hitter

By HERM ROGUL

Bill Berry is batting .444 and has a 2-0 pitching record as playing-manager of the Water Department team in the Municipal Employees Softball League. Not bad for a 56-year-old.

His favorite roofer and critic is ten-year-old grandson James Mincey.

"I hear him yelling for me," Bill said, "and he razzes if I don't get a hit. He's pretty sharp. He gives me quizzes from his baseball cards and he's already figured that he's going to be a catcher because catchers have the easiest chance of getting to the major leagues."

Berry didn't have any such chance.

"I was a bit too old when baseball integrated," Bill explained. "In 1936, I left a team in St. Louis that included Luke Easter and Sam Jethroe and came here to play for the Philadelphia Stars.

Won Title Last Year

"I came for five months and I've stayed 31 years. I played one season for the Stars, then got a steady job as a redcap at the Pennsy. I made more money playing freelance, with teams that needed an extra man, than I made under contract."

Berry has had seven promotions since he passed city tests eight years ago and chose the water department as offering the best chance for advancement. He now operates a blower (at 80th and Penrose) that generates air for the sewage division.

The Water team has clerks, surveyors, filter and purification men from all over the city.

"We won the title last year with an 18-3 record," Berry said,

"and we're 4-1 this season. Jake Lowman, Rickie Crossman, Morris Williams and Jim Roberts are our main hitters and John Watkins is a fine pitcher.

"I don't want to play, but we always have men missing because of our alternating shifts at work.

"Some fellows kid me and call me Old Man River, but they're surprised I can slide the way I do (Bill stole two bases one game). I was taught to play hard and I believe that if you like something you have to do your best."

Coached 10-year-old Wilt

Berry is better known for coaching the Philadelphia Colts basketball team.

"We won the Memorial Hall League title this year," he said, "and we should have won the Ed Delaney League playoffs. We led MBS by six points with four minutes to go, but a few men got point-crazy instead of freezing the ball.

"I started out with a team of 10-year-olds. Wilt Chamberlain, Chuck Scott and Eli Cosby were among the kids who played for me. One year, I took the leftovers from teams of various denominations in a church league. We called ourselves All Faiths and we won the title.

"I've never had a kid on one of my teams go bad. Thirteen are on the police force, six are teachers, two doctors and two lawyers. Some boys who had no intentions of college, I sent them South to go to school and play ball, and they came back here to work for masters' degrees."

Bill's two daughters are public school teachers, and he has four grandchildren.

"I never had a son," Berry re-

flected, "but I've always had boys at my home (2231 Dickinson st.). And I get letters from all over the world from my 'sons.' Harold Bennett just got back from Vietnam. He came right over and picked up a trophy I'd been saving for him for two years."

Berry: "I can still shoot fouls better than anyone on my team. In my day, they wouldn't let you play if you couldn't shoot fouls. . . . Wilt was pretty gawky as a 10-year-old, but he didn't give me any trouble. We arranged some 50 cent games and he said he wanted \$20 to play. I told him 'Go over there and sit down.' I kid him about that now" . . .
PGH, Streets, Planning and Prothonotary are Water's chief softball rivals. . . . Berry played for the Black Meteors, "one of the best baseball teams around in those days."



Those incredible hustling Braves are on the very threshold this week of the promised land, as they are fighting for a clincher which would assure them of at least a tie in the Tandy league.

If they make the grade it will be their fourth pennant since 1951.

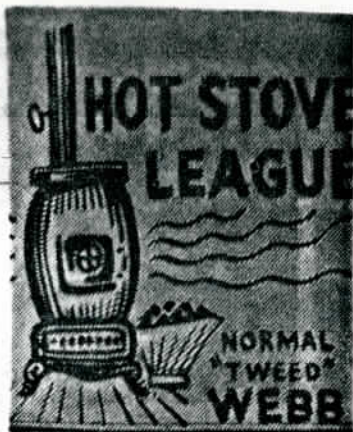
Other Ville ball yard teams have long ball hitters and bushels of base hits and a loose ball on the field but the Braves continued to do it with mirrors mostly each Sunday. How long manager Teannie Edwards light hitting wonders can keep it up is another matter but mean while the Braves push on by outsmarting their rivals, still hugging a spot on top of the league by two games.

If spirit, eagerness and hard work will do the trick, Teannie will have another championship ball club. Describing the squad after watching them each Sunday, the hitting that impresses me most is the way so many of these kids have matured in the last two years. Not long ago they were raw, green, jittery youngsters, now they have poise and assurance so far as sandlot ball goes.

Edwards scoffed at reports that his squad lacked power. "You don't need power with the kids and speed we have." The Braves skipper asserted. "These kids stretch singles into doubles and doubles into triples with their feet."

The pitching and hitting of Gilford Gleghorn, plus the key blows from hitters like Harold Thompson, James Walls and Palmer Hubbard have stood out all season. The infield has been the best in the league including first sacker Palmer Hubbard, second baseman Sonny Gaston, third baseman Johnnie Moore and shortstop Wilbert Mosby with his shot gun arm.

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GOOD PITCHERS, the kind baseball managers refer to as team strong points, do not turn up so often in the TANDY LEAGUE. When swift, right-hander JOHN GIBBEAR'S 20 strikeout performance this past season set a modern league record, fans began bugging about other hurlers down through the years. EDDIE WALL, who fanned 21 for the old Broomer Tallors in 1923, held the record. Later, LEFTY IRVING VINCENT and "DOC" BRACKEN sat down 18 batters.

During the 1961 season, DENNIS BALLARD, GIL GLEGHORN and HARRY CRENSHAW, whose relative ability along with Gibbear's in the pitching around the old Ville ballyard, has long been debated, all turned in many strikeouts per game; but the real hurling didn't arrive until after many games had been started.

Why do I say that? Well—

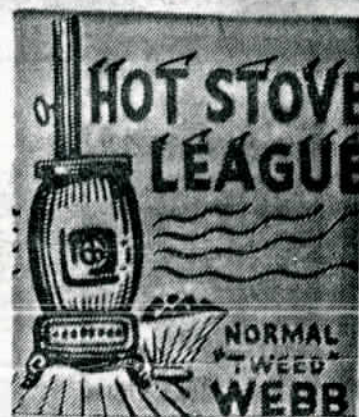
Cuban JULIO CESAR IMBERT, the St. Louis Cardinals' batting practice pitcher, who usually arrives late at Tandy Park each Sunday from Busch Stadium, proved himself to be one of the most efficient relief hurlers in years.

The classy southpaw, sometimes tired from throwing toss-up balls to such hitters as Stan Musial, Bill White and Curt Flood, averages from 12 to 14 strikeouts for about four innings of relief work with the last place Indians—who finished with a 2-18 record.

Probably the stunt with the greatest showmanship was done in the final Sunday game, while pitching against the unbeaten and champions—Braves. Imbert came in the third inning and gave up a homerun to WILBERT MOSBY, then fanned 12 batters in his four innings of relief.

Tandy's best hitting pitcher, has had an impressive hand with a light hitting team with a .667 average—12 hits in 18 trips and 8 runs batted in.

Like many youngsters, Julio's big ambition is to play in the big leagues. His favorite teams are the Cardinals, Dodgers and the Giants, in the order named. Next season he will be in the Cardinal's farm system.



A total of seven players from the Metropolitan League were named to the St. Louis Argus 1961 Muny All-Starr baseball team as released by this writer.

The champion Brooklyn Robins named were catcher Rod Johnson, first baseman Rich Taylor and left fielder John Nicholson.

Other metro-loop players selected were pitcher Jerry Brooks of Lebanon; Thomas Halton of the Monarchs; pitcher Ed Tolliver and third-sacker James Blayloch, of the Dodgers.

From the Tandy circuit came shortstop Johnnie Moore, pitcher Dennis Ballard, second-sacker Wilbert Mosby and centerfielder Chas. Williams of the champion Braves, and strike-out artist southpaw Julius Cesar Imbert of the Indians.

Shortstop Johnnie Moore was named as the Most Valuable Player of the Tandy league. He was the offensive stand-out and led in four categories—hit 538, scored 3 runs, batted in 25 runs and knocked out 12 doubles. Moore's totals were major factors in the Braves' 17-0 record.

Jerry Brooks, star pitcher with the Lebanon Nine, was selected as the most valuable player of the metro league and was one of the bright spots in the lowly Red Sox line-up.

The rangy righthander drew the attention of the scouts of various pro teams with his pitching talents.

After Hot Stove League fans have looked over these selections, they will be debating all winter about our team. All players' records have been checked and double-checked for weeks.

None of the members of the All-Star team will receive any prize other than the honor of being named to the team.

For local baseball news, write to 4574 Enright, or call FO. 7-6304, Normal "Tweed" Webb.

BASKETBALL
BASEBALL

SPORTS OF

CLIFTON REAL

MAROON AND GREY GRIDDERS WIN FROM PASSAIC'S ELEVEN IN BIG SKIRMISH DOTTED WITH THRILLS

Visitors Resort to Unsportsmanlike Tastics as Locals Gain Two Touchdowns in First Period—Five Clifton Men Injured in Game—Argauer Plays Wonderful Game—Record Crowd on Hand.

PUZIO SUSTAINS DISLOCATED ELBOW

It's a long time to wait—three years—a long time to wait for a triumph. But when it came to a battling Clifton eleven at Doherty's Oval last Saturday the sweets of victory made the Maroon and Grey, forget the long years of waiting. For, Saturday, Passaic was forced to bow to the superior power and more advanced development of the local combination. The score was 12-7.

More than five thousand football enthusiasts, nearly all of whom were wildly supporting Clifton's cause, watcher Clifford Hurlburt's fast and shifty eleven administer defeat to the dearest rival.

The Clifton victory was as decisive as the score, for the team not only had a scoring punch to deliver, but was ever alert on the defense, and in both departments of the play outclassed Ray Puckett's team.

Clifton Outguesses Passaic

Seldom has the ability of one team to get the jump on another been so productive of points, for Passaic was outspiced as well as outplayed and outguessed. Two touchdowns in the first frame were combined to make up the Maroon and Grey total.

In outplaying Passaic, Clifton first showed that it had a powerful as well as versatile attack in which interference from swinging rushers often combined with criss-crosses in the backfield, caught the Red and Blue not only off guard, but also off balance.

The first score was made at the

High School Results

Clifton 12, Passaic 7.
Rutherford 23, Cliffside Park 0.
Hasbrouck 20, Tenafly 6.
Barringer 14, South Side 0.
St. Benedict 0, Peddie 0.
Central 7, Battin 0.
Lakewood 18, South Orange 0.
Blaid 19, Montclair Acad. 14.
Atlantic City 6, Trenton 3.
Chattle 13, Red Bank 0.
Andover 7, Lawrenceville 0.
Pingry 13, Newnan 0.
Hackensack 7, Ridgewood 6.
Leonia 33, Dumont 0.
Nutley 6, New Brunswick 6.
Neptune 61, South Amboy 0.
Ashbury Park 32, Montclair H. S. 7.
Rahway 24, Perth Amboy 0.
Summit 26, Roselle Park 0.
Cooper Union 7, Seton Hall Res. 0.
Rutgers Prep, 26, Bordentown Mil. 0.
Morriston School 20, Morristown H. S. 6.
Perkiomen 10, Pennington 0.
Flemington 19, Freehold 0.
Princeton H. S. 32, Lambertville 0.
Bordentown H. S. 7, Gloucester 0.
Princeton Prep. 18, Rider College 6.
Collingswood 14, Bridgeton 0.
Woodstown 83, Swedesboro 0.
Woodbury 33, Paulsboro 0.
Haddonfield 14, Montgomery 13.
Palmyra 34, Pemberton 0.
Glassboro 20, Vineland 19.

Eligible Players

Player	Pos.
Argauer (Capt.), H.	
Barna, T.	
L. De Lorenzo, G.	
P. De Lorenzo, T.	
De Luca, F. B.	
Finkle, T.	
Plog, G.	
Puzio, H. B.	
Waityke, G.	
Chimenti, Q. B.	
Young, C.	
Nichols, E.	
Mikulick, E.	
McFerran, E.	

Clifton's Record

Clifton, 6; Rutherford, 16.
Clifton, 7; Chattle, 0.
Clifton, 26; Princeton, 0.
Clifton, 25; Alumni, 7.
Clifton, 12; Passaic, 7.
Totals: Clifton, 76; opponents, 30.

WEONAS OPEN SEASON

BY VICTORY OVER THE ARLINGTON BIG FIVE

Jenco and Rondinell Star for Winners, While Stone and Johnson Perform Well for the Vanquished

The Weona basketball quintet opened their season with a victory over the fast Arlington Big Five. The game was played at School No. 10.

Captain Jenco was well pleased with the showing that his boys made and he predicts a successful season on the court. With Bondinell and Jenco at the forward berths, the Weona team has a wonderful combination. These lads work together with a splendid understanding.

Basketball

Semi-Weekends for Football

SEASONS

Coaches have been working material for the boys to do next step out on Clifton. So many new players. Eternities the Peter's Hall candidate is worth of being team. He as yet no Practices a in shooting when the Clifton

OF ALL KINDS

BOWLING
BOXING

BOY FOR PATERSON

Members of High School

No.	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Class
1	20	155	5.7½	Junior
2	15	174	5.11	Junior
3	16	178	5.9	Freshman
4	18	182	5.10	Sophomore
5	18	155	5.10	Senior
6	15	175	5.10	Freshman
7	19	178	5.10	Senior
8	18	130	5.7½	Senior
9	20	170	5.8	Senior
10	20	165	5.10	Junior
11	15	130	5.6	Sophomore
12	18	135	5.10	Senior
13	17	155	5.10	Senior
14	18	140	5.10	Senior

HURLBURT'S LADS PREPARED FOR TOUGH BATTLE AGAINST RED AND BLACK PLAYERS FROM SILK CITY

Clifton Mentor Remedies Mistakes Shown in Passaic-Clifton Encounter—Puzio Will Not Play This Saturday, Making Way for Karp at Right Halfback Position—Norwood Game Drawing Near.

PATERSON CITY FIELD SCENE OF CONFLICT

SPORT FLASHES

By F. W. S.

Clifton advanced another step for the state championship by defeating Passaic last Saturday. If the locals should pull through the rest of the season without a defeat, they will class with the State champions. For with only one defeat chalked up against them, the Maroon and Grey eleven is confident. Rutherford was defeated, so was Clifton, why should there be a discrepancy? In a report by Gus Falzer, the latter stated that the Blue and White cohorts of Coach Watkin's crew still have chances for winning State honors. Coe on Clifton, let's go!

A match, stacking up the Clifton and Ridgefield Park elevens against each other, cannot be arranged despite the efforts on the part of the local authorities. Ridgefield Park claims her schedule is completed and cannot put Clifton on it. It would be a good game to witness as both crews would go to fight to the finish. The general opinion is that Clifton would come out a victor if the proposed skirmish would be staged.

Fresh from the victory over Passaic last week the Maroon and Gray clad lads representing Coach Hurlburt's Clifton combination will clash with the team that defeated Passaic three weeks ago, Paterson. The locals have been drilled and tuned up to the best of it and Coach Hurlburt has remedied many mistakes seen at the Clifton-Passaic game. Although Clifton has a team that will always pull through, Hurlburt is not taking any chances and is drilling his men up to the last minute. The locals are ready to administer another defeat to the Red and Black boys from the Silk City and a record crowd is expected at the City Field in Paterson. There will be many who will be sporting Clifton's colors at that game as the loyal rooters follow their team always anxious to add another victory to the long list.

Paterson Defeated T

Paterson has been defeated by the local school for two seasons under the tutelage of Coach Hurlburt. The local came out victors. Again Coach Hurlburt's Cliftonites downed the Red and Black. Now comes the third game that will be played this Saturday. Thus far Paterson has not made an impressive showing as the team has won but one game—that against Passaic. Not discouraged by this fact, the Patersonians are sure to put up a stellar battle; and not encouraged by this fact Clifton will take every precaution against their opponent.

Paterson's Record

Paterson, 0; Barringer, 21.
Paterson, 0; Styvesant, 27.
Paterson, 7; Passaic, 0.
Paterson, 7; N. Y. M. A., 20.
Paterson, 0; Hackensack, 6.
Totals Paterson, 14; opponents, 74.

SHERSHIN BEARS PLAN SUCCESSFUL SEASON ON THE COURTS HEREBOUTS

Only Team to Defeat Strong Maxis Midgets, of Passaic, Holds Practices Under Coach Mike Shershin

Coach "Mike" Shershin will lead out a wonderful combination on the ribbed court this season known as the "Shershin Bears." This quintet has been practicing strenuously for the past few weeks and it is expected that the locals will have a successful season. Last year the Clifton team succeeded in winning thirty-five games without being defeated once. In that list of consecutive victories is marked the defeat of the "Maxis Midgets," a Passaic team. The Maxis Midgets

Basketball Candidates

Warming Up

Weekly Practice Reveal Many Fine Players High School Team Boys Confident

SEASON OPENS SOON

Colleston and Stienmark, have been working hard in looking for fine players for the local High School quintet. It will not be long before the Clifton team in Maroon and Grey suits will be on the ribbed court to fight for the state championship. The weekly practices reveal many fine players who will loom up as fine players very Monday and Friday afternoon. Clifton mentors are at St. Peter's with the boys. Every candidate is working hard and is confident of making the team. For the second year Coach Colleston stated that the Clifton team is being tried for positions, and held just to better the lads in the floor work. Later in the football season is over, the Clifton team will start to fit in men

end of a 50 yard journey, and a steady one straight up to the shadow of the Red and Blue posts and the score coming when Art Argauer romped over to the corner of the field and crossed the white chalk line, thus making a touchdown and establishing Clifton in the lead. Later in the same quarter it was Argauer who brought thousands in the Clifton stands to their feet as he crossed the chalk mark again for the second touchdown.

This is how the game Saturday was won by Clifton, each score coming as the result of the beautifully concerted efforts of the locals, their everlasting stubbornness to play. All day long they got the jump on Passaic's forwards, who did not get a start which in any degree matched that of the offensive team.

All through the game Passaic showed that it is behind its usual schedule. The line did not play as it was accustomed to play in early November. The speed on attack was not as fast as that on the defensive. Often it seemed as if a Red and Blue play was going for a long gain when a Clifton player would slash through an opening and crush the runner with the ball.

There was no question of Clifton's being coached to the minute. Care in November football is such machine play as that shown by Coach Hurlburt's lads. Reports that Hurlburt had his men well grounded on fundamentals were true.

Passaic's greatest weakness was in tackling. Occasionally a Clifton back would shoot through clean or would be able to reach the extreme of a Passaic flank without being left open for a Passaic tackler.

Unsportsmanlike Tactics

Passaic has the credit of putting up a better scrap than a football encounter. Whether they are of that calibre or not, is not known. But during the Clifton game there were more Passaic fists and elbows flying than in any ten championship fights put together. One need just be on the sidelines to verify this statement. Clifton was banged up under the strenuous "clouts" received and could not withstand it. Due to the use of these unfair means, Passaic scored a touchdown in the last period. Some may say, "Why didn't Clifton do the same and give dirt for dirt?" This is a different matter. Clifton is coached to play clean football, and they would not lower themselves to use these methods. "If we can't win clean, we don't want to win at all." So says the Clifton coach and he deserves every bit of credit for what his team showed Saturday. Ever since athletics were started in the local institution the members of the team were has come to pass that Clifton can drilled to fight clean and fair. And it boast of playing clean in all athletic encounters.

Janowski and Rules

"Why don't Janowski learn the rules?" was heard at the Clifton-Passaic game. That's right. Why don't he? Every play where "Mike" Wittpenn gave a decision, the Passaic Captain would get into an argument. At least one player ought to know the rules and that player is the captain. Did Clifton's captain argue over "Mike" Wittpenn's rulings? Clifton secured the best officials in the State that could be obtained. Wittpenn is noted as being the squarest of refer-

Burlington 7, Trenton School for Deaf, 0.
George School 39, Treanton High Reserves 0.
Moorestown 19, Somerville 10.
Newark Academy 7, Stevens 0.
Orange 16, Newton 7.
Irvington 8, Kearny 6.
Westfield 3, Plainfield 2.
Glen Ridge 28, West Orange 7.
Carlton 21, McBurney 0.

ees there ever was. Why should Passaic have kicked so?

Argauer Hero

Captain Arthur Argauer was a mainstay for the Clifton eleven. He was the lad that secured both touchdowns. It was he that gave all he had for his school. It was he that stood in the game after being knocked out three times. His end running had the Passaic team baffled. Chimenti used him as a last resort and when-gauer to perform.

Joe Puzio, Hurlburt's sterling right half-back sustained a dislocation of the right elbow shortly after the opening whistle blew. This lad was ploughing on his way for a touchdown, when from behind, a Passaic tackler spilled him. In his fall he lost the ball and Passaic recovered the ball. Thus Clifton lost out for a touchdown as the ball was on the twelve yard line. Doctors Coen and Hastinger immediately placed the arm back in place. The physicians said that the lad ought to be about in two weeks.

Puzio Injured

Chimenti Worked Hard
"Indian Vine" Chimenti, Clifton's quarterback gave all he was worth in that game. He fought like a demon. Never stopping to consider what play to use. He varied his attack and had Passaic guessing throughout the game. This lad saved Clifton from defeat when after young, Clifton's center, made a bad pass, he recovered the ball and booted out of danger.

Chimenti Worked Hard

Passaic Scores
After having crippled practically half of the Clifton eleven, Passaic uncorked a series of forwards which brought them a touchdown. Many of these passes were the luckiest ever made. The one on which Passaic made her touchdown was touched by De Luca but then Hansen clipped the ball and fell over for the touchdown. Passaic sure was lucky. She even had the breaks with her.

Passaic Scores

The line-up:
Clifton Passaic
Reid Feolcufsky
L. E.
Barna Weismann
L. T.
Plog Kaniewski
L. G.
Young King
C.
Wasryke Marrow
R. G.
P. De Lorenzo Janowski
R. T.
Nichols Beswick
R. E.
Chimenti Hansen
Q. B.
Puzio Dette
R. H. B.
Argauer Richardson
L. H. B.
De Luca Sullivan
F. B.

down the court and passing with accuracy.
Del Favero at center gave a fine account of himself by holding down his man to but five points while he himself gathered in nine.
Cowley and Serafin also performed well for the winners. Serafin played a wonderful game and had the audience wild with his "hawkers." This lad put in three shots that were well past the middle of the court. He also played a fine guarding game.
For the losers, Johnson and Stone did well, collecting seventeen of the thirty-four points.
The score follows:
WEONAS
F.G. F. T.P.
Jenco, f. 7 2 16
Bondinell, f. 8 4 20
Del Favero, c. 4 1 9
Cowley, g. 3 0 6
Serafin, g. 4 0 8
Totals 26 7 59
ARLINGTON BIG FIVE
F.G. F. T.P.
Stone, f. 3 2 8
Johnson, f. 4 1 9
Hudzik, c. 2 1 5
Bailey, g. 2 0 4
Larkey, g. 3 2 8
7 Totals 14 6 34
First Half—Weonas, 28; Arlingtons, 15.
Referee—Vanarec.
Scorer—Celentano.
Timekeeper—De Lancy.

Local Bowling Team Loses To Lexington Five

The Auditorium Five lost its second match in a bowling series to the fast Lexington Five at the Brooks Alleys. None of the Clifton men were hitting the pins right except Captain George Westling who collected an average of 180. The Passaic team defeated the locals two weeks ago at the Lexington Alleys and again repeated the stunt at the Clifton Alleys last week.

The Clifton Five is composed of Captain George Westling, Gus Dietrich, Zeke Taylor, J. Zanetti and Chief Nannenberg.

KENDALL FIVE ORGANIZE

The Kendall Five, a newly organized bowling team, issues a defi to all junior teams averaging eighteen years. The locals have their games played at the Brooks Alleys on Passaic Avenue. Any team desiring to book games, address R. Kendall, care of Clifton Journal.

Touchdowns—Argauer 2, Hansen.
Substitutions for Clifton.
Karp for Puzio; Finkle for Barna; Barna for Karp; L. De Lorenzo for Wasdyke.
Substitutions for Passaic.—Berder for Kaniewski; Berder for King.

Officials

Referee—Mike Wittpenn, Rutgers; Stone, Newark, umpire; Nickerson, Leonia, head linesman.

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hails from Muskegan Michigan. He has shown he can handle a ball and passes with the accuracy of a meteor. From every angle he is a dead shot and will beat any one opposing team. At the running guard position he will be switched to the fullback position. During practice he worked well.

Centers
but three men suitable for the position. These are Bill Kline, and Porky Barna. All shown inspirations of their own but it will be a hard job as is the best of the three. With two years' experience behind although this is his first year in the court, is showing up well. He is eager to learn and will make of him what he can. Mattia—a prima dona baserunner. "Bubs" Clough is a fine player but is handicapped by not being as fast as the other men are.

Plenty of Guards
Colleston will have plenty of guards this year as there are many players for that position. First there is Art who is a standing guard. Then Argauer, Chimenti, Kenrenzo, Carlson and Frost. A total of six players must be two first team honors. Unless they are shifted to jump center, they will have a hard battle. All the players will work up well and it will not be long if the locals have a winning season.

Karp, Chimenti and De Lorenzo as yet reported for practice and football activities. But it will not be long when they too will come to the field.

ost and Kendall are doing wonderfully. These lads show their ability in playing with their own practice.

Open Opens Up Soon
Frank Shershin has stated that the basketball season would open in the first part of December. Since the players participate in a basketball season as December first, the first games will shortly follow. Everyone who is a basketball candidate should diet a fine season for the Grey team.

Seek Games
The Silk Five, one of Paterson's lightweight teams, has booked games with any team they have seventeen victories and expect to win the championship of Paterson for this year. For games write to the P. O. Box 1492, Paterson, N. J. 07050.

two years. With Bednariik and Bondinell at the forward positions, the Clifton organization has a snappy pair of players. These two lads work wonders together. Their floorwork is remarkable and their shooting accurate. It was due to Bondinell's ability at foul shooting that the Clifton team defeated the Maxis Midglers.

Barna at center is a valuable man as he can usually get the jump is a good shot under the basket. He plays like one who has handled the ball a long time but it is surprising to note that this is the second year he has put an appearance on the ribbed court.

"Red" Henry Serafin, Howard Nash and Phil De Lorenzo will cover the guard positions. These lads have done well the past year and much is expected from him.

Serafin is one of Coach Colleston's products while De Lorenzo was developed by Hurlburt. All three lads are dependable upon and if everything runs smoothly another winning team ought to be brought out by Mike Shershin.

ARLINGTON'S DEFEAT THE COWLEY ACES AT BOWLING

Local Teams Give Fine Exhibition of The Pin-Splitting Art—Sandor Has High Score

Monday evening at Goldberg's alleys, the Arlingtons defeated the Cowley Aces in a three game bowling match. The Arlingtons took two out of the three games. Because of injuries to Captain Cowley, the Cowley Aces were handicapped, as this man is considered a good bowler. For the winners S. Puglia was high man for the three games, having an average of 159. For the losers "Red" Serafin was high man with an average of 152.

The Arlingtons would like to hear from all junior teams in Clifton and vicinity. Address S. Puglia, 47 Randolph Avenue, Clifton.

ARLINGTONS			
S. Puglia	144	176	153
Celentano	184	114	162
Bokar	127	158	190
Saparo	184	146	140
Sandor	120	134	199
Total	759	728	849
COWLEY ACES			
Serafin	176	142	153
Jenco	165	130	120
Bondinell	141	160	130
Marchioni	122	159	129
De Lorenzo	114	140	131
Total	718	731	663

Centrals Issue Challenge
The Centrals, who have been practicing all week, would like to hear from all basketball teams averaging 95-110 pounds. Challenges to Edward Hudack, 51 Kulich Street, Clifton, or phone Passaic 2364.

CLIFTON'S CHEERERS!
Loyal Clifton rooters, don't forget to be at the Clifton-Paterson game this Saturday. The game is to be played at the city field at Paterson. Any car or bus can take you there. Don't forget to wear those Clifton bands and root for the Maroon and Grey.

in a clean manner. Can you be said of Passaic? I need not ask you who have seen the game, but for the benefit of those who did not see it, I will say that it was the dirtiest football contest ever staged at Doherty's Oval. Passaic may have held the locals scoreless for three periods but no credit to her. One need just look at the Clifton eleven at the close of the game and he would render an immediate accusation against Passaic. Just think! De Luca—with his eyes blackened by the heavy fists of some unsportsmanlike player—could no longer walk and had to be supported into the dressing room. Argauer was knocked out twice only after he was pounded by some husky tackler from the Red and Blue combination. Why, in one instance, the writer saw one of the Passaic men (I do not wish to mention his name) merely jumped into a mass of players after a Clifton play had gone through. Karp emerged from the game with a wrenched ankle. Nicholls came out with a strained shoulder. Chimenti marched about with a strained neck after nearly being strangled by a Passaic tackle. Do you call that a clean sportsmanlike game? Passaic ought to be ashamed of the rough tactics her players used throughout the game. It may be that the players, maddened by the fury of winning something which was inevitable, resorted to the use of such means. But nevertheless, it reflects upon the morale of the Passaic school as a whole. Never before did Clifton witness such treatment while playing any other sport. Passaic may have held a championship eleven to two touchdowns but she lost out in the opinion of many football aspirants.

This Saturday, Clifton will meet one of the "Big Four" on the gridiron. The opponents will be the Paterson eleven. Paterson, like Passaic has not fared well this season, coming out ahead in only one out of four starts. Will they hold Clifton? Let's hope not.

Ridgefield Park High School, a Class "B" school, may be out of the race for State championship as it was stated that the State association did Ridgefield Park be classed as a class not receive any letters requesting that "A" team. Such a notice should be sent in fifteen days before the opening game. As yet the authorities of the State association have not received one. Look's like you're out of the race, Ridgefield Park.

That the Hasbrouck Heights team may meet the strong Ridgefield Park aggregation is a question pending on all football followers. Both schools are class "B" and have won every game this season. If these elevens do line up, it will be a game worthy of seeing as it will be blood for blood.

Many said after the Passaic-Clifton game, "What would happen if Passaic played a football game, not a fistic encounter." These words bring out the truth to its very extremity. During the first quarter, when Passaic was not "het up" she played fairly clean football. During that period, Clifton scored two touchdowns. Shows what the locals can do when they are opposing a team that fights clean. In the last three periods Passaic resorted to rough measures to hold down the score of the Cliftonites. Could they not do it in any other manner than to cripple our men?? Could not they play football? We will let the answers to these questions to the Passaic fans.

Locals Favorites
The locals are the better of the two teams, having lost but one game this season while the Paterson eleven has won but one. Judging from circumstances, Clifton ought to win by three touchdowns. Taking comparative score, Paterson defeated Passaic on a lucky break, 7-0; Clifton defeated the Red and Blue, 12-7. Clifton no doubt will score easily against the Paterson team as the locals have a better offense, and a stronger offensive line.

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The Clifton machine has been running much during practice. Clifton ought to run Paterson's offense out of the park. Clifton's players are doing well. Clifton's slogan is "They shall not pass." Clifton shall not pass is true. Clifton is like Clifton's and a better composed of the finest and cleanest in the State, the Clifton men should send out a team second to none—fighting and supporting Clifton's cause—victory.

Puzio Out
Joseph Puzio, one of the best halfbacks developed at the local institution will be out of the game on account of a dislocated arm received in the battle last Saturday. Clifton will be handicapped by the loss of this man because he was a line plunger worthy of looking at. He follows his instructions and swings into the interference of his mates for long gains. Murry Karp will ably substitute for the injured youngster who will be along to witness his team go through another victory. Yes, he will be there, cheering and urging his mates and when that fighting Clifton eleven looks down at the little versatile halfback, memories of the last game will sweep before their eyes and will give them more spirit—the spirit that wins.

Local Men in Shape
Many of the men injured in last Saturday's game are about now but still feel the knocks received from someone's powerful fists. Arthur Argauer, who was badly knocked in the game is again the same old reliable Art with a smile on his face. "Vinc" Chimenti says his neck is better but still feels pain. "Al" De Luca, who played fullback is still bearing the tell tale marks of a scrap. But this lad has more stamina than a bull and will enter the fray with renewed spirit. Murray Karp's ankle is better but it may hinder him in this Saturday's game. Jimmy Nichols, who wrenched his shoulder (or had it wrenched) is still suffering but will enter the fight. Young, Clifton's center, stated that he was himself again and hoped Paterson played clean. This lad was battered to shreds and was hardly able to stand up. In all, Clifton is ready to meet Paterson.

November 24 Open
The locals have November 24th open and if this date is not filled in it will rest up the boys for the Norwood game on December 1st.

The Line-Up:
For Clifton: Mickulick, Reid, Nichols, Barna, Finkle, P. De Lorenzo, L. De Lorenzo, Plog, Wasdyke, Young, Chimenti, Argauer, Karp, De Luca. For Paterson: Singer, Rittgenberg, O'Bryne, Le Bauer, Von Glahn, Abbot, Proversirio, Lee, Van Stone, Rosenberg, LaBraico, Mullins, Phillips and Calahan.



Negro League Baseball Stars

★ "Tweed" Webb ★

'Tweed' Webb home/library has oodles of Negro League history...

The way "Tweed" Webb tells it, history and his story alternately collide and cohabit.

When it comes to baseball, particularly the old Negro Leagues, "I've seen it all," says Webb.

Doubt it?

Try to find someone else who put in a couple pre-World War I days as a batboy for Negro League founder Rube Foster's great Chicago American Giants team.

Or try chasing down someone else who, when ranking all-time great players he's watched, hip-hops back and forth between "moderns" like Bob Gibson and Willie Mays and "ancients" like Walter Johnson, Ty Cobb and Negro League legends Smokey Joe Williams and Oscar Charleston.

Seen it all? Maybe not, but Norrial "Tweed" Webb didn't miss much.

Webb, 86, used to send out a mailing looking for information



Dennis
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on old-time Negro League players. The original mailing identified him as a black baseball historian. He since has updated the mailing, by penciling in "noted" before the title black baseball historian.

Doubt him?

Long-time pals like Satchel Paige and Cool Papa Bell didn't doubt him.

"Satchel Paige used to say, 'We need more Tweed Webbs.'" Webb says. As for Bell, he frequently turned interviewers who wanted to know when something happened over to Webb. "They used to ask Cool Papa 'What year was that?' and he'd say, 'Oh, I

don't know. Ask Tweed, he knows. He's got all that stuff.'"

Stuff. Webb has it. By the roomful.

He is a fan by nature, a historian by choice, a pack rat by necessity. Black baseball history is not a tidy calling.

"I've been saving scraps all my life."

Those "scraps" are everywhere around the Tweed Webb home/library on Enright Avenue in the Central West End.

These days, Webb's place is probably more library than home. The front foyer, the living room and the dining room are stuffed with scrapbooks, clippings, books, photos, baseballs, posters, cards, and more. Scraps galore. And there's more on the second floor.

"I tell everybody: Don't come over looking for nothing fancy. This is a library," he says. "Nobody's got any more stuff than I have."

That is hardly an idle boast. The Webb Library has records going back to the 1870s. It is a regular stop for authors putting together pieces on old-time baseball. A recent visitor was a representative of the Ken Burns company, which is putting together an epic history of baseball series for the Public Broadcasting System.

Webb would like more visitors. He worries that baseball fans are forgetting the game's origins.

"I'm surprised my own home town isn't even interested," he says. "I don't know why, but they aren't. (Fans care about) the Cardinals, but not about history. They don't know about the old-time players."

Webb was one of those old-time players. At 20, he played shortstop for the Fort Wayne Pirates in the Negro National League. He stayed only one season.

"That kind of life wasn't for

me," he says. "The ballplayers were a rowdy bunch and I was just a kid."

As a player he was good enough to be in the first class inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974. Webb's off-field credentials are equally solid: As a historian, he was honored at the 1986 Society for American Baseball Research national convention. For his work as a Tandy League official, as a newspaper reporter and columnist with area black newspapers and as one of the founders of the Old Time Negro Baseball Players Association, the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame named him the Tom Gorman Award winner in 1980.

It's been fun, says Webb. Playing, writing, organizing, documenting. All of it. Too much fun, even at age 86, to ever consider giving up. "It's all I talk about," he says.



"Tweed" Webb as he looked in 1924 when he played semi-pro ball in the Colored Industrial League in St. Louis.