

# Sport—Theatricals—Athletics

### SPORT PAGE.



Q. J. Gilmore, Sport Scribe.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Sport Fans of Kansas City.

The following letters were received by Santa Claus from the Base Ball Magnates of the National Negro Base Ball League:

From J. L. Wilkinson of the Kansas City Monarchs.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a good manager, a real right fielder, another Rogan, a good catcher, a promising second baseman, and the same kind of good weather that you brought me the past season, and be sure to see that Donaldson, Carr, Jay Bird return to Kansas City. I am going to be a real good magnate next summer and give Kansas City a pennant winner.

From Rube Foster of the American Giants.

Hello Santa: I want everything. I want all of the best players in the country; I want to play ball in my own park all the time; I don't want no bad weather; I want to beat those Kansas City Monarchs; I want all of the publicity in the Negro papers; I want the best of all the decisions; I want you to make C. I. Taylor stop fussing with me. Now, Santa, I guess I have not forgotten anything; if so, you can bring it also. From your little boy, ANDREW RUBEN FOSTER.

From C. I. Taylor of the Indianapolis A. B. C.'s.

Dear Santa: All that I want for Christmas is a ball team that can beat Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Columbus, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, and those Chicago Giants. You see, Santa, I am not asking for much this Christmas. You do not need my address; just send my present to Indianapolis and I will get it. By By, from C. I.

From Harry St. Clair and Dock Smith, the New Owners of the Columbus, Ohio Team, Formerly the Dayton Maroons.

Dear Santa Claus: Of course, Santa, you know we did not write to you last Christmas, so we know that you are going to bring us a whole lot. Yes, we bought the Dayton Maroons, and you know we need a whole lot. One of us, Santa, runs the Old Folks' Home here at Kansas City, but there are no more ball players out there—that old Joe Green of the Chicago Giants got all of them last year. Be sure, Santa,

to bring us a whole lot of catchers, pitchers, first basemen, second basemen, third basemen, short-stops, and some out-fielders. We also want some good weather, and be sure to wake those people up down in Columbus. If you will give us what we have asked for, we will bring our team to Kansas City and let them play with the Monarchs.

By By, from HARRY AND DOCK.

From C. I. Mills of the St. Louis Giants.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me the same thing that you are going to bring Rube Foster of Chicago. That's all. Good by.

From Tenny Blunt of the Detroit Stars

Hello Santa: All that I am going to ask you for this Christmas is to stop Rube Foster from taking my poor little ball team. He took Jimmy Lyons from me the other day and now I have no ball team to play with. O. yes, I almost forgot, I don't want to travel much next season; I want to play all the time in Detroit. By by, from TENNY.

From Joe Green of the Chicago Giants

Hello, Santa: All I want, Santa, is those players that nobody else wants, and I will be satisfied. Nobody wanted Taylor, the great pitcher; Beckwith, the catcher, and little Frankie Duncan, last year, and I took them; now every one of the other magnates want to take them away from me. Yes, Santa, just give me the leavings. From little JOE GREEN.

P. S.—I want to take my team to Kansas City a whole lot next season. I like big crowds.

From Mr. Malina, Havana, Cuba.

Dear Santa: All that I ask for this Christmas is a nice big boat that will bring my team back from Havana, and a nice little train that will take them to Cincinnati, where we are going to live. I do not need any more baseball players, as I have already got a good team. That's all. By by.

From John Connors of New York.

Dear Santa: All that I want is what I have got now, and a chance to go to Kansas City, where they have 15,000 people to pay to see a ball game. I might need something after I make a trip out West next summer. By by. From JOHNNY CONNORS.

From Edward Bolden of the Hillside, Philadelphia.

Dear Santa: Please try and get me all of the players that old Nat Strong has down in New York playing on the Lincoln and Royal Giants and I will be satisfied. Also make Johnny Connors of New York be good next season. That's all.

From the Negro Sport Editors.

Dear Santa: All that I want is a chance to live; that's all. (Signed) Dave Wyatt, Chicago Whip. Frank Young, Chicago Defender. Ira Lewis, Pittsburg Courier. Elwood Knox, Indianapolis Freeman. Art Williams, Sport World. Q. J. Gilmore, Kansas City Sun.

From the Kansas City Baseball Fans.

Dear Santa: Please bring us a new manager for the Monarchs. That's all.

### BASEBALL REVIEW OF THE PAST SEASON.

Negro Baseball League was organized at Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City proved to be the best Negro baseball city in the League. More than 700,000 fans paid admission to the games played by the League.

American Giants of Chicago won the pennant.

Negro baseball is here to stay. One hundred thousand White and Negro fans attended the Monarch games at Association Park the past season without the least bit of friction.

Baseball used to be a barroom game but it is now a social function. Negro teams used to play for a keg of beer, but now they play for \$5,000 gates.

Did not discover any real Negro umpires the past season. Big League games now playing Negro League teams in Cuba and California.

The Kansas City Monarchs played to more local fans than the Kansas City Blues.

Rube Foster re-elected as President of the Negro League.

Annual Session of the League held at Indianapolis, Ind.

The East and West joined hands. Secured such parks as the National League Park at Cincinnati, the Brooklyn National League Park, the Columbus, Ohio, American Association Park and the Philadelphia League Park for next season.

Made baseball a safe investment. Made baseball contracts legal.

### GILMORE'S ALL-STAR TEAM OF THE NEGRO LEAGUE FOR 1920.

- Rogan, P.
- Drake, P.
- Taylor, P.
- De Moss, 2B.
- Moore, S. S.
- Portuando, 3B.
- J. Lyons, R. F.
- Torrenti, C. F.
- B. Taylor, 1B.
- McNair, L. F.
- Dixon and Beckwith, C.
- Car and Donaldson, Utility.

### BOXING.

Harry Wills, the Negro heavyweight, ranks with such men as Sullivan, Peter Jackson, Jim Jeffries, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Johnson, and is the only logical contender for the championship now held by Jack Dempsey. Harry can whip anyone that Dempsey can put away, and probably a few others.

Jack Johnson, the former Negro heavyweight champion, is now sojourning with his Uncle Sam, out near Leavenworth, Kas. Jack expects to pay us a visit early next summer.

Leo Johnson, the Negro lightweight champion, defended his title against Young Joe Gans here at Kansas City during the Elks' Convention. The contest was a good draw.

Kid Norfolk, Panama Joe Gans and Lester Johnson are all top notch Negro mittmen, and only their color keep them down.

Bigg Bill Tate, better known as Black Bill, continues to act as the sparring partner of Jack Dempsey. Well, Bill keeps near the championship.

Sam Langford fights six days every week and rests the seventh day. Sam also fought in the Spanish-American War.

### PROMINENT SPORTS AND ATHLETES WHO HAVE VISITED KANSAS CITY THIS YEAR.

Sol Butler and Howard Drew, world famous college athletes.

Harry Wills, Negro heavyweight champion.

Jack Thompson, Negro heavyweight fighter.

Leo Johnson, Negro lightweight champion.

Young Joe Gans, Negro lightweight.

Kirby Anderson, Negro billiard champion.

Andrew Rube Foster, famous Negro baseball leader.

Dave Wyatt, dean of Negro sport writers.

Jack Johnson, former Negro heavyweight champion.

Sam McVey, Negro heavyweight.

John Lester Johnson, here with Jack Dempsey.

Joe Dunn and Teovan Jones, Chicago live wires.

Topeka Jack Johnson, noted fight trainer.

Torrenti, the Black Babe Ruth.

John Donaldson, the greatest pitcher in the world a few seasons past.

C. I. Taylor, Joe Green, Tenny Blunt, John Mathias and Carley Mills, baseball magnates.

Leo Patterson, Negro champion of the A. E. F.

Local fans will watch with great interest the efforts of Harry St. Clair and Dr. Howard Smith, prominent men of our city who recently bought a franchise in the Negro Baseball League. They are now joint owners of the Columbus, Ohio, club, formerly the Dayton Maroons. They have secured the services of one of the greatest, if not the greatest, baseball leaders in the country to manage their club. Sol White, who has been secured to lead the club, was the greatest shortstop in his day, being a former graduate of Wilberforce University, and has played on all of the leading clubs of the country. He was at one time the leader of the famous Giants when Rube Foster was in his prime.

At the recent baseball meeting in Indianapolis, Rube Foster stated that he considered Sol White the brains of baseball. St. Clair and Smith should be congratulated on securing such a leader. Harry is known among his friends as the champion loser, and it is predicted that Harry is born to die this coming season. Dr. Smith states that he is going to put a winner in the Ohio city if it takes every old man in the County Home. Harry will soon leave for the Ohio capital city to get things in readiness for the opening of the season. We wish you both luck with your team while you are playing the other teams of the League, but when you come to Kansas City, O you Monarchs.

The great Walter Mills, the recent World's Series hero, defeated for the second time by the K. C. Monarchs at Los Angeles.

The Kansas City Monarchs, who are playing in the California Winter League under the name of White Socks, defeated Duster Malls the second time in two weeks by the score of 4 to 1. The Socks hopped on Malls' delivery for nine juicy hits. The Cleveland star appeared to have nothing on the ball which the Socks didn't like. Rogan, the great Negro star, was in rare form, holding the All-Star Leaguers to two scattered hits. The lone run made by the All-Stars was put across in the 5th inning by an error. McNair's big bat was responsible for three of the Socks' tallies. In the 3rd inning, af-

ter Fagin had reached first on a fielders' choice, he hit a triple to deep left, scoring Fagin. McNair came home on Carr's double. In the 7th inning Kyle opened the inning by a single to right. Fagin hit one to the same place. McNair sent both men home on a long single to center. Rogan struck out ten of the big league stars, while Malls fanned four of the Negro stars. Hits—All-Stars, 2; Socks, 9. Attendance, 5,000.

Never let prejudice interfere with your good judgment.

If at any time I am called upon to pass judgment on a fight between a White and Negro fighter, I will try and lay aside prejudice and give the public true facts. A few local sports seem to think that all Harry Wills, the great Negro heavyweight, has to do is to get Jack Dempsey in the ring and all is over. Now, boys, I want Wills to be champion, as had as you do, but to do so is a man's job. Jack Dempsey has been panned by the sports through the country for his bad showing with Bill Brennan last week in New York. Dempsey did all that he was required to do. It was a 15-round contest and he knocked out his opponent in the 12th round. What did you expect him to do, kill his opponent? Brennan is a hard man to whip, and anyone taking Brennan's measurement is a real championship contender. Dempsey has won every fight that he has had in the past two years by a knockout. Dempsey will fight any man that lives, but at this time it would not be wise for him to take on such a tough opponent as Harry Wills until he has disposed of the French champion and collected that \$300,000 which goes to the winner. If Dempsey is returned the winner in his fight with the Frenchman, I feel sure that he will fight Wills and the rest of the Negro fighters. Dempsey is one of the greatest champions that has ever held the title. Yes, he is rather popular with the Negroes. He always employs Negro trainers.

TY COBB, THE BULLY, THE CRACKER, TO LEAD THE DETROIT TIGERS.

In speaking of Ty Cobb, the Georgia Peach, who was selected this week to manage the Detroit Tigers, several of the local papers spoke of Cobb's fighting ability. Yes, Ty should have been a prize fighter instead of a ball player. The Negroes of this country will never forget his cowardly attack on a poor defenseless Negro chambermaid last year in a Detroit hotel. No, Ty, you have been a great player, one of the greatest in all times, but whatever regard the Negro baseball fan had for you has gone. You not only lost your good Negro friends but hundreds of Whites. As far as we are concerned you will be a failure as leader of the Detroit Tigers. Cobb never would report at the training camp until near the time for the opening of the season. He now states that he will be the first to report this spring. A poor follower is a poor leader. If he would not work for Hugh Jennings, then he should not expect the boys to respect him.

Special Christmas program will be rendered by the children of the Sunday School of Ward Chapel Thursday evening, December 23rd. Don't miss this. Everybody welcome. Admission free.

### A CALL.

As usual the Christmas cheer social Welfare Workers will distribute blankets and provisions to the old and decrepit people of our race during Christmas holidays. All those interested in helping to make Christmas cheerful for those who cannot help themselves are requested to phone Mrs. Nellie E. Young, Clifton 2340 or Mrs. Minnie L. Crosthwait Main 5220, bell phones.

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Respectfully,  
MISS JULIA IVORY,  
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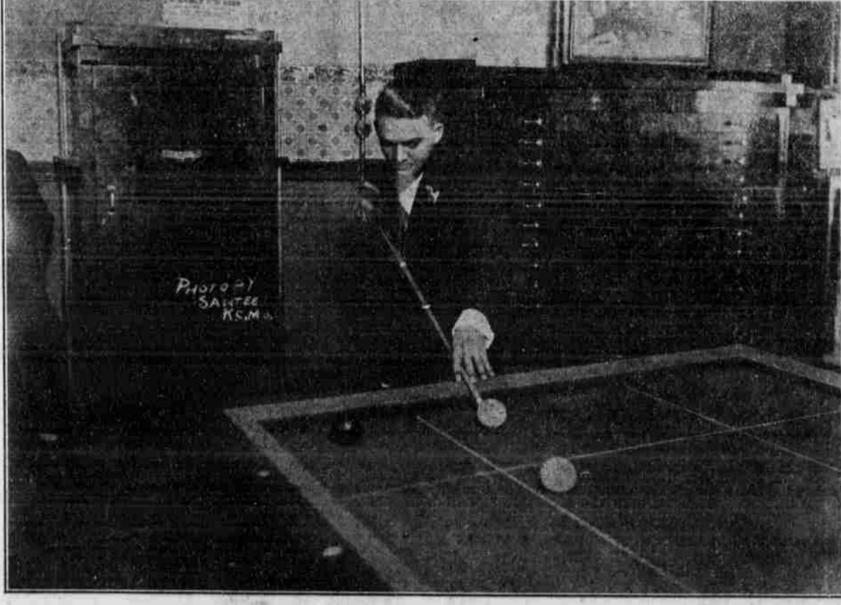
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**CHAMPION NEGRO BILLIARD PLAYER HERE FOR AN EXHIBITION.**

Kirby Anderson of Chicago, the Negro Billiard Champion, is here in our City and will give an exhibition Tuesday night at Labor Temple, playing with one of the leading White Champions of our city also he will play a handicap match with Sam Wilcox, the local Negro billiard champion. Much credit should be given to Johnny Jones, George Golden, and Barker & Burk, our local billiard room owners for arranging this exhibition for the



people of our city. Mr. Anderson will soon leave for a trip around the country playing all of the leading White players. This trip is being arranged by the Brunswick-Balk Billiard Company who have charge of all large billiard exhibitions. Leroy Bloomfield the Champion of Nebraska will also be here to play a match game with Sammy Wilcox for the Amateur Negro Championship. Arrangements have been made for the finest billiard equipment for this occasion. Each player on this occasion will appear in full dress. Billiards is a great game with the leading White people of this country and billiard tables can be found in the homes of all of the rich. Mr. Anderson informs

the Editor of this page that there is no prejudice in billiards and that he has no trouble in securing games in the leading billiard parlors of this country. He states that he is not satisfied in being the Negro Champion but aspires to be the real Champion of the world. The game has taken on new life since Mr. Anderson has been in our city and from now on billiards is going to be the real sport in our city. Billiards is the greatest indoor sport and is played by millions of people yearly. 18.2 Balk Line is new to the local Negro players and Mr. Anderson will endeavor to explain every angle of the game as he goes along. Efforts are being made to keep Mr. Anderson in our city and if we are

successful Kansas City is going to be the real center for Negro billiard players. This is a rare opportunity for the people of our city to witness a real billiard match, and a real Champion. Mr. Anderson is the most popular player in the country and is well met and has made a host of friends in our city. He is accompanied on his trip to our city by his charming wife who aspires to be the lady champion of the world. Arrangements have been made to accommodate 1000 people at Labor Temple next Tuesday night, December 28th. Q. J. Gilmore, Sport Editor of the Kansas City Sun will referee the games and will appear in the customary clothes for the evening, full dress.