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John Donaldson Day - June 11

Glasgow salutes hometown baseball great

The event honoring Glasgow's baseball great, John Donaldson will take place at Bramble Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 11. Donaldson was the renowned baseball pitcher who was born in Glasgow and because of baseball's 'color barrier' went on to become a superstar in baseball's Negro League and with semi-pro baseball teams in various parts of the country.

His nearly 'super human' accomplishments will be highlighted in the keynote address at the Saturday event by Phil Dixon of Kansas City, regarded as one of America's foremost experts on baseball history. He is the author of a number of books including The Ultimate Kanss City Baseball Trivia Quiz Book, The Negro Baseball Leagues - A Photographic History, and The Monarchs 1920-1938. Dixon was the winner of the prestigious Casey Award for 'the Best Baseball Book of 1992,

and the SABR MacMillan Award for 'excellence in baseball research'.

Other baseball researchers, authorities, and historians will join Dixon at the event including Peter Gorton of Minneapolis, MN, Jeremy Krock of Peoria, IL, David Miller of Bland, MO, and Ken Hollingsworth of Waverly, MO. At the reception following the event these individuals and Dixon will be available to those attending to answer questions and share experiences and insights.

Among other highlights of the event will be the showing of the film "They Were All Stars". This is the feature film which is shown at the beginning of tours at the Kansas City NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL MUSEUM and has been provided for the Glasgow Event through the courtesy of the Museum.

The 'Friends of the Museum Committee' have received a letter of congratulations to

City of Glasgow for honoring Donaldson, from the New York Mets Baseball Organization. The tribute is signed by Mets manager, Willie Randolph. Accompanying the letter was a baseball signed by Randolph and a number of Mets players. These items will be on display at the June 11 event and during the exhibit. The METS organization also sent a contribution to the 'Friends of the Museum'. A copy of the event program is included in this week's Missourian.

It is the hope of the committee that everyone, young or old, white or black, baseball fans or not will attend. All are welcome.

The Donaldson Exhibit, which will be on display at Bramble Hall on Saturday, will be moved to the Glasgow Community Museum, where it will be on display from June 12 - July 10 (2:00 to 5:00 PM). There is no charge

for the event nor for the exhibit.

PROGRAM

Introduction: Donald White, MC
Black National Anthem: Vivian Enyard

Welcome: Howard McMillan, Mayor, Glasgow

Film: "They Were All Stars" from KC Negro League Baseball Museum

includes singing of the National Anthem

Memories of John Donaldson: John Ward

Introductions of special guests:

Jeremy Krock, Peoria, ILL

Pete Gorton, Minneapolis, MN

David Miller, Bland, MO

Powerpoint presentation: Pete Gorton

Speaker: Phil Dixon

Baseball Historian KC

Film: "Discover Greatness"

Singing of America the Beautiful

Closing remarks: Donald White
Reception to follow.

