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## Glasgow to celebrate John Wesley Donaldson Day

John Wesley Donaldson has been described as one of baseball's greatest left-handed pitchers. Glasgow will celebrate their native son with a program at 2 p.m. today at Bramble Hall.

Also, an exhibit will be on display in the Glasgow Community Museum from June 12 to July 10.

Donaldson was born in February of 1892 in Glasgow. His baseball career spanned 27 years from 1911 to 1938. Unable to break the 'color barrier,' he went on to play in baseball's Negro League — for such teams as the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago Giants — as well as other semipro teams throughout the country.

The six-foot southpaw became somewhat of an underground superstar with his power and accuracy. In 1913 he pitched three consecutive no-hitters.

His nearly 'super human' accom-

plishments 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 Kansas 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.'



John Donaldson Pitcher

Other baseball researchers, authorities, and historians will join Dixon at the event including Peter Gorton of Minneapolis, Minn., Jeremy Krock of Peoria, Ill., 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 "They Were All Stars," a feature film which is shown at the beginning of tours at the Kansas City Negro League Baseball Museum.

The 'Friends of the Museum Committee' has received a letter of congratulations to the City of Glasgow for honoring Donaldson from the New York Mets Baseball Orga-

nization. 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 Mryd organization also sent a contribution to the 'Friends of the Museum.'

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 to July 10 (2 to 5 p.m.) There is no charge for the event or for the exhibit.