

The Monarchs were named by one of the greatest pitchers that ever lived, white or black, said Mr. Wilkinson. This pitcher was a great left-hander named John Donaldson from Glasgow, Missouri.

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"Donaldson suggested the name 'Monarchs' one day when we were feeling around for a name to give to a re-organization of the All-Nations team," said Wilkinson. "Right away the name sounded good and we adopted it."

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Donaldson at that time was a member of the All-Nations team, which Wilkinson started in 1908. This club was a traveling outfit composed of about 30 people, five of the regular players were Negroes, said Mr. Wilkinson.

"The All-Nations team traveled in a special private car in those days," said Wilkinson. "We all ate, slept and played together. There was never any trouble. We were a happy family."

The former Monarch boss said said that the star of the All-Nations was Donaldson.

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