

# African Americans and Sports collection, 1936-1980

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** African Americans and Sports collection, 1936-1980  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1198  
**Extent:** 1.75 linear feet (4 boxes), 1 bound volume (BV), 2 oversized papers boxes and 1 oversized papers folder (OP), and 1 extra oversized paper (XOP)  
**Abstract:** Artificially-created collection containing single items related to African American participation in sports, including photographs, printed ephemera from sporting events, posters, and broadsides.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

### Related Materials in This Repository

Other materials relating to African Americans and sports may be found in the Black Print Culture collection and the African American photographs collection.

### Source

Purchase, 2011, with subsequent additions.

### Citation

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### Processing

Processed by Sarah Quigley, November 2011.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Scope and Content Note**

The African Americans and Sports collection is an artificially created collection that contains single items related to African American participation in sports. The collection includes photographs, printed ephemera from sporting events such as programs and other memorabilia, posters, and broadsides. Other general materials relating to African American participation in sports may be found in the Black Print Culture collection and the African American photographs collection.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	24	930th Field Art. Bn. versus A & T College, Durham Athletic Park, Durham, North Carolina, football program, undated
1	1	Aaron, Hank, "I was there when Hank Aaron hit his 600th homer" card, 1971
OP1	2	Aaron, Hank, print, no date
1	2	Albany State College (Albany, Georgia), official souvenir program, Homecoming Albany State vs. Alabama State, November 6, 1965
2	11	Atkins, Joe, correspondence (1 of 3) Joseph Oscar Atkins (1922-1970) played baseball for the Negro American League, the United States Baseball League, and other provincial and international leagues for eight seasons from 1946-1954. He was on the 1947 Cleveland Buckeyes team that won the Negro American League Championship. The bulk of the correspondence is from Joe, nicknamed "Sonny" by his family, to his mother, Ethel Atkins. There is some correspondence from Joe to other family members and between members of his family.
2	12	Atkins, Joe, correspondence (2 of 3)
2	13	Atkins, Joe, correspondence (3 of 3)
OP3	-	Bailey, John B., professor of sparring and gymnastics, hand-colored lithograph (Boston: Trochsler & Co.), 1870
1	3	Bayou Classic XII (Louisiana), Southern University vs. Grambling State University, program, 1985
OP2	-	Boxing collage, circa 1950
1	4	Coachman, Alice, photographs. Photos are primarily of Coachman, the first African American female Olympic gold medalist, running track for Tuskegee University.
1	5	Dillard, Harrison, reproduction of drawing by George Loh, autographed by Dillard, no date
1	22	Fong Cup, photograph album of African American winners of the third annual tournament sponsored by Bill Fong at San Francisco, California's Fairway Golf Club, 1955
1	6	Frazier, Joseph "Smokin' Joe," funeral program, November 14, 2011
1	7	Gibson, Althea, autographed program, speaking engagement at the University of Georgia, 1980
1	8	Gilbert, Carolyn, photographs, 1936 and 1966. Photographs were taken by Gilbert's aunt and depict an unidentified ceremony from the 1936 Berlin Olympics, and a 1966 vacation to South America, including an unidentified sporting event.

- 1 9 Gilbert, Carolyn, printed material, Berlin Olympics, 1936. Material, including programs, maps, and guidebooks, was collected by Gilbert's aunt, who attended the games.
- 2 1 Goose Tatum Basketball Show program, circa 1961
- 2 2 Harlem Clowns Program
- 2 3 Harlem Diplomats Program
- 2 4 Harlem Globetrotters Ephemera
- 2 5 Harlem Globetrotters Programs, 1947-1978 [1 of 3]
- 2 6 Harlem Globetrotters Programs, 1947-1978 [2 of 3]
- 2 7 Harlem Globetrotters Programs, 1947-1978 [3 of 3]
- 2 8 Harlem Globetrotters Photographs
- 1 19 Harlem Globetrotters, *The Story of the Harlem Globetrotters*, 1949
- 2 9 Harlem Magicians Programs, 1960s
- 2 10 Harlem Magicians Photographs
- 4 1 Howard University, H Club Banquet and Smoker honoring the football team, signed program, 1945
- OP1 3 Indianapolis Clowns, broadside for game against the Kingston Braves, American Negro League, 44th season
- 1 10 Joe Louis vs. Max Baer, official program, Yankee Stadium, New York, September 24, 1935
- 1 11 Life, July 1996, includes "A Photographic Celebration of the Olympic Body," autographed by photographer Joe McNally
- 1 12 Louis, Joe, *The Joe Louis Scrapbooks*, 1935-1944, advertisement
- 1 16 Major League Baseball, correspondence to Frank Scott, director of the Major League Baseball Players Association on spring training integration, August 1961
- BV1 - *Makio*, volume 55, Columbus, Ohio, Junior Class of Ohio State University, with three mentions and one photograph of Olympic gold medalist, Jesse Owens, 1936
- 1 19 Moore, James "Red," baseball card and partial biography, no date
- 1 20 National Colored All State Baseball Game, ticket stub, 1944
- 2 14 Negro American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, uniform players contract (blank), undated
- 1 23 Negro Football Game, Morgan C.I.A.A. Champions versus North Carolina State at Polo Grounds, New York City, ticket, 1947
- 1 17 Olympic Games, clippings compiled by Charles Williams, 1936
- OP1 1 Robinson, Jackie, poster, guest speaker for Bethany Baptist Church (Newark, New Jersey) first annual fellowship banquet, 1964
- 1 21 Robinson, Jackie, program, Atlanta Crackers vs. Brooklyn Dodgers, April 1949 [also includes Fall 1997 issue of Atlanta History which describes the game, the first played by Robinson in Atlanta]

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| 1    | 18 | Shaw University, <i>Bear Preview</i> , football program, August 31, 2002 [2 copies]  |
| 1    | 13 | Simmons, Roscoe Conklin, Lifetime pass for the Chicago Negro League team, no date  |
| 1    | 22 | Southern Welterweight Title Bout, broadside advertising boxing match between Stiffie Williams and Gene "Portion" Calrk, Bill and Berry's Backyard Arena, Fayetteville, Tennessee, 1935 |
| 1    | 14 | Unidentified baseball team, photograph, includes African American and Hispanic team members, no date   |
| XOP1 | 1  | Union College, poster for homecoming football game against Howard University, no date  |
| 1    | 15 | U.S. Army, Detachment Number 2 Supply Division basketball team (Fort Jackson, North Carolina), photograph, no date   |
| 4    | 2  | Wrestling Preview, Mesa Civic Center, Mesa, Arizona, official program, November 2, 1955  |
| 3    | 1  | X Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe, articles and general information, 1966   |
| 3    | 2  | X Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe, photographs, 1966  |
| 3    | 3  | X Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe, photographs, 1966  |
| 3    | 4  | X Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe, photographs of the Olympic Village, 1966   |
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