

## Transcription for Buxton Wonders Poster

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Buxton Wonders!

THE NEGRO is an artist at play. Almost any game he enters, he EQUALS or EXCELS. Many historians say that but for the fact that he was lighthearted and gay, full of pep to play the over two hundred years of slavery would have had the same effect on him as on the American Indian. He would have passed out!

In THE THREE TOP American Pastime Play Activities: "Football", "Baseball" and "Boxing", the Negro has been a top ranking participant at all times.

It is now recognized thruout America that the Nation was losing something by keeping the Negro out of "Big Time" Baseball. Having now been accepted, his demonstrations in almost every particular has justified the act. He now receives the "Glad Hand" and everybody is happy! Oh! Boy, say that again!

FROM A GOOD Baseball game, nobody wants to go home ... Those are the kind the "BUXTON WONDERS" played over 40 years ago. There were many skilled Ball Teams among the Black Boys in those days. Of course there are quite a few today.

FRENCH BROWN, Sr., who now lives in Des Moines, was a player on the first team, which he says, was organized in 1902. Sponsored by B. F. Cooper, the Druggist. Bill Shelton was the first manager... This first team played until 1907. Was then reorganized by Riley Sales, Jackson Brookings, Manager and Wm. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary.

SOME OF THE TEAMS played were "The National Indians", "American Indians", "Nebraska Indians", the hot team of "Hopkins Brothers" of Des Moines and also the Des Moines Western League... INTERESTING to remember was the 16 innings game played with the Hopkins Brothers team. "BUXTON WONDERS" was trying out their new pitcher, Vern Watkins. Did he stand up "stand up"? He really did! He pitched the full 16 innings, and did some clever work. "BUXTON WONDERS" won, 5 to 3.

AND NOW TO make even a stronger team an ad was placed in the papers calling for the best available ball players. They came from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois. An extensive, intensive "try-out" was conducted. On this team you could place all your bets with nearly 100% safety... In two years they played 90 games, and lost only 3.

A FEW of the top teams of the day which the "BUXTON WONDERS" played, were "Chicago Leland Giants", "Chicago Union Giants", "Kansas City, Kansas Giants".

"THE BUXTON WONDERS" were really WONDERS! They played in many different places; but mainly over Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

ANOTHER UNUSUALLY interesting game recalled was the 13 innings game with Kansas City, Kansas Giants, The BUXTON WONDERS won by a score of 1 to nothing!

OF THE Original BUXTON WONDERS" Ball Team organization we have been able up to this date to verify only six living: Charles Rhodes, French Brown, George Bowman, Jackson Brookings, Skinny Wilson.

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#### THE BUXTON WONDERS

YOU MAY know some of the faces on this "BUXTON WONDERS" Ball team Picture. So reading from left to right: TOP ROW- Zuck Lindsey, John Steele, Jim Brooks, Buck Williams, Charlie Beedle, Andy Stovall.

MIDDLE ROW, left to right: French Brown, Henry Broomer, Bill Shelton, Johnnie Rhodes, Pap Washington,

Bottom row, left to right: Ed Wise, Wilbur Higbee, George Neal, Vern Watkins, Charlie Rhodes.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THIS TEAM ON OTHER SIDE