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# Negro Baseball Is Back



Thomas M. English

The New Father of African American Baseball

## New Negro rmbi Baseball

### "Reviving Negro Baseball in Inner Cities"

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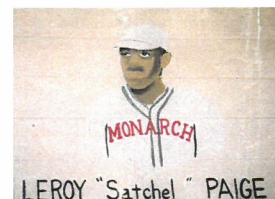
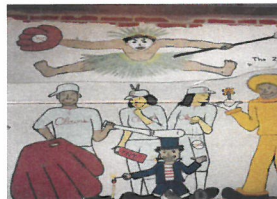
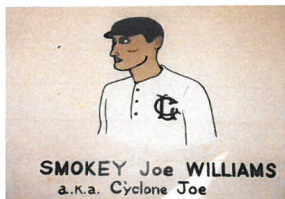
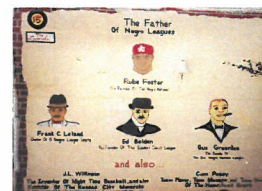
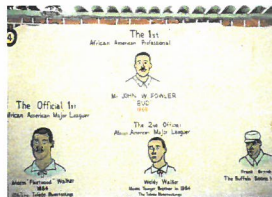
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# In The Beginning

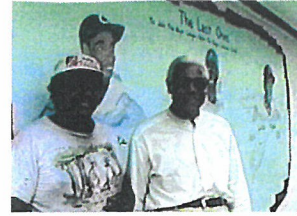
This New Historic and Exciting era began in February of 1998 in St. Petersburg, Florida. That was when a little boy asked to represent Jackie Robinson, during a Black History Celebration. After Discovering Ignored, Untold, Altered, and Forgotten History, about the history of African American Baseball, I decided to tell America about The History of African American Baseball, by way of a series of Hand Painted Wall Murals (12 wall murals on 8 buildings within 10 blocks) on 16th Street so.



# Passing The Torch

On August 20, 1999, I met with a MLB and Negro Baseball Legend John " Buck " O' Neil, whom had come to St. Petersburg to participate in the Historical Walk Down Memory Lane and to meet with other Tampa Bay Legends, during a Salute to The Negro Leagues, that was hosted by the former Tampa Bay Devil Rays. After witnessing what was going on 16th Street, pertaining to the Storytelling Wall Mural Series, the Growing Demand for more Negro Baseball Entertainment, the Old Timers that still wanted to play again and the Inner-city Youth, that wanted to learn about Negro Baseball as well as to Play The Game of Negro

Baseball, John " Buck " O' Neil Passed The Torch to Bring Back Negro Baseball as well as to continue The History of African American Baseball over to me.



# " Let History Begin.... Again "

The 1st Florida State / Tampa Bay Negro Baseball Series since 1960.

St. Petersburg Pelicans

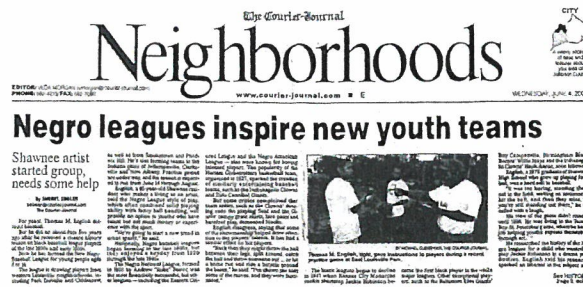


Tampa Black Smokers



Six Months after being Appointed by "Buck" O' Neil to bring back Negro Baseball, I hosted The 1st Florida State / Tampa Bay Negro Baseball Series since 1960, between the St. Petersburg Pelicans and Tampa Black Smokers.

## Negro Baseball is back! In Louisville, KY



In August of 2001, 2002 and from April to Septemoer of 2003, I hosted my New Negro RNBI ( Reviving Negro Baseball in Inner-cities ) Youth Baseball Program to Over 1000 Inner-city Youth. This RNBI Inner-city Youth Baseball Program, was very successful in Tampa, Largo and St. Petersburg, Florida.

## A Triple Crown Winner

Tropicana Field  
2000 & 2001



Bright House



Al Lang Stadium/Progress Energy  
2010



Since 2000, Thomas M. English has hosted 3 New Negro RNBI Baseball Games, inside of 3 Major League Stadiums.



And now I have an open variety of Multi-cultural and Co-ed BlackBall Players, Teams and Leagues from across the nation, that are on standby to participate in A Great American Effort to Bring Back Negro Baseball, a Black Major League and also to continue The History of African American Baseball, by way of The Next Generation of BlackBall Players " Our Inncity Youth " in an African American Baseball Production called,

## The Big Experiment II " The Return of Negro Baseball "

The Big Experiment II will involve New Negro RNBI Baseball Games, Weekend Tournaments, Playoffs, Championships, WORLD SERIES and All-Stars. Along with a New Negro RNBI Baseball Museum, Storytellings by The Old Timers, Salutes to The Long Lost Legends, Vintage Games, Celeberty Guests, The Fans Can Play too and Much More. The Big Experiment II is also collaborating with The nXbl / National Extreme Baseball League, in hosting " A New Way of Playing The Game of Baseball " called " Double Diamond Baseball ", featuring The Tampa Bay Black Sox here in the Tampa Bay area.

## Media Supporters

FOX 13 News and Sports, NBC / News Channel 8, CBS / 10 Connects, ABC 28 News, Bay News 9, Florida's News Channel, City of St. Petersburg City Channel 35, St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, in Louisville, KY ABC 32 Sports and CBS 11 News and Louisville Times.

## Sponsors, Supporters and Contributors

This New, Historic and Exciting Birth of A New Era, would not be possible, if not for the Love, Respect and Admiration from this partial list of Great American Sponsors, Supporters and Contributors.

1999                      2000                      2001                      2002                      2003                      2004

Our Lord Jesus Christ	Play It Again Sports	Budweiser	Kindred Hospital	Frito Lay	Brighthouse Networks
St. Petersburg Times	Tropicana Field	Tropicana Field	Domino's Pizza	Budweiser	WRXB am 1590
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	TECO People's Gas	TECO	Louisville Times	Louisville Bats	Tropicana Field
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2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	Paulette M. Jones	Hit World Ent	CBS 10 News		Al Lang Stadium
Affordable Reality	Hit World	Fox 13 News	Allen Sports Center		ABC 28 News
16th Street Plaza	Pinellas Co, Urban League	Hungry Howies	City of Largo, FL		NBC 8 News
Hammond Stadium	Affordable Reality	Scorpio's T-shirts	Fay's Deli		Great Bay Dist.
Paulette M. Jones	16th Street Plaza				
Michelle B. Patty					

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And I would like to Encourage You Too, to become a Sponsor of This Great American Effort called The Big Experiment II.

# LINE UP TO SIGN UP FOR



## FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT THOMAS ENGLISH

**Subject:** Fw: 2022 Juneteenth / The 1st African American National Holiday Sports Event

Dear **All 26 Cities, Juneteenths and Black Baseball contacts.**

Pertaining to your consideration, to Host or Participate in " **The 1st African American National Holiday Sports Event** " in American History.

Enclosed is an Email/Presentation that I sent to the city of Louisville, pertaining to hosting this production also. Along with a cost to Produce, Promote and Host, this New, Historic and Exciting era at a National Level.

I wanted to let everyone know, what was sent to the city of Louisville. **Please Note:** NO DEAL Was Made or Any Conversation

And if anyone of you, are ready to " Take The Next Step " and " **Let's Make A Deal,**" to begin in making this happen.as early as possible, which Baseball Fever begins in March, please call me at 502 822-8783.

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Thomas English <greatartistforyou@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022, 08:20:22 PM EST

**Subject:** 2022 Juneteenth / The 1st African American National Holiday Sports Event

Dear Wanda Mitchell-Smith,

**Happy New Year and Happy Black History Month!**

The 2nd National Holiday will be here soon June 19/Juneteenth 2022.

I am the chairman of the "National Juneteenth Negro League Baseball Commission", which makes me "The New Black Baseball Commissioner. " If you look at my website at <http://www.negrobaseballisback.com> it will give you an idea of what I have been doing for the past 20 Years, at the request from the founder of the NLBM (Negro League Baseball Museum) Buck O'Neil.

Mr. O'Neil "Passed the Torch" over to me, to "Bring Back Negro Baseball and Continue the History of African American Baseball " on August 20, 1999, called **The Big Experiment aka New Negro RNBI (Reviving Negro Baseball in Inner-cities)**". The city of Louisville was part of this in 2001, 2002 and 2003 in which I received two Proclamations, which were highlighted on the Front Page of the Neighborhood Section of the Courier Journal/Louisville Times.

I was also able to gather sponsors, supporters and contributors such as the Louisville Bats, Louisville Slugger and also News and Sports media coverage, including WLKY Sports legend Fred Cowgill and his " I Challenge Fred " episodes. At that time, he was able to come out of retirement, to do an " I Challenge Fred Re-match " at 4th Street Live in 2020, during the " 100th Year Anniversary of Negro Baseball " celebration, which would have involved a press conference, the black baseball museum and more. But Covid 19 happened and you know the rest.

I am now collaborating with Ms. Leora Jackson and her non-profit " UMOJA Soul Youth Club " to host a 2022 Juneteenth Freedom Festival Showcase of Enrichment, History, Education and Fashion Show by the Umoja Soul Youth. The Freedom Festival Showcase will host the event called " **Because of Them, We Can** " fashion and also " **The 1st African American National Holiday Sports Event**" in American History. The Negro RNBI Black Baseball project will consist of the historic Negro Baseball Fundraiser called "Pass the Hat!" This fundraiser occurs during a "Kentucky vs Indiana Negro Baseball Team Names ALL-STARs" event(s), featuring and giving honor to the Negro Baseball teams in Indiana such as the "Indianapolis Clowns, ABC's, French

I have No Sponsor to finance this " New, Historic and Exciting "era. There is not enough time to find one, that will sponsor immediately. which is the reason why I am calling upon all cities, that have great Negro Baseball History, to finance this production. It would be beneficial for the city of Louisville to finance this event, with No Dictatorship " I will spend the monies as I see fit ", the use of Harmony Field as much as possible, the Permits to Promote on Large Banners, Large Baseball Props etc. and All City Resources.

## The Plan

### Promotional Explosion 1.

The Umoja Soul Youth Club

presents a

**Negro Baseball is back! in Kentucky and**

### Indiana

" See, Hear and Enjoy "

The Kentucky vs Indiana Negro Baseball

All-Stars

A New Negro RNBI Black Baseball " Youth and Adult " Weekend Tournament. Featuring giving honor to the old Negro Baseball team names from both Indiana and Kentucky. On Fri., Sat., Sun. June 17, 18,19, and also during upcoming promotional practices / scrimmages and appearances.

Indiana Team Names:

Indianapolis Clowns, Indianapolis ABC's, French Lick Plutos, New Albany Bombers, Clarkville Jets, etc.

Kentucky Team Names:

Zulus, Black Colonels, Unions, Red Caps, Falls City, etc.

During the 2022 Juneteenth Freedom Festival at Harmony Field in Shawnee Park.

Beginning with **Showboat Sign Ups**, at signup locations in both New Albany and Clarksville and also Sign Ups, at signup locations in Louisville.

**Showboat Tryouts and Practices** in Indiana / Floyd Co. Parks and in Louisville at Shawnee Park.

**Showboat Recruitment** in both Indiana at Downtown / Floyd Co. Park etc. and also in Louisville at 4th Street Live etc.

### Promotional Explosion 2.

During the week of June 17, 18, and

19,

Showboat / Showoff events in Indiana and in Louisville. Displaying to baseball fans Uniforms, Athletic Poetry in Motion, etc.

Local Press Conferences in Indiana and in Louisville

National Press Conference

All News and Sports Media Coverages

### Promotional Explosion 3.

" The 1st African American National Holiday Sports

Event " in American History

Opening Ceremony

Pluto's, New Albany Bombers and Clarksville Jets, etc. These Indiana teams will compete against The Louisville Zulus, Black Colonels, etc.

We have about 26 Cities that are deeply considering collaborating with us to produce, promote and host this "New Historic and Exciting era" in their city. I would like to give my hometown of Louisville, "**The 1st Crack**" to host this Great American Effort.

There is a possibility, that I may host this event at the Slugger's Field, and I am waiting for an answer from the Louisville Bats. But if you let me know "ASAP", with Monies, Permission and the Freedom and the usage of Harmony Field at Shawnee Park, that would very much be appreciated.

Enclosed is the information that you asked for. Please call me at 502 822-8783 for any questions.

Thank You So Much,  
Thomas M. English

### Presentation

This Presentation is to introduce to the city of Louisville and also the Juneteenth Commission. The opportunity, to have the 1st opportunity to Hold The Title or to Share The Title, to host a "New, Historic and Exciting era in American History and also Federal Holiday History. "**The 1st African American National Holiday Sports Event**" in American History. This particular event, will open more doors and windows for Grants from the Government, and Foundations, NEH, Taxes from Hotels, Restaurant and etc benefits to the city of Louisville. Also another National Tourist Attraction in the city of Louisville and at Shawnee Park on June 17, 18, and 19, and even before the weekend tournament. By way of Promotional / Showboat events. The Juneteenth Commission will also benefit from this historic era. By way of having the use of "The Concession Stand / Food Vendors, Booth Rentals, etc., during upcoming Promotional events at 4th Street Live and Promotional Scrimmages at Shawnee Park in Louisville only.

This production can be hosted for a "1 Day Event or a Weekend Tournament ( Fri. Sat. and Sun.) at Shawnee Park and also Promotional events in Floyd Co. Indiana. Which have they're own Food Concessions and Vendor for Indiana only.

Except for the "Kentucky vs Indiana Best Bar'B'Que Contest(s) to be considered. There are an open variety of Black Baseball events, that can be hosted in Shawnee Park before and after Juneteenth . and I am have been searching for "**A New Home for Black Baseball Games, Tournaments, World Series and More**", that can be hosted at the Paul Bather Baseball Complex in Shawnee Park. Please consider that too. I am "NOT RELATED to the NLBM" in any type of way. I am the Future of Black Baseball and The Next Generation of Black Baseball Players.

### Budget

To begin immediately. To finance the cost of "Insurance, Security, Production Services, Promotion Services / Material and Supplies, Production Material and Supplies, Advertisement, Paint and Supplies for Wall Murals and Banners, Lumber, Uniforms for Youth and Adults, Umpires, Appearance Fees, Transportation, Housing, Food, Showboat events, Video Productions, Buffalo Soldiers, Entertainment, Costumes, Horse and Wagon, Horse and Buggy Audio Equipment, Youth Teams, Man Catcher with Bloodhounds, etc.

### Sponsor

Welcome to: By the President of the United States, that signed the Emancipation Proclamation " Mr. Abe Lincoln ". Followed by General Gordon Granger, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, The Buffalo Soldiers, Mrs. Leora Jackson, The Mayor of Louisville and Thoma English .

Once all statements are made, each guest will " **Throw Out The 1st Pitch** " into " **Juneteenth and New Black Baseball** " history. Saying the words " **Let History Begin.... Again** "

" Play Ball "

A Nine Inning Weekend Black Baseball Tournament, Between the Kentucky  
vs Indiana Negro Baseball All-Stars

**After the historic Black Baseball is over, I will begin to  
prepare for the next season.**

Thank You So Much



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