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RESEARCHING EARLY CANADIAN BASEBALL: "BOOMER" HARDING & THE CHATHAM COLOURED ALL-STARS

MIRIAM WRIGHT, DAVE JOHNSTON, HEIDI JACOBS, UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR



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Tyrrell, 3b.	5	1	0	2	2	1
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L. Harding, ss.	4	2	2	4	2	1
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**BREAKING THE
COLOUR BARRIER**

TODAY:

- **Miriam: Telling the Story With Oral History**
- **Heidi: Finding the Story With Newspapers**
- **Dave: Telling and Sharing the Story**



MIRIAM: TELLING THE STORY WITH ORAL HISTORY



"YOU COULD GET OUT WITH A RAGGEDY GLOVE AND ONE GLOVE AND WHEN YOU COME IN FROM THE FIELD THE GLOVE WENT DOWN ON THE GROUND AND THE FIELDER FROM THE OTHER TEAM PICKED IT UP...IT WAS GOOD BECAUSE THERE WASN'T MUCH MONEY FLOATING AROUND AND IT GOT THE GUYS TOGETHER"

– JOHN OLBHEY, 2016

**"THE GIRLS ALWAYS PLAYED
BALL WITH THE BOYS... EVEN
MY MOTHER, SHE WOULD BE
OUT THERE TOO, AND SHE WAS
A LEFT HANDER, SO SHE WOULD
BE UP THERE FIGHTING TOO."**

–PAULINE WILLIAMS, 2016

**"BASEBALL WAS ONE OF HIS
LOVES. . .HE REALLY FOLLOWED
BASEBALL. WHEN I SIGNED MY EARLY
CONTRACT TO PLAY WITH THE PHILLIES,
HE HAD A SUBSCRIPTION, FOR ONE OF
THE MIAMI PAPERS, AND HE WOULD GET
CLIPPINGS. . . WIN OR LOSE, HE WANTED
THE ARTICLE SENT TO CHATHAM. MY
DAD HAD SEVEN SCRAPBOOKS"**

**-FERGIE JENKINS, JR ON HIS FATHER,
2016**

**"WE WOULD GO TO THE PARK
AND THE STANDS WOULD BE
LOADED. I WOULD BE PLAYING
AROUND IN THE DIRT AND [THE]
GROWN-UPS WERE ALWAYS
CHEERING THEM ON. . I KNOW
THAT WAS A BIG EXCITING TIME
FOR EVERYBODY."**

– ANDREA LEVISY, 2016

**"EVERYBODY CAME OUT," SHE SAID.
"AND THEY DID HAVE CROWDS...
THAT BALL WOULD COME OUT OF
STIRLING'S PARK AND YOU JUST
PRAYED THAT SOMEBODY WASN'T
DRIVING DOWN THE STREET OR
WALKING DOWN THE STREET
BECAUSE THEY COULD HIT. AND
THEY WERE STRONG...THEY JUST
HAD THE GAME."**

–DOROTHY WRIGHT WALLACE, 2016

"WHEN THEY WON THE SERIES. . .THEY CAME INTO TOWN THEY WERE RIDING ON THE SIDES OF THE CARS AND EVERYTHING AND THE WHOLE TOWN WAS JAMMED AT KING AND FIFTH STREET TO MEET THEM. AND THEY JUST HOLLERED AND CHEERED THEM BECAUSE NOTHING LIKE THAT HAD EVER HAPPENED IN CHATHAM BEFORE AND THEY HAD ALL KINDS OF WHITE FANS, COLOURED FANS... THEY WERE ALL ONTARIO WINNERS AND EVERYBODY JUMPED ON THE BANDWAGON."

-JOHN OLBEY, 2016

"THERE'S LOTS OF BALL TEAMS THAT FLOURISHED AROUND HERE BUT THERE WAS NO COLOURED TEAM AND WHEN IT WAS FORMED, IT BECAME A UNIT THAT WAS WELL KNOWN. AND I KNOW THEY ALL HAD PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I THINK IT LEFT A LEGACY THAT LASTED FOR QUITE A WHILE ANYWAY, UNTIL THE BOYS WERE GONE."

– JOHN OLBHEY, 2016

**"I'M SO THANKFUL THAT WE HAD
MEN OF THAT CALIBRE WHO
WENT OUT -- I'M THINKING OF
THAT LAST GAME, IN TIMES OF
ADVERSITY AND SO FORTH, YET
THEY TRIUMPHED."**

–CLEATA MORRIS, 2016

**"HE'S SEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE
PLAY BALL. BUT HE SAYS YOU
NEVER EVER SAW A THIRD
BASEMAN LIKE THAT. AND EVEN
TO THIS DAY HE'S NEVER, EVER
SEEN A THIRD BASEMAN PLAY THE
WAY THAT KING TERRELL DID."**

**– DOROTHY WRIGHT WALLACE ON HER
BROTHER EDDIE WRIGHT, 2016**

HEIDI: FINDING THE STORY WITH NEWSPAPERS

WHITE HEADS COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Are Divided On Desirability Of Elevator

The Chatham Daily News

READ
Advertise
THEY'RE

CHATHAM, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1934.

ESTABLISHED

GE CONVENTION TO OPEN MONDAY

CITY WINS DAMAGE SUIT APPEAL

White Heads Lodge

SCHEME FOR ELEVATOR IS TALKED HERE

Dealers Consider Plan for Storage Plant at the Border.

NAME COMMITTEE

Co-operatives Fear Ex-



Palaces and \$1,000,000 Playhouse on John D.'s Estate



JUDGMENT THE SUPREME COURT GRANTS

City Wins Third In \$26,000 Damages Action.

LONG LITIGATION

Appeal to Privy



C	Mickey Cochrane*	31	129	523	437	74	140	32	1	2
1B	Hank Greenberg	23	153	667	593	118	201	63	7	26
2B	Charlie Gehringer*	31	154	708	601	135	214	50	7	11
SS	Billy Rogell#	29	154	679	592	115	175	32	8	3
3B	Marv Owen	28	154	637	565	80	179	34	9	8
OF	Jo-Jo White*	25	115	460	384	97	120	18	5	0
OF	Goose Goslin*	33	151	686	614	106	187	38	7	13
OF	Pete Fox	25	128	580	516	101	147	31	2	2
Pos	Name	Age	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR
OF	Gee Walker	26	98	372	347	54	104	19	2	6
C	Ray Hayworth	30	54	184	167	20	49	5	2	0
OF	Frank Doljack	26	56	136	120	15	28	7	1	1
3B	Flea Clifton	25	16	17	16	3	1	0	0	0
IF	Heinie Schuble	27	11	16	15	2	4	2	0	0
C	Rudy York	20	3	7	6	0	1	0	0	0



Newspaper articles:

- March 16, 1934 "Hending out of the Go Beaks Collar Bone; Hand Blad to "The championship aspirations school were hit a hand blow stardings, one of the mainstays, of Joraken collar bone in uppractice of the brilliant first secured..."
- March 20, 1934 "C.V.S. Win WOSSA! "maux the services of Boomer than mixed." Next column over: "Boomer Handi enough Peers was working we a couple of times during the playing every man up."
- March 23, 1934 "Work Display A "The auditorium of the school when A.C. Thomson city..."

March 1934

A: Article
G: Game.



- Home
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- Found in Mail
- Calendar
- Tigers
- Tigers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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July 21

Chatham Coloured All-Stars

Blenheim

Talbot, Ross

Stirling Park

Chase, Earl 'Flat'

Harding, Len

Terrell, King/Kingstey

Harding, Wilfred 'Boomer'

Washington, Don E.

Robins, ?

Harding, Sagasta

Tabron, Don

Olbey, Cliff

Sport in Short

Analyzing Sport
Jackie Caldwell

Sarnia

Chatham Medals

Bragg

Chatham Grid

~~Ad~~

Don

Kent Bridge

OUT BLENHEIMITES

Be Here on Thursday
For Exhibition Game

TORONTO LEADS
MOUNT LIGHTS
IN LOOP BACK

LEO WILSON

DETROIT LEADS
BUT MAINTAINS
SMALL MARGIN

Standings

Cleveland Indians
Break Against Sox

BRONCS TAKE
LEAGUE GAME TO 1-0

STAY LOCAL

LOS WHITELEY DROWNS AT SOMBRA

The Chatham Daily News **LAST EDITION**

★ KENT COUNTY'S DAILY NEWSPAPER ★

Staff Reporters and Correspondents in all Towns, Villages and Rural Districts of Kent County and its Environs.

See Weather Column & The Page

ESTABLISHED 1862 Member of The Canadian Daily Newspaper Ass'n CHATHAM, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1934. Canadian Press Limited Wire Service THIRD YEAR OF PUBLICATION

AUSTRIA IS BORDERING ON STATE OF ANARCHY

LESS MEAT TO BE IMPORTED BY BRITAIN

British Government's New Plan Presented to Dominion's Representatives.

TO BE TEMPORARY A Natural Sequence of Subsidy to British Farmers.

LONDON, July 27.—The government's new plan for the temporary restriction of imports of meat from the Dominion, was presented to representatives of the Dominion today. It proposes restriction for an indefinite period, but at least until the end of March 31, 1935. The proposal made to the Dominion, it is understood, roughly amounts to a restriction of all imports of meat to the quantities agreed on at the Ottawa Economic Conference. An exception is made however in the case of Dominion livestock which will be allowed to enter unhindered like the quantity of 1933, which most imports from all Dominions were very large. The restriction, the government claims, will be considered a necessary and temporary measure of the subsidy to British farmers. The

Seventy Seven Members Of Circus Staff Rushed To Detroit Hospitals

Associated Press. DETROIT, July 27.—The city health department has disclosed that 77 performers, trainers and other employees of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey combined circus are in a hospital here, at least half of them suffering from typhoid fever and the others suspected of having the disease. The circus, closed a two-day engagement here Tuesday night and moved on to other Michigan cities today. Dr. Fred M. Woods, of the city board of health, said that speculations were not regarding themselves in the disease by attending the circus.

SOMBRA MAN FELL INTO ST. CLAIR RIVER

Owner of Ferry System Between Sombra and Marine City.

EARLY THIS A. M. Unfortunate Man Was Drowned Near Canadian Shore.

The Staff Reporter WALLACEBURG, July 27.—Ole Whiteley, 61, of Sombra, owner and operator of the ferry system on the river St. Clair between the Canadian village and Marine City, Michigan, was drowned while a few feet off the Canadian shore when he fell out of his boat while on this morning. The body had not yet been recovered. The drowned man, about 1:30 a.m., when the weather was still and his boat was about to enter the river, he was leaning over the side of the boat when he fell into the water. The drowned man was about 1:30 a.m. when the weather was still and his boat was about to enter the river, he was leaning over the side of the boat when he fell into the water. The drowned man was about 1:30 a.m. when the weather was still and his boat was about to enter the river, he was leaning over the side of the boat when he fell into the water.

Federal Troops Rush to Defence Of Capital City

Gov't Claims to be Gaining the Upper Hand.

HUNGER RIOTS Eight Reported Hanged This Morning; Thirty To be Executed Later.

Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press. YUDOVA, July 27.—The situation in some sections of Austria approached anarchy today. The country whose first president, Ignaz Seipel, died, was controlled by violent workers, pushed back by government of troops and military law, under circumstances brought into existence by the government. The government, headed by the Federal Prince Dr. Ignaz Seipel, was rapidly gaining upper hand in the civil trouble here, and especially gaining in Vienna, where an official communication declared the first intention was completely crushed. This was offered assistance, with their former fighting was continuing in Croatia.

ORVAL SHAW ARRAIGNED ON TWO MORE THEFT CHARGES

Former Notorious Hermit of Skunk's Mixery is Remanded to Jail for Another Week — Police Making Checks on Tools and Equipment Seized at Shaw's Smithy.

Charges along two more thefts were preferred against Orval Shaw, the former hermit of Skunk's Mixery who was arrested a week ago at Ather in Kent where he had been operating a blacksmith shop, when he was before Magistrate Arnold in county police court today for a third month for a week. To Shaw and the two charges on which he was originally arrested, Shaw pleaded not guilty. He was whisked back to the county jail immediately after the hearing procedure in police court.

Passenger Plane Burns, 11 Die in Flames

Canadian Press Via Naval. FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, July 27.—Eight passengers and the crew of one of a German "Condor" plane were burned to death today when the plane crashed on German territory near Lake Constance. It instantly burst into a single sheet of flames, including plane and passengers to death.

JAMES BOTT IS CALLED TO REST

Former Raleigh Farmer Passed Away at Port Alma.



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JANUARY 31

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TUESDAY'S GAME AT GUELPH RESULTS IN SCORE OF 13-7

Chatham Lads on Hitting Rampage in Fourth Game of the Final Series—Flat Chase Performs "Iron Man" Act—Comes Back After 11-Inning Game Monday to Hurl Stars to Victory.

GUELPH, Oct. 24.—The long 1934 season of the O.B.A.A. was brought to a close here yesterday when Chatham colored stars defeated the Penetang Shipbuilders 13 to 7 in the deciding game of the Intermediate B 1 finals. It was the last of the several O. B. A. A. series to be decided. The two teams played a two-all tie game here Monday but after staying here overnight they went out on a wild scoring rampage yesterday and batted the ball freely. The game was another long and draggy affair.

Chatham won the title because of the fact that the ace hurler of the club, Flatfoot Chase, was able to do a successful comeback inside twenty four hours, whereas young Marchildon of Penetang, who was suffering from a sore arm, could not equal his great effort of Monday. Marchildon started, was batted out and later came back to finish the game in impressive style. While he was out of the box Shortstop Crippen attempted to hold the colored team in check but could not do so being wild and also ineffective. Chase didn't start for Chatham but had to jump into harness after the first three batters in the opening

the early innings and after that the teams settled down and turned up some smart defensive work. The fielding feature of the game was a running, shoe-string, somersault catch by L. Harding, the Chatham centrefielder, Tabron, at short for the winners, also played well in the field while Spears and Hale did some good work in the outer reaches for the losers.

The box scores:

CHATHAM

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
L. Harding, cf	4	3	4	2	0	1
Terrell, 3b	5	2	1	1	1	1
W. Harding, 1b	6	1	1	9	0	1
Chase, ss	6	3	3	2	0	1
Talbot, 2b	5	1	0	0	4	0
Washington, c	5	0	3	6	1	0
Tabron, p, ss	6	0	0	4	3	1
Robins, lf	3	2	0	2	0	0
Ladd, rf	5	1	3	1	0	0

Totals 45 13 15 27 9 5

PENETANG

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
J. Bald, 1b	4	1	2	4	1	0
M. Bald, 2b	3	1	1	3	0	1
Devillers, c	3	1	1	14	0	0
Marchildon, p, 3b	5	2	1	0	3	0
McCue, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0

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Date	Against	Score	League	Location	W	L	O
May 17, 1934	RG Dun	9-3 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
May 21, 1934	CC Bragg	3-2 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
May 24, 1934	Kent Bridge	10-3 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
May 29, 1934	RG Dun	12-2 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
May 31, 1934	Walpole Island	9-5 Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
June 4, 1934	Kent Bridge	6-4 Stars (but needed to be replayed)	City League	Stirling Park			X
June 7, 1934	RG Dun	5-2 Duns	City League	Stirling Park		X	
June 11, 1934	CC Bragg	8-1 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
June 15, 1934	Kent Bridge	11-5	City League	Stirling Park	X		
June 20, 1934	RG Dun	7-6 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
June 27, 1934	CC Bragg	7-2 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
June 28, 1934	RG Dun	1-1	City League	Stirling Park			X
June 30, 1934	Chatham Merchants	NA Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
July 10, 1934	RG Dun	15-1 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
July 12, 1934	CC Bragg	1-0 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
July 16, 1934	Kent Bridge	8-4 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
July 18, 1934	Walpole Island	5-3 Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
July 20, 1934	Blenheim	6-0 Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
July 23, 1934	CC Bragg	5-0 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
July 27, 1934	Kent Bridge	NA					X
July 31, 1934	RG Dun	12-6 Stars	City League	Stirling Park	X		
August 1, 1934- 1	Taylor's Detroit Stars	7-6 Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
August 1, 1934-2	Taylor's Detroit Stars	9-6 Detroit	Exhibition	Stirling Park		X	
August 4, 1934	Wheatley	9-1 Stars	Exhibition	Stirling Park	X		
August 8, 1934	Blenheim	3-2 Blenheim	Exhibition			X	
August 11, 1934	CC Braggs	15-8 Stars	City League: playoffs	Athletic Park	X		
August 13, 1934	Walpole Island	NA	Exhibition	Stirling Park			X

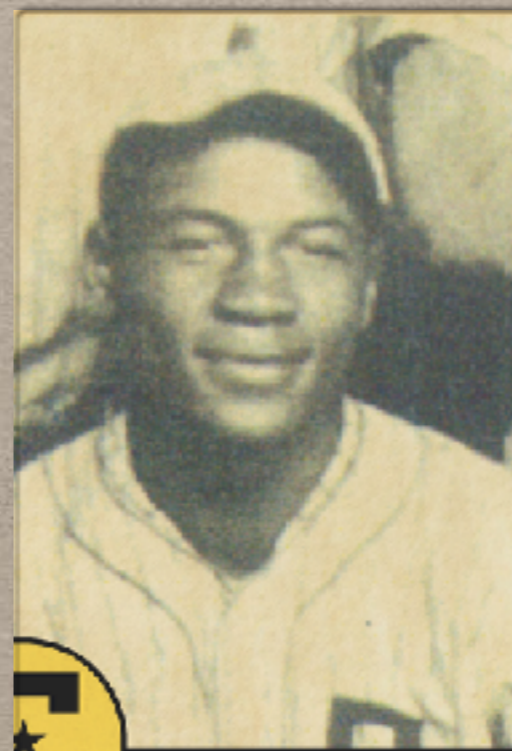
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Score by innings:

Detroit	010 200 010—4
Chatham	002 002 01x—5

Summary: Runs batted in—Jackson 2, Hicks, Taborn 2, Washington, Chase, Ladd. Two-base hits—Hicks, Chase, Washington, L. Harding. Three-base hit—Ladd. Home runs—Hicks, Jackson, Taborn. Sacrifices—Taborn 2. Stolen base—Scott. Double play—Holley to Thornton. Left on bases—Detroit 4, Chatham 9. Hits—Off Moncriff 7 in 5 1-3 inning, off Jackson 3 in 2 2-3 innings.

Date	Game	Position	AB	R	H	SA
17-May-34	RG Dun	2B/ P	4	1	1	1
21-May-34	CC Bragg	2B/ P	3	0	1	1
24-May-34	Kent Bridge	2B/ P	4	2	1	1
29-May-34	RG Dun	3B	4	2	1	1
31-May-34	Walpole island	2B	5	1	2	2
04-Jun-34	Kent Bridge	2B/ P	3	0	0	0
07-Jun-34	RG Dun	2B	3	0	1	1
11-Jun-34	CC Bragg	P	4	3	3	3
15-Jun-34	Kent Bridge	2B	4	3	2	2
20-Jun-34	RG Dun	P	4	2	3	3
27-Jun-34	CC Bragg	2B	3	1	3	3
28-Jun-34	RG Dun	P	3	0	2	2
30-Jun-34	Chatham Merchants					
10-Jul-34	RG Dun	P	4	3	3	3
12-Jul-34	CC Bragg	2B/ P	2	0	1	1
16-Jul-34	Kent Bridge	SS/2B	3	1	2	2
18-Jul-34	Walpole island	2B	3	1	2	2
20-Jul-34	Blenheim	P	3	2	1	1
23-Jul-34	CC Bragg	SS/P	1	2	1	1



FLAT CHASE
CHATHAM COLOURED ALL-STARS



EARL 'FLAT' CHASE
CHATHAM COLOURED ALL-STARS

Earl 'Flat' Chase (16 August 1910- 5 May 1954) was born in North Duxton, to George and Elva. He later moved to Windsor where he spent his childhood across the street from a ball park. He once hit .700 in the Chatham City League, and held the record for longest hit in numerous parks. He married in 1934, and was the father to four children.

ONTARIO BASEBALL AMATEUR ASSOCIATION

YEAR	TEAM	POS	AB	R	H	AVG.
1934	Chatham	2B	127	46	62	.488



Q: WHAT WAS THE FIRST ALL-BLACK TEAM TO WIN THE OBA CHAMPIONSHIP?

A: THE CHATHAM COLOURED ALL-STARS

JACK CALDER

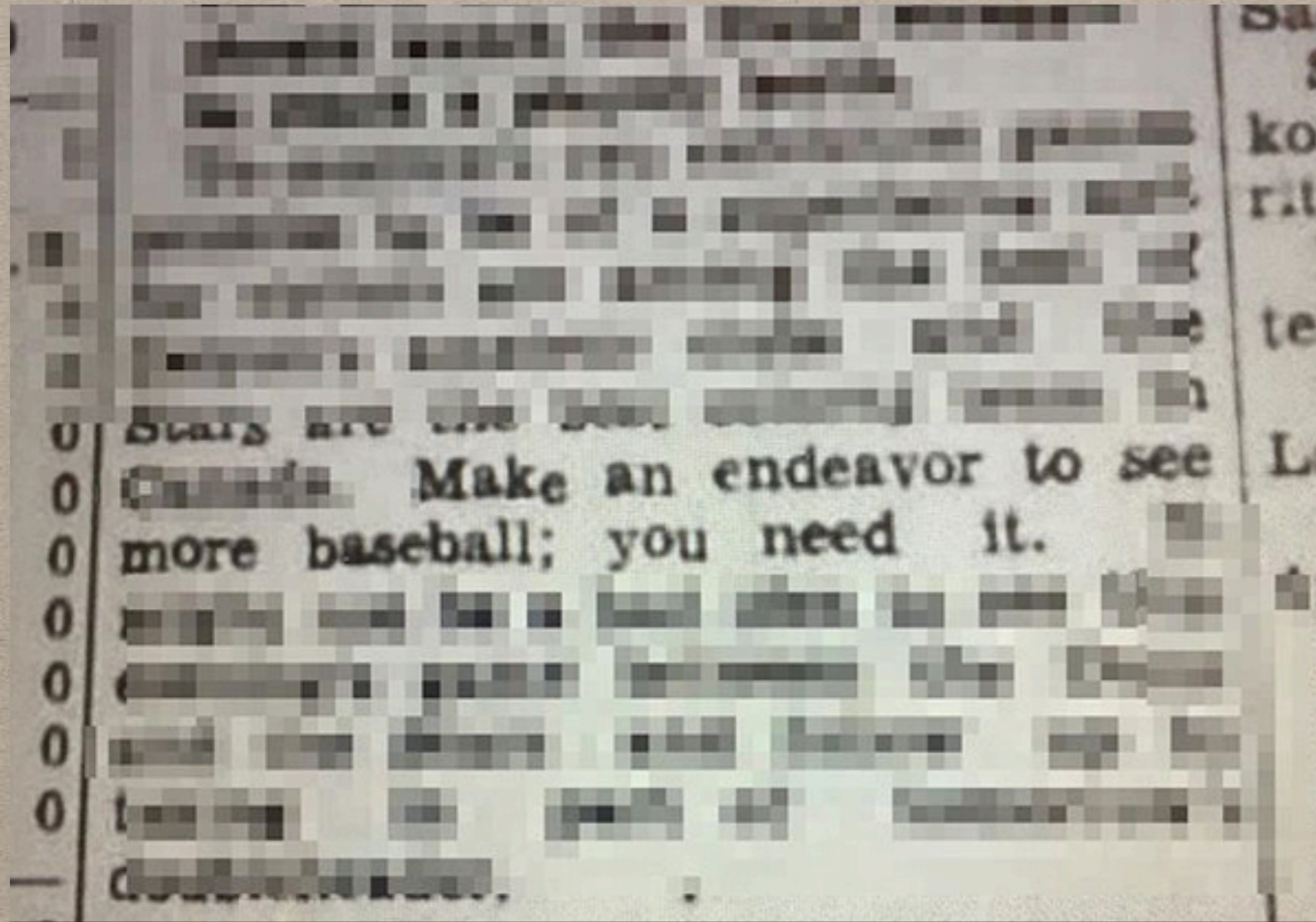


By Jack Calder.

BOOSTING BASEBALL

This evening at Stirling Park the City Baseball League is to have its official opening. The game naturally demands and deserves your attendance.

**“MAKE AN ENDEAVOR TO SEE
MORE BASEBALL; YOU NEED IT”**



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heidilmj Chatham Daily News, 1934



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DAVE: TELLING AND SHARING THE STORY



BREAKING THE COLOUR BARRIER

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The Stars staged their mass at-
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Natural Means To take the Stars

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Wilfred "Boomer" Harding & the Chatham Coloured All-Stars (1932-1939)

Breaking the Colour Barrier: Wilfred "Boomer" Harding & the Chatham Coloured All-Stars is one of several projects related to the Boomer Harding (1915-1991) scrapbooks donated to the University of Windsor. This website tells the story of the Chatham, Ontario baseball team who became the first black team to win a provincial Ontario Baseball Amateur Association championship in 1934. In collecting oral histories from family and friends of these players, newspaper documentation of the 1934 season, artifacts about the team, and developing curricular resources for K-12 teachers and a traveling storyboard exhibit, this project conveys a rich and vital story about race, courage, and community in Southwestern Ontario in the early 20th century.

"Breaking the Colour Barrier" is a partnership between the Harding family, the University of Windsor's Department of History, the Leddy Library's Centre for Digital Scholarship, and the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame. It was generously funded by an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant in 2016-2017.

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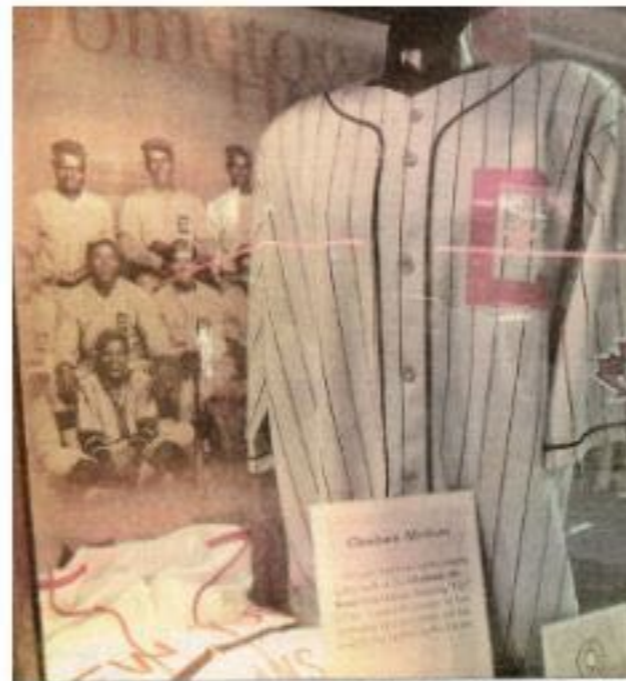
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A Brief Team History



ON DISPLAY: The Blue Jays set up this display of the 1934 All-Stars in the SkyDome concourse.

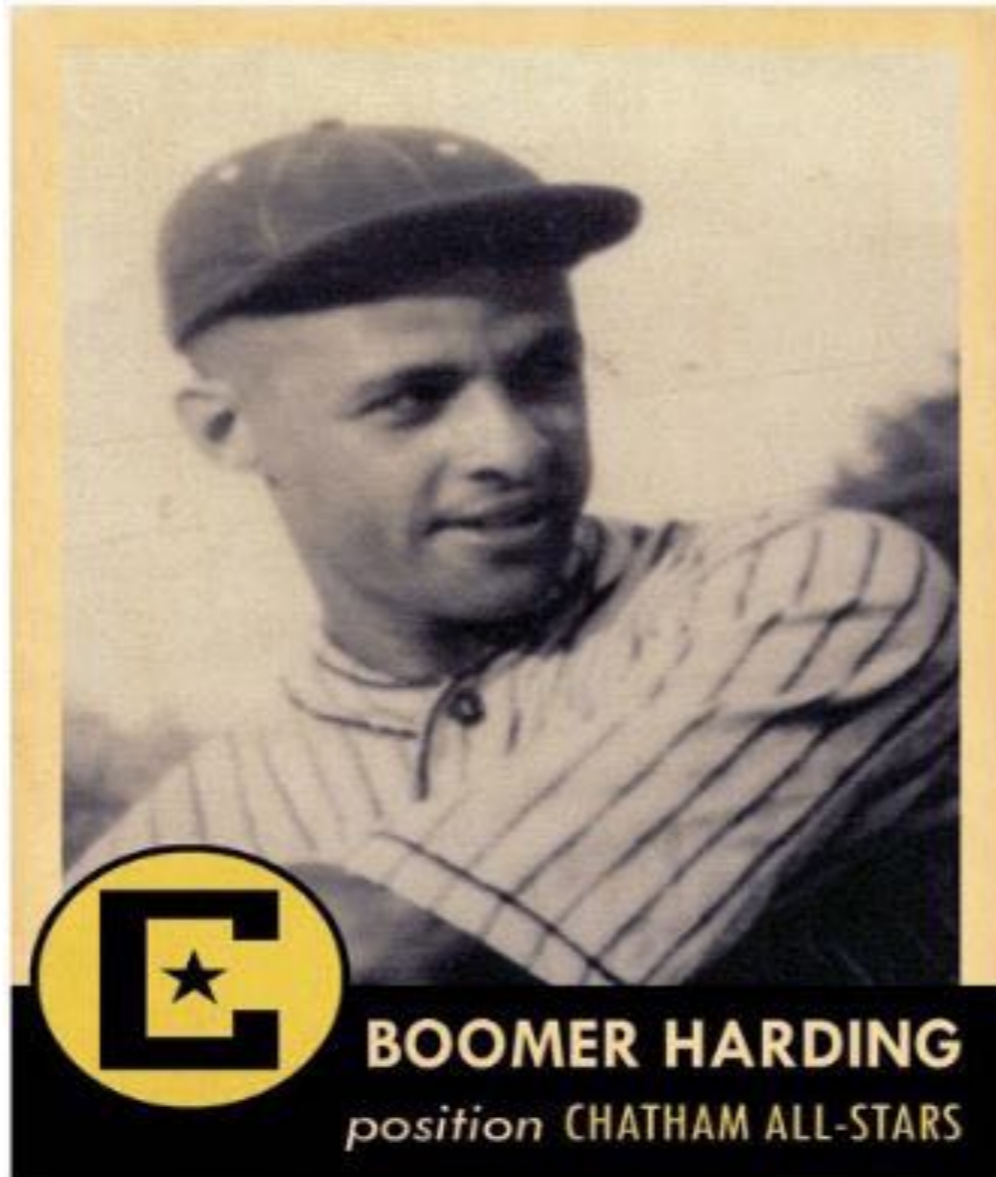
The Chatham Coloured All-Stars' story is p
1940s, black players were banned from the
or amateur level. Baseball, however, was po
travel and play exhibition games in other t
money, and at the same time it gave player

The Chatham Coloured All-Stars began this
end neighbourhood, formed a team and bec
east end business owner and a local repres
OBA), noticed their skills, and got them int
Coloured All-Stars quickly became known t
highly-skilled team. Then, in just their seco
championship, Intermediate B division, defe
an OBAA title.

As an African-Canadian team, they faced barriers and challenges their white
both on and off the field. Former players spoke about the racial taunts com
Travelling to away games, at a time when black people were often barred fro
Several of the players recalled getting turned away from a hotel in Penatanguit
to a nearby town to find a place to stay. As well, in the early days, the team ho
was difficult.

Wilfred "Boomer" Harding

August 1915-14 September 1991



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Born 6 August 1915 to An Georgina, Florence, Beul community, was an all- throughout his life. He w School, where he won nu vaulting, hockey, basketb helping them to win the During World War II, Bo with the army, he comp travelling hockey team i had a tryout with the In Staffords, a Detroit Red black player to skate at were in advanced hockey

He married Joy Handsor grandchildren, Kerry and and retired in 1975 after the Royal Canadian Legi placed among the top se community, such as soft Methodist Episcopal Chu



Interview With Ferguson Jenkins

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1937 Chatham Coloured All-Stars



Defeat Blenheim in 13 Thrilling Frames; Chase Cracks Homer



Walpole Defaulted The Final Contest

"Plastering a line-drive home run with two on base and two innings of hitless relief pitching, Flat Chase cracked the All Stars into the Kent Intermediate "B" Baseball League in a thrilling victory here yesterday over the second round contest. (Chatham Daily News, August 13th, 1937)



"A delegation of the Stars appeared at Highgate to watch the game that meant so much to their people. (Chatham Daily News, August 17th, 1937)

← 1936 Chatham Coloured All-Stars

1937 Chatham Coloured All-Stars

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All Stars & Taylor ACs: 1935-1946

1935 Chatham Coloured All Stars



On this page, you will find lesson plans to help you bring the story of Boomer Harding and the Chatham Coloured All Stars into your classroom. These age-appropriate, cross-curricular student activities are aligned with the following aspects of the Ontario Curriculum: the Ontario Curriculum Social Studies, Grades 1 to 8; the Ontario Curriculum History and Geography, Grades 7 and 8; the Ontario Curriculum Language, Grades 1 to 8; the Ontario Curriculum Canadian Studies, Grades 9 and 10 and Grades 11 and 12. Each grade or course begins with an overview of specific curriculum expectations. Following this overview, teacher background information is provided.

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CHATHAM "STARS" TROUNCE PENETANG IN FINAL GAME TO WIN PROVINCIAL INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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