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Unknown photographer

Bobby Marshall, Minneapolis Central High School Baseball Team, 1901

Gelatin silver print

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This photo captures Bobby Marshall (1880–1958), the only African American on the Minneapolis Central High School baseball team of 1901. After graduation, Wells was an All-American football player at the University of Minnesota while working toward his law degree. He graduated in 1907, but found little work because of racial prejudice. He turned to sports to support his family, playing professional segregated baseball for the St. Paul Colored

Gophers. He spent one season with the Chicago Leland Giants traveling through the South, but eventually returned to Minneapolis to re-establish his law practice. Wells continued his involvement with baseball, eventually witnessing the sport's integration. The Minneapolis Millers awarded him a lifetime pass to their games, where he watched Roy Campenella, Willie Mays, Ray Dandridge, and others play to adoring crowds.

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Deephaven Baseball Club, 1901

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October 20, 1953

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Sports Illustrated

October 29, 1962

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**Calvin Griffith of the Cincinnati
Nationals, 1911**

American Tobacco Company label

Courtesy of Clark Griffith

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**John F. Kennedy High School Yearbook,
Babbitt, Minnesota, 1970**

Courtesy of William "Buzz" Schneider

Buzz Schneider played on the 1974 NCAA Championship men's hockey team, and later on the 1980 Olympic team under coach Herb Brooks. He scored the tying goal in the pivotal game against the Soviet Union en route to Olympic gold.

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Sports Illustrated

February 7, 1972

“An Ugly Affair in Minneapolis”

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In a 1972, the Minnesota Gophers basketball team faced basketball powerhouse Ohio State in a highly anticipated Big Ten conference game between the two undefeated teams. A capacity crowd of more than 17,000 watched the game that became infamous for its brawl. The Gophers trailed by six with 36 seconds remaining in the game when Gophers' Clyde Turner knocked Ohio State center Luke Witte to the ground. Turner offered Witte a hand up and then proceeded to knee him in the groin. Turner was assessed a flagrant foul and ejected from the game. Before he exited, however, a brawl broke out on the floor involving players from both benches as well as fans. Gopher forward Ron Behagen charged the melee and is seen here stepping on Witte's head. The Ohio State team needed a police escort to get off the floor and three Ohio State players were hospitalized. The triggering brawl remains a much debated incident. Some argue that the Ohio State player instigated the violence with their rough play and an elbow early in the game while others point to racial tensions. After an investigation by Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke, who was a spectator at the game, Turner and Behagen were suspended for the rest of the season. Minnesota athletic director Paul Giel had by that time already suspended the two players indefinitely.

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