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**SPORTS COMMISSION AND
NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM ANNOUNCE
BUCK O'NEIL NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL CLASSIC**

The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum announce that the inaugural Buck O'Neil Negro Leagues Baseball Classic presented by IGA, "Kansas City's Hometown Team," and Pepsi will take place in Kansas City at the newly renovated Satchel Page Stadium June 29-30, 2001. Eight teams (18-under) will participate in the **wooden bat** tournament. Five teams from the Kansas City area will compete, including the RBI teams (Reviving Baseball in the Inner City) and the Johnston County Barnstormers. Teams from Indiana and St. Louis will also participate.

The tournament will consist of four sessions beginning at 8 am on Friday, June 29. Tickets are \$3 per session for adults and youth in baseball uniforms and children will be admitted for free. All session passes are also available for \$10. All proceeds will go to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

The purpose of the tournament is to educate youth about Negro Leagues Baseball history and to provide opportunities for urban and inner-city players. The tournament will expand next year to include a youth clinic and teams from other age divisions. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Pete Cirrintano, Sales Pros Inc. Sports Marketing, at (816) 474-0700, ext. 17.