

MEDIA ALERT



Former Royals great Jeff Montgomery to be introduced as honorary chairman of the 2003 Buck O'Neil Baseball Classic

Tournament field, free youth clinic and contestants for the first-ever Josh Gibson Celebrity Home Run Derby to be announced in ceremonies at the NLBM.

WHO: **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) and The Greater Kansas City Sports Commission**

WHAT: A press conference to introduce former Kansas City Royals reliever Jeff Montgomery as honorary chairman of the 2003 Buck O'Neil Negro Leagues Baseball Classic. Montgomery will join O'Neil to announce this year's field and special events associated with the tournament including contestants for the first-ever **Josh Gibson Celebrity Home Run Derby**.

The Buck O'Neil Negro Leagues Baseball Classic is an 18-and-under national wooden bat tournament developed by the Sports Commission and the NLBM to educate youths about Negro Leagues baseball history; promote baseball in the urban core; and provide opportunities for inner-city baseball players. Many of the games including the championship game are held at Satchel Paige Memorial Stadium.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2003

WHERE: **Field of Legends**
Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
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Kansas City, Missouri

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