

The Lost History of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes 1895-1925

In the annals of hockey history, the tale of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes (CHLM) stands as a forgotten chapter, a poignant reminder of the racial barriers that once permeated even the beloved sport of ice hockey. From its humble beginnings in the late 19th century to its eventual dissolution in the 1920s, the CHLM served as a testament to the indomitable spirit and unwavering passion of its players, coaches, and fans.



Black Ice: The Lost History of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes, 1895-1925. by Darril Fosty

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Now, through the captivating pages of a newly published book, this lost history is brought back to life. "The Lost History of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes 1895-1925" meticulously chronicles the rise and fall of this remarkable league, paying homage to the extraordinary individuals who defied societal norms and pursued their passion for hockey with unwavering determination.

The book is a masterful work, meticulously researched and elegantly written. Author, Dr. Ronald A. Mason, has spent years delving into historical archives, poring over newspaper articles, and conducting countless interviews with descendants of CHLM players and fans. The result is a comprehensive and captivating narrative that paints a vivid picture of the league's origins, its triumphs, and its ultimate demise.

The Origins of the CHLM

The Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes emerged from the vibrant African Nova Scotian community in the late 19th century. At a time when racial discrimination was rampant, hockey provided a rare opportunity for black athletes to showcase their skills and compete on a level playing field. The league's inaugural season in 1895 featured four teams: the Halifax Eureka's, the Dartmouth Jubilees, the Truro Victorias, and the Amherst Wanderers.

From its inception, the CHLM faced significant challenges. Many rinks refused to host games involving black players, and the league often had to rely on makeshift facilities. Despite these obstacles, the CHLM grew in popularity, attracting talented players from across the Maritimes region.

The Golden Era of the CHLM

The early 1900s marked a golden era for the CHLM. The league expanded to include teams from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the level of play reached new heights. Star players such as Eddie Martin, John "Jack" Cole, and Bill Riley emerged as legends, showcasing exceptional skill and athleticism.

The CHLM also played a pivotal role in the development of hockey in Canada. Many of its players went on to successful careers in professional leagues, including the National Hockey League (NHL). The league's contributions to the sport were recognized in 2004 when it was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

The Decline of the CHLM

The CHLM's success was short-lived. By the 1920s, racial discrimination once again reared its ugly head. The league faced increased opposition from white hockey officials and fans, and many teams were forced to disband. The last CHLM game was played in 1925, marking the end of an era.

The legacy of the CHLM, however, lived on. The league's players and fans inspired future generations of black athletes to pursue their dreams, both on and off the ice. The CHLM's story serves as a reminder of the power of sports to overcome adversity and bring people together.

Unveiling the Lost History

"The Lost History of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes 1895-1925" is more than just a historical account; it is a celebration of resilience, determination, and the indomitable spirit of the human race. Through vivid descriptions, captivating anecdotes, and stunning photographs, the book brings the CHLM back to life, offering readers a glimpse into a lost chapter of hockey history.

This book is essential reading for anyone interested in hockey, African Canadian history, or the power of sports to overcome social barriers. It is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and a reminder of the

importance of preserving and celebrating the stories of those who came before us.

Free Download your copy today and immerse yourself in the captivating story of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes. Let the lost history come alive and inspire you with its timeless message of hope and determination.



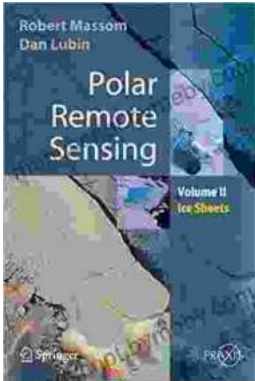
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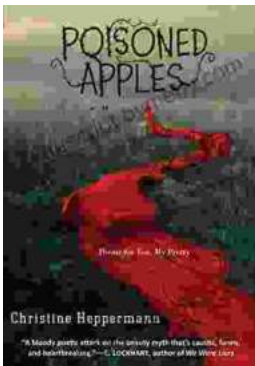
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