



COLORADO SPRINGS BROWN BOMBERS BASEBALL TEAM

**Legendary All-Black Baseball Team Won City Titles in 1949 & 1950
and Challenged Racism and Segregation**

Inducted October 28, 2014

The Colorado Springs Brown Bombers baseball teams of the 1940s and 1950s remain one of the most cherished parts of the city's sports legends and history.

In an era of racism and segregation, this semi-professional baseball team, made up of all-black players, won back-to-back championships in 1949-1950 in the Colorado Springs City Baseball League, a very popular league prior to the professional Colorado Springs Sky Sox coming to town in 1950.

The Bombers learned to play on their own with makeshift balls, gloves and equipment, not in organized leagues taught by experienced coaches using new equipment and



uniforms as the whites enjoyed. Several players were later honored for their achievements and courage.

Sam Dunlap was the first black baseball coach for School District 11 and was a youth mentor. Joe Morgan became the first black umpire invited to officiate a state high school baseball championship.

Justus Morgan was elected to the Palmer High School Hall of Fame and became pastor of Morgan Memorial Chapel Church of God in Christ, which his father started. Generations have passed, but the Brown Bombers remain an important part of the city's sports traditions and culture.