

A review of the *London Free Press* for August/Sept. 1869 turned up the attached, plus some limited material from the *Detroit Free Press*, and a Directory of London with Black (col'd) residents of London, so designated, in 1874 and from whom the local team(s) no doubt drew players. But who were they? Unless a box score appears we'll never know.

But there are references to a base ball match at an Emancipation Day celebration (held annually on 1 August); to the Lincoln [colored] Nine; to the Goodwills (possibly a team of rail porters) and their corrected score from the tournament; and to the existence of all-black teams in Hamilton, St. Catharines, and "the Suspension Bridge". This is a lot more than I could have imagined for Ontario in 1869. Of course a de facto segregation exists in which white teams (Eagle, and Wide Awakes) play a black team (Lincoln Nine) but there doesn't appear to be any integration, and the "colored" teams have to play in their own division. BH
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