

# Game Faces

*A Special Exhibit*



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## **VINTAGE BASEBALL FEATURED WITH SPORTS EXHIBIT**

**Event Saturday, May 19, includes free admission**

Vintage Baseball comes to the Kansas Museum of History as part of the special exhibit, *Game Faces: Kansans in Sports*. The Cowtown Vintage Baseball Club of Wichita will face a team of Topeka players at 2 – 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19 on the grounds of the Museum. Vintage baseball rules will apply. Admission will be free all day May 19 to the Museum.

*Game Faces* runs through December 30. The exhibit examines how sports build community spirit. Among the games to be covered are baseball, basketball, and football. Of particular interest will be the historic team photographs of many athletes and sports figures from days gone by, as well as historic fan apparel and memorabilia from both professional and collegiate sports teams in Kansas. Included will be Wilt Chamberlain's basketball jersey, Lynette Woodard's basketball jersey, Jim Ryun's track shoes, footballs signed by Barry Sanders and John Riggins, and the NFL helmet and jacket worn by Jack Christiansen.

*Game Faces* takes visitors from a stadium-like setting to the dugout and to interactive, hands-on areas throughout the display. Here visitors can sit and view sports clips and play sports trivia games. Eight-man football, popular in parts of Kansas where the population cannot support eleven-man teams, is featured in one section of the exhibit with gear from two Kansas teams. The long-standing rivalry between the University of Kansas and Kansas State University is the subject of "The House Divided," where an interactive fan's room will be filled with both KU and K-State souvenirs.

Some sports are more about getting together with friends and building camaraderie than competing. Simulated bowling alley and golf course vignettes accompany artifacts of sports that can be played by everyone. Sometimes sporting events make the world seem a little smaller, bringing people together from around the world. "Ladies, Toss Your Pancakes!" is the annual pancake race between Liberal, Kansas, and Olney, England. Objects here include prizes and gear from the Pancake Day Race. A section on the Olympics showcases the best athletes in the world who compete for a shot at glory, including Kansans who have medalled.

The Kansas Museum of History is located at 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka. Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Monday and all state holidays. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students, \$1 discount for Kansas residents. Group rates available with prior notice. KSHS members and children five and under admitted free.

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