

Athletics In Kentucky

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To mention athletics in Kentucky is to mention the names and deeds of men who have pioneered in the physical development of the Negro boys and girls of this state. We, therefore, pause to pay tribute to the Blue Grass Athletic Association and to the men who have conducted the work of this organization, among whom are Professors E. E. Reed, of Winchester; G. W. Adams, of Paris; W. S. Blanton, of Frankfort, and J. L. Bean, of Versailles. They have gone earnestly about their tasks of awarding championship teams, perfecting eligibility rules, and insisting upon the employment of officials who were well up on the various sports. Professors Reed and Bean have done outstanding work in this regard.

The work of these men has aroused the imagination of the president and members of the Kentucky Athletic Association to the extent that the president, J. Max Bond, has aided in the organization of two new athletic associations, namely, The Western Kentucky Athletic Association and the Upper Cumberland Athletic Association. In the west Professors Buford, Goodloe, Bailey, Perkins, Caldwell and Thomas have taken a leading part. In the southeast, Professors Perkins, Williams, Shobe, Wood, and Carman have labored diligently to perfect their athletic association.

K. N. E. A.

The Kentucky Negro Athletic Association intends, through the co-operation of those athletic associations already organized, to foster a state wide program of athletics to include the following:

1. The choosing of all Kentucky's teams in football and basketball.

2. The promotion of inter-sectional games.

3. The awarding of Certificates of Membership annually to each eligible teams. These certificates will bear the seal of the K. N. E. A. but will be issued only on the consent of the secretaries of these already established athletic associations. A school to receive one of these must meet every requirement of the conference to which it belongs.

4. The sponsoring of an annual session of those interested in Kentucky athletics. In accordance with this, arrangements are being made to have outstanding athletic directors of both races appear on the program during the 1931 K. N. E. A. Convention, discussing such questions as schedule making, tournament planning, and modern trends and practices in physical education. Details of the 1931 program will be sent out by Mr. Montez Perkins, of Lynch, the secretary of this department.

THE COACHING SCHOOLS OF 1930

Last year the cry was "What about a school for coaches of the State?" That question has been