

A black and white photograph of four elderly individuals standing on a hopscotch grid painted on a floor. From left to right: a woman in a striped short-sleeved top and a white skirt, a man in a white short-sleeved shirt, a dark tie, and light-colored trousers, a man in a light-colored polo shirt and dark trousers, and a woman in a light-colored short-sleeved top and a skirt. All four are using canes for support. In the background, a door with a 'PSI' logo is visible.

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Administrator's Letter

Hello again from the HRM Program! We hope you enjoy reading this latest issue of the Raleigh Register. As we move into fall and begin to enjoy temperatures moderating, leaves changing, and triangle teams preparing for their fall seasons, we thought what better time than to make the focus of this issue sports. The history of sports in our area is indeed rich whether considering today's popular sports such as baseball, basketball and football or even 18th century sports such as horseracing, cockfighting or "gouging". For centuries, sports played an important role in our society as both pastime as well as change agent. We trust you will enjoy reading how our sporting past shaped our culture today.

Please remember we are still adhering to COVID-19 guidelines established by the State, but these guidelines continue to change. The best way to access the most up to date information for our sites as well as content and program information before you visit is to check our website at raleighnc.gov/museums

As always, feel free to reach out to me anytime to tell me what you think of the new newsletter format or just to chat. I am always interested in ways we can make our programs better and for feedback.



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Chair's Letter

Author Stephen King wrote, "Sooner or later, everything old is new again." His words capture the impact of Raleigh's historic resources on sports as citizens enjoy outdoor activities.

The open space at Fletcher Park hosts activities ranging from yoga and pickle ball on the basketball court; soccer, rugby, and football practice; sledding on rare snow days, tennis, softball, volleyball, running and lots of walking for canines and their human companions. This property was established in 1899 as the Methodist Home for Children whose residents enjoyed many of the same sports we do today.

Originally dedicated in 1938, the newly renovated 29-acre John Chavis Memorial Park features indoor and outdoor spaces designed for a variety of sports. The park offers a gymnasium, a lighted outdoor track, fitness center, tennis courts, pool, and a game room.

For those seeking more leisurely activities, The City of Raleigh Museum (COR) and Mordecai Historic Park promote walking tours as the key to discovering the history that shaped our communities. Yoga has gained a following at Moore Square and the COR Museum. When riding historic carousels is deemed a sport you can enjoy rides at Chavis and Pullen Parks. Enjoy your HRM sites every day!



Esther Hall

Chair, HRM Advisory Board

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Ask a Historian

By Megan Raby, Assistant Museums Director

Watching the Olympics this year made me think of all of our athletes from the Raleigh area. Are there any connections between Raleigh and the Olympics?

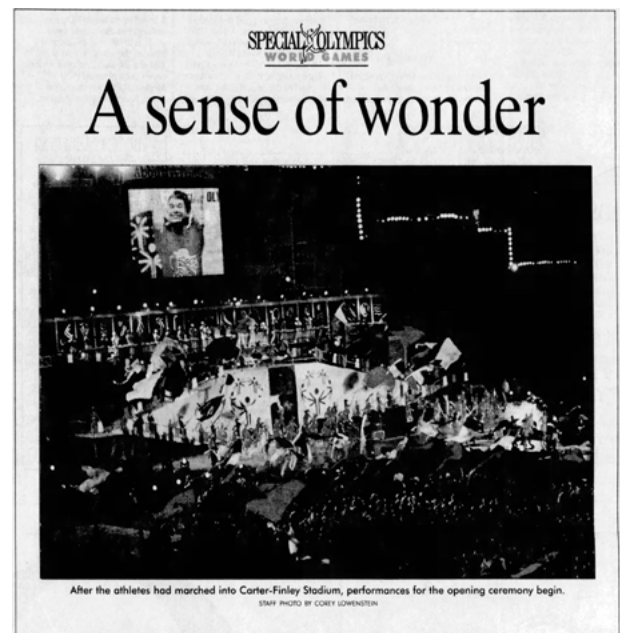
Here in Raleigh we are accustomed to high level sports with the local schools, clubs, and colleges and universities full of talent and skill. But every two years, the world turns its attention to elite athletes from around the world and there are quite a few Raleighites who have competed on the world stage in the Olympics and Paralympics. Some were born here, some attended area colleges, and some chose Raleigh as their home.

One of the first Olympians from Raleigh was Steve Rerych. He was a freestyle swimmer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who attended NC State. He won nine individual ACC titles and NC State won ACC titles with him as a leader in 1966, 1967, and 1968. He eventually won two gold medals as part of the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter freestyle relay teams at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

While all Olympians are inspiring, Hannah Aspden may be the most inspiring from Raleigh and the United States. She was born in 2000 in Raleigh without her left leg. She learned to swim when she was four years old at the YMCA and was a part of the YMCA of the Triangle Swim Team. She competed in the 2016 Rio Paralympics in four events, and won two bronze medals. In addition to these accomplishments, she was the youngest Team USA swimmer to earn a medal in both the Olympics and Paralympics in 2016. As a member of the 2020 USA Paralympic team, Aspden brought home two gold medals in the 100 Meter backstroke and the Women's 4x 100 meter medley relay.

More Raleigh Olympians:

Beloved NC State Women's Basketball Coach **Kay Yow** coached Team USA's Women's team to Gold in the 1984 Los Angeles as assistant coach and 1988 Seoul games as head coach.



"A Sense of Wonder" in The Sunday News & Observer on June 27, 1999.

Scott Bankhead was born in 1963 in Raleigh. He was a Major League Baseball pitcher and pitched for Team USA in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, winning a silver medal.

Jeff Galloway, born in Raleigh in 1945, was a member of 1972 Team USA as an alternate for the 10,000 meter marathon.

While most Raleigh athletes are known for summer games, **Anne Henning** was born in Raleigh in 1955 and excelled at speed skating. She won Gold and Bronze in the 1972 Sapporo games.

Isadora Cerullo, was raised in Raleigh after her parents immigrated from Brazil. She graduated from Enloe High school in 2009 and went on to be a member of Brazil's Olympic Rugby team during the 2016 Rio games.

Lastly, Raleigh's closest connection to the Olympics was with the 1999 Summer Special Olympics World Games. From June 26th to July 4th over 7,000 athletes competed in 19 sports, representing 150 countries. The games were held in facilities located in Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. The opening ceremonies were held in Carter Finley Stadium with 50,000 spectators.

Collection Corner: *Sports for All Ages*

By Ainsley Powell, Curator of Collections

The items included here are from various collections across the HRM Program. They illustrate how citizens participated in various sports and activities all over Raleigh.



Roller skaters, ca. 1950



Women playing tennis, 1915-1929



Baton class, 1962



High school football program, 1976



Croquet set, date unknown



Shuffleboard players, ca. 1960

Your question regarding the history of Raleigh could be answered in the next edition of the Raleigh Register. Send questions to: kathryn.neuhart@raleighnc.gov.

Raleigh History in the Classroom

Teachers and Parents, did you know that the HRM Program has resources to help students learn about local history?

We offer field trips, virtual exhibits, and a video series dedicated to various topics in Raleigh history. Content matter experts are also available to speak to your students virtually or in person.



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Search: HRM Digital Resources

42 in Raleigh

By Celeste Purvis,
Assistant Director of Historic Sites



Advertisement for the Raleigh Tigers at Chavis Park from The Carolinian, April 6, 1946.

On a fall day in October 1950, reporter Bob Brooks lined up at Devereux Meadow Park to talk to one of the biggest names in baseball history, Jackie Robinson. At that time, Robinson was using the baseball diamond to practice his golf swing with some seven iron shots before he and his Major League All-Stars played the local Raleigh Tigers. Robinson's All-Stars team traveled the country playing in different cities and this tour included other baseball legends such as Larry Doby, the second African American to play in the major leagues. It was a momentous and unique occasion with such legends playing, but the location of the game was important as well. The game was to be played at Devereux Meadow, which in segregated Raleigh at the time, did not usually include African American teams. The Raleigh Tigers' home-field was at Chavis Park and as often reported by The Carolinian, not given proper funding or attention. Lights were finally installed to the Chavis Field in 1946, but conditions were consistently inequitable in comparison to the WPA funded Devereux Meadow stadium. Poor field conditions at Chavis likely contributed to the decision to play the 1950 All-Stars game at Devereux with such big names coming to town as there are no other instances yet found of the Tigers playing at the stadium afterward. But on October 12, the fans in Raleigh filled the stadium to see the local Raleigh team take on Jackie's All-Stars. Some of the players reported by local papers to be attending were not on the tour, but spectators were given the chance to see two three-run homers by the second inning and Larry Doby



Advertisement for Jackie Robinson's Major League All Stars team at Devereux Meadow from The Carolinian, October 7, 1950.

hit a ball out of the park during batting practice towards modern-day Capital Boulevard.

With a crowd of 4,000, the largest crowd of the year at Devereux, the All-Stars beat the Tigers 16-2. The score may not have been the largest success for the Tigers, but the game was a memorable one for Raleigh. African American fans filled the stands to see not only Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby play, but to see a team break the color line in Raleigh if only for a day. Robinson would return to Raleigh seven years later to speak at the 3rd Annual Fighting Fund for Freedom rally by the NAACP at Memorial Auditorium, taking steps on and off the field in Raleigh for civil rights.

Women of Change

By Lisa Snedeker, Friends of COR Museum Board Member

The Friends of the COR Museum recently recognized ten extraordinary "Raleigh Women of Change" at an inaugural event on June 29, 2021. The event reflected "Women of Change: The Legacy of the 19th Amendment," a current exhibit chronicling quests for equal suffrage in 1920 and what women did with the vote over the next century. The Friends of the COR Museum held a reception at the museum followed by dinner at Cafe Luna, one of the sponsors of the event. Other sponsors included Campbell Law School, Weaver Street Market, Dix Park Conservancy, United Restaurant Equipment, and North State Bank.



(from left to right)

Sophia Woo, Maggie Kane, Nancy McFarlane, Paulette Dillard, Gina Stephens, Melissa Essary and Sabrina Goode

"Today we are honoring women of change in Raleigh who have made our community a better place," explained Becky Holmes, a member of the Friends of COR executive board. "Congratulations to our 2021 Women of Change. A permanent plaque will be installed at the museum bearing the names of our inaugural class of women leaders."

Raleigh Women of Change Honorees:

Melissa Essary,

Dean Emerita and Professor at Campbell University School of Law

Gina Stephens,

Publisher of Raleigh Magazine

Maggie Kane,

Executive Director of A Place at the Table

Dr. Paulette Dillard,

President and CEO of Shaw University

Megan Cain,

Create and Owner of the ZEN Succulent

Angela Thorpe,

Director of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission

Nancy McFarlane,

Former Mayor of the City of Raleigh

Sabrina Goode,

Executive Director of Friends of Oberlin Village

Sophia Woo,

Managing Director of District C

Angela Salamanca,

Chef, Activist and owner of Centro restaurant

Upcoming Events

Museums

Dark Raleigh Tour

October 28-29

Behind the history of Raleigh's great statemen and leaders lies a dark and troubled past. The Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum brings to life the stories of the Capital City's tortured souls in an adults-only interactive walking tour – Dark Raleigh. For more information about purchasing tickets check cityofraleighmuseum.org.

Day of the Dead

November 5, 2021,

City of Raleigh Museum

Join our Annual celebration of Day of the Dead with music and dancing. Check cityofraleighmuseum.org for more information. Sponsored by the Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum.

Virtual Veteran's Day

November 11, 2021,

Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum

Join this virtual celebration of American veterans. Online programs will explore the different veterans from Wake County veterans through time and programs will explore the experience of women in today's military. Check cityofraleighmuseum.org for more information. Sponsored by the Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum.

Holidays with the Popes

December 4, 2021,

Pope House Museum

Santa is coming back to the Pope House Museum for his annual visit! Join in the fun and see the Pope House decorated for the holidays. Call 919-996-2220 for more information on how to sign up.

Historic Sites

Haunted Trolley

October 22, 23, 29, & 30, 2021

6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Mordecai Historic Park

Jump on board the Haunted Trolley, if you dare, for a special late-night tour of downtown Raleigh's most haunted places. You never know who you might encounter along the way! Please call 919-996-4264 or visit our website at raleighnc.gov/places/mordecai-historic-park for more information.

Haunted Festival

October 30, 2021,

1 pm - 4 pm

Mordecai Historic Park

Enjoy an afternoon of Halloween-themed fun on the lawn at Mordecai Historic Park!

Please call 919-996-4264 or visit our website at raleighnc.gov/places/mordecai-historic-park for more information.

Santa's Trolley

December 10, 11, & 12, 2021

5 pm - 7 pm

Mordecai Historic Park

Santa is lost in Raleigh and Holly the Elf needs your help to find him in time for Christmas! Have you seen him lately? Do you know where he might be? Jump aboard the Raleigh Trolley and help Holly track down Santa in time for Christmas! Please call 919-996-4264 or visit our website at raleighnc.gov/places/mordecai-historic-park for more information.

Holiday Open House

December 11 & 12, 2021

10 am - 4 pm; 1 pm - 4 pm

Mordecai Historic Park

Celebrate the holidays at the Holiday Open House and see how the home would have been decorated for the holidays in years past. Enjoy crafts, music, and more throughout the park! On Saturday, December 11th, do some holiday shopping at the Merry and Bright Market on the west lawn. Please call 919-996-4264 or visit our website at raleighnc.gov/places/mordecai-historic-park for more information.

Historic Resources and Museum Program

In July 2012, Raleigh City Council created the Historic Resources and Museum Program, hereinafter the HRM Program, with the express purpose of protecting and programming identified cultural, museum, and historic resources within the City of Raleigh.

The HRM Program manages operations and programs at:

- Borden Building and Stone Circle at Fletcher Park
- City of Raleigh Museum
- Fred Fletcher Amphitheater at Fletcher Park
- John Chavis Memorial Park Carousel – Conservation
- Latta University Historic Park
- Moore Square
- Mordecai Historic Park
- Pope House Museum
- Pullen Park Historic Attractions
- Raleigh Trolleys
- Tucker House

Additionally, The HRM Program manages an artifact collection consisting of more than 21,000 fine and decorative material culture objects.

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