



# RICKWOOD FIELD

## AN ENDURING LEGACY

**Rickwood Field, located in Birmingham, Alabama, is the oldest professional baseball park in the United States. It was built for the Birmingham Barons in 1910 by industrialist and team-owner Rick Woodward and has served as the home park for the Birmingham Barons and the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro leagues.**

**Burning Sands Productions** in association with **Purposeful Entertainment** will produce a documentary on the history and voices of Rickwood Field, the historic home of the Birmingham Black Barons, and the site of Major League Baseball's 2024 tribute to the legacy of the Negro Leagues.

Rickwood Field, completed in 1910, is the oldest professional ballpark in the United States. We will share her history as if the stadium is telling its own history. In a way, Rickwood Park is baseball and American history.

A narrator, serving as the voice of Rickwood, will share the stories of various players to tell what it was like to witness the exploits of people like Willie Mays, Satchel Paige, Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, and many others whose uniforms bore the stains of the sweat, dirt, and grass of Rickwood.

Rickwood is baseball history, more than 180 members of the baseball Hall of Fame have coached or played at Rickwood.

Rickwood is also a part of Civil Rights and American history. It was Birmingham, Alabama in the Jim Crow years and Rickwood was not immune to the racism and segregation that impacted the lives of the Negro League players, heroes to the Black community, on and off the field.

The Negro Leagues brought its own style to Rickwood, it was aggressive, a combination of speed and power, a level of resistance at a time when segregation forced Black fans to sit in the grandstands under the hot Alabama sun while their White counterparts sat in reserved seating.

By using drone footage, multi-cameras, specialty shots, local interviews, and archival pictures and video, Burning Sands Productions will capture the story of Rickwood as if the historic stadium is using its own voice to share its rich and compelling story.

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