

## The Great Black Hope



*Part of the history of race relations in 20<sup>th</sup>-century America was the progressive entry of African Americans into sports where they competed professionally with white players. How much do you know about this story?*

1. In 1900, the highest paid athlete in America was:
  - Baseball player Honus Wagner, who played shortstop with the Pittsburgh Pirates
  - Football player William "Pudge" Heffelfinger, who played with the Allegheny Athletic Association
  - Bicycle sprint racer Marshall "Major" Taylor, who competed independently
  - Auto racer and builder Frank Duryea
2. The first African American to play in a Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) event was:
  - Pro golfer Lee Elder, in 1961
  - Pro golfer Bill Spiller, in 1952
  - Pro boxer Joe Louis, in 1956
  - Pro golfer Ted Rhodes, in 1948
3. The first African American boxer to win the world heavyweight title was:
  - Muhammad Ali, in 1964
  - Jack Johnson, in 1908
  - Joe Gans, in 1902
  - Joe Louis, in 1937
4. What do the following people have in common: Henry Kissinger, Bob Hope, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Whoopi Goldberg, Nelson Mandela, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Pope John Paul II, and Jesse Jackson?
  - They each appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* at some point in their lives.
  - They have all been officially named honorary members of the Harlem Globetrotters.
  - The FBI kept an extensive file on each of them.
  - In their youth, they each seriously considered a career on the professional stage.

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