JOHNSON JOINS COLORED NINE

Chicago, July 24.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, is about to become a baseball player. Johnson last night made application for the first base position on the American Giants, Rube Foster's colored semi-professional team, and will be given a chance for the place.

Manager Foster asked Johnson to report for morning practice for a couple of weeks for the purpose of developing his batting powers. Johnson says he played a fair game of baseball several years ago and he has no doubt that he can "come back."

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