

Welcome to Hall of Fame DNA

Norman "Turkey" Stearnes is a Negro Leagues legend and a National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee (Class of 2000). He is most well known for his time with the Detroit Stars, his home run hitting and his athleticism in centerfield. Stearnes was widely recognized as one of baseball's greatest players during his career. Standing upon his shoulders, Vanessa Ivy Rose honors her grandfather's legacy in her roles as an educator, activist, basketball coach, creative and storyteller. In true Hall of Fame DNA style, she truly believes we all are destined for greatness.

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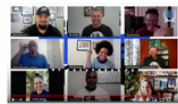
Detroit Tigers' Negro Leagues Weekend is a 'major' celebration

Written by Vanessa Ivy Rose
Detroit Stars | Thursday, July 15, 2021
For baseball fans, the events taking place during the month of July could be considered holidays. The 2021 Hall of Fame Game and the Hall of Fame All-Star Game are the Detroit Stars. With their storied history and arguably the best history in the game, the Tigers have provided fans with an opportunity to commemorate the history of players who paved the way for the all-time greats. Due to segregation and bigotry, the legacy of the Detroit Stars is often overlooked in the sport's history. Vanessa Ivy Rose further examines the legacy of the Negro Leagues and the Hall of Fame Game in her latest article.



Turkey Stearnes and the Inclusive Grand Slam

Written by Vanessa Ivy Rose
Baseball Reference.com | Tuesday, June 15, 2021
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Beckett Live Presents: Project #JG20MVP Baseball Card Art Challenge Final

Credited to: Guest Judge: Vanessa Ivy Rose
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Honoring Turkey Stearnes, Vanessa appeared as part of a celebrity panel of judges to help create and curate a new baseball card art challenge. Her words on the world's best baseball card art challenge.

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Honoring Baseball Hall of Famer and Detroit Stars Legend Norman "Turkey" Stearnes



Vanessa Ivy Rose (she/her)

Granddaughter of Negro Leagues legend and Baseball Hall of Famer, Norman "Turkey" Stearnes

Vanessa Ivy Rose is an author, educator, storyteller, activist, basketball coach and creative from the metro Detroit area. In honor of her grandfather's baseball legacy, Vanessa has been interviewed by various newspapers, podcasts and was featured on Fox Sports Detroit's "Inside the Tigers: Stars Forever". She also creates (and hosts) webinars and has spoken at several baseball conferences including the "Detroit Negro Leagues Baseball Centennial" and "Women in Baseball".

As an athlete, Vanessa has been featured in Sports Illustrated, she played basketball in Barcelona, earned a Division-1 scholarship and her Albion College team is part of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Vanessa has a Bachelor of Arts from Albion College in Communication, as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching (Secondary Education: English and History) from Oakland University.

Having taught in public education for sixteen years (in both alternative and traditional schools), she enjoys helping her American Literature and Creative Writing students find their authentic selves through exploring academic writing, media, history and literature. They often remark that she's like no other English teacher they've had previously (due to the fact that she was a collegiate basketball athlete and has a dope sneaker collection). Knowing the importance of building community in order to create meaningful change and to cultivate joy, she also coaches Varsity boys basketball, has been a facilitator for The Institute of Healing Racism and the Student Global Leaders workshop, a member of Global Champions and the Global Education Team. In 2017, she was recognized as a "Diversity Champion" by the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force. With over eleven years of experience in the realm of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices, Vanessa has decided to use the knowledge she has acquired through learning and unlearning. Writing through a social justice lens, she's ready to level up when it comes to spreading knowledge and truth.

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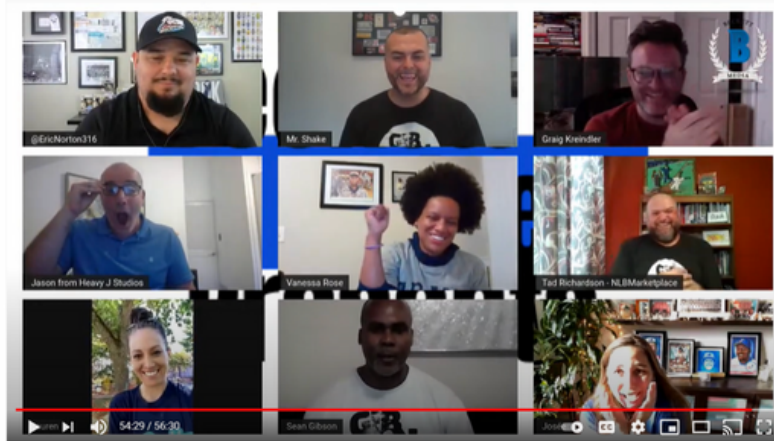
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