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## *John “Mule” Miles*



John Miles was nicknamed “Mule” by his manager, the legendary Candy Jim Taylor after crushing two home runs in a game. Taylor told John “you hit that ball like a mule kicks”. The name stuck.

John signed with the Chicago American Giants in 1946, at a time before Jackie Robinson integrated baseball. John played all three outfield positions and had good range and a strong arm in spite of average speed. In 1948, John hit 27 home runs including 11 in 11 games. As a note, the Major League record is only 8 games.

Mule, who played third base in addition to outfield, was a big man at 6’3” and 230 lbs and home runs were nothing new for a man with John’s power. Although still hitting home runs, he left the Negro Leagues early to be with his growing family and then returned to baseball for a partial season in organized ball to prove that he could play there. Of course, he has now retired from his post-playing career as well and has taken up golf. But much of his time he devotes to community service and to working with children.

If your organization is looking to be regaled with the great stories of the Negro Leagues, John Miles is your man. He shares the stories of legends such as Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and others from his first hand experience of playing against them. John is a true gentleman who loves to keep the memories alive.



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