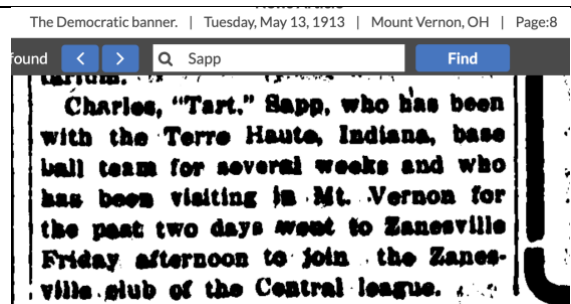
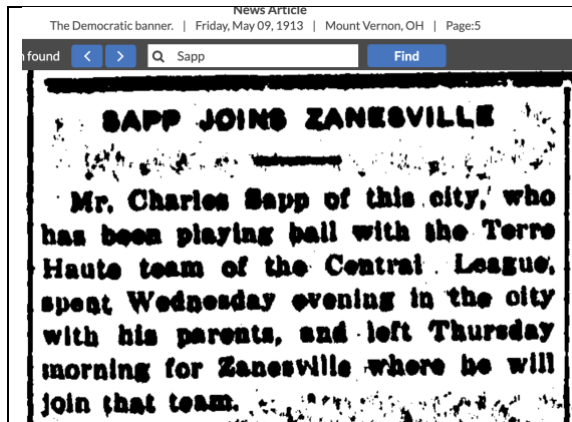


Charles (Dutch) Sapp
aka Otto Blake

Dutch Sapp came to Pittsburgh from Steubenville. He started the season in Terre Haute before joining Steubenville.



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Blake Goes to Mansfield.
Otto Sapp-Blake, the Browns' young infielder, has been turned over to the Mansfield (Ohio and Pennsylvania League) team. Blake was obtained from the Lancaster (Ohio State League) team.

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Otto Blake, drafted by the St. Louis Browns from Lancaster, will not be one of the candidates for the Senatorial keystone sack, according to the latest from President Hedges. When the Lank was drafted, an agreement existed with the Columbus management to turn him back to that club in the spring.
However, Manager Wallace has been hearing good things about young Blake, and he has accordingly decided to give him a good chance to stick in the big show, instead of relegating him to the big minor organization without a chance. Blake will be taken south with the Browns and will be given all the chance in the world to make good.

Otto Blake was given a try-out by the St. Louis Browns in 1911. He did not make the club, instead being sent to Mansfield.

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Note on Tart Sapp's Death

Fred Hayes of R.F.D. 4, Mt. Vernon, dropped a note on the death of Tart Sapp, a former Columbus North High star. Hayes' letter tells the story.

"Dear Lou:

"We know oldtime Columbus football fans will share the sorrow of Mt. Vernon when they learn of the recent passing of Charles (Tart) Sapp.

"Tart Sapp, a Mt. Vernon native, lived in Columbus long enough to etch his name deeply into the athletic archives of Columbus high school football.

"Sapp was a great running back with the fabulous Columbus North elevens of 1908, 1909 and 1910.

"Powerful and deceptive, Sapp was generally regarded as the greatest Columbus high school back of all time—at least until Chic Harley came along at Columbus East.

"In his senior year at North a practice game was arranged with Ohio State. We don't know the final score of that game but we do know that at halftime the score was 48 to 0, thanks to the sensational running of Sapp.

"Hank Gowdy was a teammate of Sapp on those record-breaking North teams. If memory serves right the late Don Hamilton, former Notre Dame quarterback, was also a member of those teams.

"Sapp was tops in every sport he tried. He started in professional baseball with Lancaster in the old Ohio State League and wound up as a shortstop with the St. Louis Browns.

"Tart endeared himself to Mt. Vernon fans when, back in the teens, he played with the Mt. Vernon Mounts, a widely known independent basketball team.

"Surely Columbus and Mt. Vernon has lost an old favorite."

Yours truly,
Fred Hayes

Charles Sumner “Tart” Sapp Jr.

BIRTH	2 Jul 1891 Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, USA
DEATH	8 Jun 1961 (aged 69)
BURIAL	<u>Mound View Cemetery</u> Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, USA
MEMORIAL ID	84540925 · View Source

Charles nickname was Tart because when he 6 months old that was the best he could do to say his name.

Charles was called Tart because when he was tiny he couldn't say his name—Only Tart. The name stuck. Everyone called him Tart until he was Otto Blake—See further down why.

Charles was such an incredible athlete when he was young. He excelled in every sport. An newspaper article written about him is posted here which should certainly be read. His name has been passed down in our family as someone to be admired. After he graduated from high school he played for a professional baseball team. (I forget which one now) His mother Grace was very religious and he knew she wouldn't want him playing on Sundays. To save her feelings he never told her he was playing ball at all and went by the name of Otto Blake. The 3 brothers were part owners with their father in the Sapp Bros Buick dealership which was very successful. Later in life Tart suffered swelling of the brain