

New York Giants.

Fuller soon found his way to the Joplin club of the Missouri Valley league, joining the Miners at the age of 17, where he not only wore the pad and mask of a catcher but also played infield, where he continued for many years after coming to Wichita. He was a member of many of the fastest clubs organized in Wichita territory shortly after the turn of the century.

Following his success on the diamond, the Wichita boy turned to football, where he also starred, becoming captain of the squad at 19. He also was captain of basketball at the time, Luther Taylor being manager of the cage squad. Fuller attributes a major part of his success to instructions received from Taylor who also was adept at any sport he chose to follow.

Taylor was a member of the football eleven at the same time that Fuller acted as captain, both of these athletes playing an important part in many grid victories. Photos taken more than three decades ago show Fuller and Taylor in uniform on the grid squad, together with other deaf mutes who overcame many obstacles to carve out their particular niche in sports that require, in ordinary cases, every faculty possible.

The Wichitan, always unassuming in the most trying situations, as ing, was never found wanting, even

IN THE UPPER PHOTO showing the Olathe school for the deaf in baseball uniform during the season of 1900, Dalton "Dummy" Fuller, a Wichitan for many years, is seated third from the left in the uniform that is still a treasured possession. Fuller was 16 at the time he joined the Olathe nine. Below, the 1903-4 basketball squad at the same school, clad in uniforms that appear to be more suitable for football. Luther "Dummy" Taylor, manager of the squad appears at right in back, while Fuller, team captain is center in front row.

was proved in many instances on the diamond in years of participation in the national pastime, when quick judgment was required. Always deliberate in every move, he was able to think and act with speed when the situation demanded.

Featured Wichita Team

Playing as a member of the YMCA basketball squad in Wichita during 1904-05, Fuller was one of the mainstays of the lineup, his floor work and shooting being a feature of the Wichita team's performance.

Reminiscing with Fuller, while entailing the use of paper and pencil to a marked degree, is always a source of many interesting anecdotes regarding stars of all three sports in which he engaged, as Fuller is the possessor of an unusually retentive memory. Many things that would escape the memory of the average fan, remain fresh in Fuller's mind although they were happenings of two decades past.

Even though much water has found its way under the bridge since the Wichita man first became active in sports, he refuses

to bow to the encroachment of Father Time, being still active on the diamond, although most of his activities are confined to an infield post with the Wichita Silents, a deaf mute soft ball organization that functions in one of Wichita's summer recreational leagues. However, Fuller still is able to get around in fair shape in a baseball game, notwithstanding the fact that his speed is somewhat curbed and his lasting qualities not what they once were when he did not have to take a back seat for any semi-pro in Kansas.

Still Good Batter

Fuller is an active member of the Kansas Old Timers Baseball association, which had its inception as an adjunct to the National Semi-pro Baseball congress activities in Wichita, during tournaments held in Wichita last summer. Fuller took part in both games, and while, as before mentioned, his speed has diminished with the passing of the years, his batting eye would do credit to a youngster just breaking into the game.

E. H. McIlvain, one of Fuller's instructors at the Olathe school,

in a recent letter to the Wichitan, is high in his praise of Fuller's athletic ability, in all sports, pointing out the powerhouse aggregation which became a terror on the grid-iron. The lineup included "Dummy" Taylor, John Rule, John Martin, John Weber and Fuller, all of whom were well known 35 years ago.

Fuller was born in a log cabin in Indiana, coming to Wichita soon after with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Fuller. Starting his education at the Olathe school for the deaf in 1895, which covered the grade and high school course, he graduated in 1904. The Wichita man was sent to the St. Louis World fair by the school in that year to demonstrate fancy wood turning, the profession he still follows.

The record of the Wichita athlete is one of which to be proud and when the natural handicap under which he worked to attain success, is taken into consideration, his conquest of the three outstanding sports can be inscribed in the record book as one of real achievement.