

to Minnesota Games this fall.

## Detroit Signs Negro Catcher to Big Bonus Pact

DETROIT, Mich. — (AP) — Willie Horton, a burly 18-year-old sandlot catching star, Monday signed a Detroit Tiger bonus contract for \$50,000—the largest ever offered a Negro prospect.

Horton is an Arnold, Va., native who slugged his way to stardom on the Detroit sandlots and drew the attention of at least seven other major league teams in addition to the Tigers. He reportedly rejected a \$50,000 contract from the Boston Red Sox.

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