Contents

Acknowledgments ix
Introduction 1


2. “Spreading the Gospel of Basketball”: The Harlem Globetrotters, the State Department, and the Minstrel Tradition, 1945–54 41

3. Playing Politics: The Formation of the U.S. Cold War–Era Athletic Foreign Policy 75


5. Black Power: International Politics and the Revolt of the Black Athlete 133

Epilogue 167

Notes 171
Bibliography 191
Index 201