

@ SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

There is really a tremendous menu of events in June;
plan to attend one or more.

Our best wishes to Charlie Tiano as he continues his
recovery from a February stroke and looks forward to
shooting his age of 85 this July on the golf course.

Lyle Wilson has a new Area Code 425. Rich Bozzone's
new one is 860. Larry Hogan has a fax; (908) 889-4007.
John Holway's Email address is jholway@erols.com Claudia
Perry's new address is 311 York St. Jersey City, NJ 07302;
her phone is (201) 433-2671.

This newsletter reflects the worthy contributions of
the following: Todd Bolton, Tim Booker, Ed Cesarone, Bob
Davids, Jimmy Dean, Paul DeBono, Jeff Eastland, Bob Eisen,
Kevin Fitzpatrick, James Floto, Larry Gerlach, Matthew
Gowdy, Phil Grabar, Leslie Heaphy, Larry Hogan, John Holway,
Lou Hunsinger, Seamus Kearney, Rose King, Ted Knorr, Mike
Kolleth, Joe Lee, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Gary Maurer,
John McReynolds, Sammy Miller, Scot Mondore, Bob Peterson,
David Pietrusza, Rich Puff, Jim Riley, Ray Schmidt, Tom
Shieber, Ronda Smalley, Prior Smith, John Townsend, Gregg
Truitt, Bill Williamson, and Lyle Wilson.

The annual NLC report is available **1pg.

Hundreds of articles on Jackie Robinson necessitated a
special edition devoted to JR. Online NLC members will
receive it. Other people who would like to receive the 6
page edition, please send a \$.55 SASE.

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

An innocent inquiry for information on Nate Moreland
led John McReynolds to develop a wonderful article exploring
Moreland's life which will be published in the 1997 BASEBALL
GRANDSTAND ANNUAL.

We have over 4900 names in the NL Register.

We have found Hudson Baker, Carl Logan, Jackson Owens,
Robert Bowman, Donald Troy, and Leroy Breedlove.

The father of former Major Leaguers David Ricketts (C)
and Dick Ricketts Jr. (P) was a Negro Leaguer. Richard
Ricketts Sr. We have **1pg obit from 9/23//67 and **1pg TSN
article 7/13/63, thanks to Scot Mondore.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Gregg Truitt reports over 300 people attended The Geraldine Day Benefit on February 15th including players Russell Awkard, Jim Cohen, Ernest Burke, Lacey Ellerbee, Stanley Glenn, and Mamie Johnson-Goodman. Available are the program **4pp; Newark, NJ THE STAR-LEDGER, "Baseball's Shame" **2pp; BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN 2/1/97 **2pp; THE WASHINGTON TIMES, 2/14/97, **1pg; THE SUN, Baltimore, 1/20/97 **1pg; 2/7/97 **3pp; 2/19/97 **1pg; 2/27/97 **1pg; 3/3/97 **1pg.

THE FREE-LANCE STAR of Fredricksburg, VA 4/15/97 had an excellent piece on our own Jeff Eastland (and pics), "Area man holds onto memories," **2pp.

LEAGUES APART: THE MEN AND TIMES OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES, is running April 1 to July 6, 1997 in the Children's Corridor at the Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Ave. Rochester, NY 14607, (716) 473-7720 **1pg.

On May 17th SABR's Jack Graney Chapter celebrated "The 50th Anniversary of Breaking the Color Barrier in the Major Leagues," with special guest Chuck Harmon.

May 27th saw former players being honored in Joliet, IL hosted by the independent team the Will County Cheetahs.

On June 12th, the Cooperstown Symposium begins and the opening of the Hall of Fame exhibit.

June 17th the fabulous Harrisburg, PA celebration will take place. I have a **1pg schedule of events from Ted Knorr

On June 20th The SABR National Convention begins in Louisville, KY. Larry Lester has scheduled the NLC meeting for 7:00 AM, Saturday (I had nothing to do with this) Ray Schmidt is making a presentation at 8:50 and Larry Lester at 9:40 on Saturday. I'm sure more will be done on the NLs. Sammy Miller reports Bill Cash, Connie Johnson, Clint McCord, Slick Surratt, and Thomas Turner will be part of the Negro Leagues Panel. Should be another great time!

If you can't make it to the Midwest try the Meadowlands, the weekend of the 21st and 22th. 62 players are scheduled to be a part of a Negro League Show. **1pg AD.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to report the deaths of more players. Elisha Bell, 3/3/97 in Philadelphia **4pp funeral program. Claro Duany, March 30th in Evanston, IL at 79. Milt Smith, 4/11/97 in San Diego at 68. Whit Graves, 4/21/97 in Richmond, VA at 70. **1pg RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH 4/24/97, **1pg SCD. I'm extremely saddened to report the death of Lorenzo "Piper" Davis at 79 in Birmingham, AL on May 21st. AP 5/22/97 "Negro League Star Davis Dies," **1pg; LL obit on Davis **1pg; ANN ARBOR NEWS 5/23/97 **1pg; and NEW YORK TIMES 5/23/97, **1pg.

"Camden Honors Doby as Pioneer," AP 5/22/97 **2pp. USA TODAY, "South Carolina pays tribute to Doby," **1pg. It was Larry Doby Day on May 19th.

Jerry Izenberg's annual fund raising dinner for Project Pride on April 23, 1997 had Larry Doby as honoree, **1pg.

Next time you are in the Bowie Md. area visit Blacksox Park on Mitchellville Road where former players Buck Leonard and Gordon Hopkins are honored.

THE ALL-STAR BASEBALL IN CLEVELAND book being put out by SABR will include Merl Kleinknecht's outstanding article on "Cleveland and The East-West All-Star Game." Brad Sullivan also is a contributor to the publication.

SILHOUETTES Volume 5, Nos. 3 & 4 is out.

HBO's REAL SPORTS did a nice feature story on Sam Lacy.

I just received THE NATIONAL PASTIME: A Review of Baseball History and was pleased to see articles by NLC members David Marasco, Ray Schmidt, and Lyle Wilson. Negro Leagues related articles are: Negro League Diary; William Clarence Matthews; The Harlem Globetrotters Baseball Team; and Apocrypha in Pittsburgh. Another outstanding job by editor Mark Alvarez.

ONLINE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Lester has 5 bios at www.majorleaguebaseball.com Dan Bankhead (2pp) Max Manning (3pp) Double Duty Radcliffe (3pp) Hank Thompson (3pp) and Artie Wilson (2pp). The Negro League section of this site also has Larry's "Pioneer from Ohio paved the way long ago," (Walker) (3pp); "Smokey and The Bandit," (Williams-Brewer duel of 1930) (5pp); & "Paige vs Gibson" (5pp) and The Negro Leagues Bibliography **5pp. Upcoming will be Gene Benson, Willie Mays, and Piper Davis.

Jim Riley's web site www.blackbaseball.com has a terrific new look, check it out. Jim had a nice listing of White players (mostly Cuban) who played on Black teams and/or in the Negro Leagues, in a recent SABR-L posting.

THE DETROIT NEWS site had tons of Black baseball items <http://detnews.com/history/base/base.htm>

THE NANDO TIMES 3/23/97 AP "The last to be first: Pumpsie Green," **2pp. List of first Black Players **1pg.

<http://www.wiu.edu/users/mucma/nlbindex.html> and check out Charles Adams's A History of Negro League Baseball 1933-1950: An Online Multimedia Lesson Plan for Junior High School Students. This is an ongoing project under construction and is looking for input from NLC members.

Mike Kolleth and Kevin Keating would like to thank all NLC members who have kindly passed along autograph samples for their forthcoming book THE NEGRO LEAGUES AUTOGRAPH GUIDE. Final deadline for submissions is July 15. They still need signatures of Phil Cockrell, Bingo DeMoss. Fats Jenkins, Bruce Petway, Louis Santop, Torriente, Smokey Joe Williams, Jud Wilson, and Nip Winters. Also, copies of any pre 1950 team-signed sheets. Please send photocopies to Kevin Keating PO Box 25274, Alexandria, VA 22313. All contributors will receive a free copy of the book. Mike is at 100731.357@compuserve.com Negro League Autograph web site, project, book **1pg.

**2pp listing of Negro League Baseball Hot Links.

NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS 4/9/97, "A pioneer in the press box," (Lacy) **1pg.

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES 4/23/97, "A more complete look at Negro League history," **1pg. & 3/30/97 "(Wendell) Smith helped Jackie along," **1pg.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER 4/27/97, "Sportswriter helped Robinson face hostility," **2pp.

SCD 5/23/97, "Sorting out the question of race and baseball cards," **2pp.

NEW YORK TIMES, 5/2/97, "A ripple of recognition follows Robinson," (Doby) **1pg.

SCD 5/9/97, Sweet Lou Johnson, **3pp.

LOS ANGELES TIMES, 3/31/97, "Newcombe still has fond memories of Negro Leagues," **5pp.

THE NEWS AMERICAN 3/11/83, "How the Orioles almost broke the color barrier," (Charlie Grant) **1pg.

THE EVENING SUN, Baltimore 9/27/94, "The O's barrier breaker," (Hearn) **1pg.

YORK (PA) DAILY RECORD, 4/15/97, "Once they were Giants," **2pp.

DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE, Jasper, AL 4/20/97, "Dan Bankhead: Walker County's Jackie Robinson," **2pp.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, "Study gives Cards insight into minority attendance," **1pg.

NEW YORK TIMES 4/27/97, "There's room for more then one local hero," **1pg. 4/13/97, "Local Hero, The Restored Pop Lloyd Field honors a man who outhit Ty Cobb," **1pg.

SCHENECTADY (NY) GAZETTE 4/6/97, "Fans accepted Kalbaugh's teammates in '46," **4pp.

ALBANY (NY) THE REGISTER-STAR 4/14/97, "Doby followed in Robinson's footsteps," **1pg & "Walker paved the way for local players," **1pg & "Hudson man looks back on Negro League days," **1pg (Carl Logan).

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION 4/6/97, "Kids play homage to Negro Leagues," **1pg.

The Spring 1997 issue of THE DIAMOND ANGLE has pieces by David Marasco on Buck O'Neil and Louis Santop.

THE DETROIT NEWS 4/17/97, "The game was Blackball," **5pp. "The first Black Tiger Ossie Virgil" **4pp. "teams overview" **5pp. "Bringing down barriers 1987-96" **4pp. 4/15/97, "Walker preceded Robinson," **1pg. 4/14/97, "Dodgers signed (Ron) Teasley, too," **1pg. "The day the Tigers finally integrated," **6pp. "Bringing down barriers, 1947-66," **4pp. "The cost of integration," **4pp.

THE HARTFORD COURANT 4/15/97, "Schoolboy's Day (Johnny Taylor) **2pp. "Blacks in baseball firsts" **2pp. & "Team of Distinction" **2pp.

USA TODAY "team by team players who broke color line" **1pg. "Players express gratitude, admiration for pioneer,"

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**1pg. * "Negro Leagues had talent but fans left to follow Robinson," **1pg.

AP 4/15/97, "Camden native overshadowed by Jackie Robinson, " (Doby) **2pp.

RICKWOOD vol II No 1 **4pp.

DETROIT FREE PRESS 3/30/97, "Race doesn't figure in when statistics are ERAs" **1pg.

THE OREGONIAN, "Remembering Robinson" (Don Troy) **1pg.

NEW YORK TIMES, 4/6/97, " No, Robinson wasn't first," **1pg.

USA TODAY 4/15/97, "Doby proud of his impact," **1pg

ANN ARBOR NEWS, "Duncan brothers played baseball for the love of the game," **3pp.

SCD, 4/18/97, John Holway's Willie Wells piece **1pg & 1997 MLB team promotions schedule **4pp.

THE KANSAS CITY GLOBE, "Coors Brewing Co. honors Negro League Baseball living legends," **2pp.

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Seeking info on names of owners of Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars of the '40's; player Sherman Matlock; the team Amarillo Colts. Finally, former catcher Claud E. Williams, possibly with Black Sox in '20's.

Information on the book SPORT IN CUBA: THE DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, a 1994 University of Pittsburgh Press release.

Matthew Gowdy (281) 568-3627 seeks info on the raising of baseball's color barrier in the 1880's.

Todd Bolton and Jim Overmyer answered the inquiry about Belmar, NJ park.

Todd continues to push the Yankees to honor the 50th Anniversary of the New York Cubans Championship. Good Luck!

John Holway seeks assistance researching newspapers for NL box scores. He is paying \$10 an hour, contact him at (703) 764-3294.

THE MARKETPLACE

A terrific new book is Lyle Wilson's SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT GARFIELD PARK: SEATTLE'S BLACK BASEBALL TEAMS 1911-1951. 141 pages, 20 photos (most never before published) \$13.81 post paid from Lyle at 16000 Bothell-Everett Hwy Suite 285, Mill Creek, WA 98012. Highly Recommended!

I hope to pick up Paul Debono's Indy ABC's book in Louisville and will report back to all.

BASEBALL IN FLORIDA by Kevin McCarthy, a 1996 Pineapple Press release has a chapter " African-Americans in Baseball" which is 30 pages.

A 1996 book by James Cockcroft, LATINOS IN BEISBOL: THE HISPANIC EXPERIENCE IN THE AMERICAS, contains much on the Negro Leagues. It is 208 pages 31 photos from Franklin Watts Publishing.

Mark Jordan, Inc. Negro League Autographs AD **1pg

Latest AD from Quality Autographs **2pp.

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Autographs of Negro Leaguers **2pp, listing and prices.
**3pp Beckett Autograph Price List.

Recent auctions saw a Cleveland Buckeye Team ball go
for \$1760 and a Satchel Paige ball \$1563.

I finally got a copy of the wonderful book PUERTO
RICO'S WINTER LEAGUE by Thomas E. Van Hyning. Excellent!

Jeff Suntala's Negro Leagues T-Shirts are available
from Amalgamated Culture Works 1-800-272-2066.

"Black Diamonds Are Forever," NEW YORK POST 3/24/97
**1pg. & THE DETROIT NEWS 4/14/97 "Memories of Summer" **1pg
and book guide from BASEBALL AMERICA **2pp.

FINAL REMARKS

The next newsletter will be August's. Please get all
items to me before the last week of July. See you in KY!

Dick Clark & Larry Lester

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