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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

It has been a roller coaster ride the last two months. I apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter. Many events and much correspondence have made for a hectic period. Larry requests that everyone please write and not call. He is receiving about 20 calls a day regarding the museum and the book. Only a few can reasonably be returned. Please write to him and be patient. I'm still able to accept either way and hopefully get back to folks in a reasonable time.

Some address list changes: Steve Bennett's home phone is (515) 236-0212. Jay Sanford's new work number is (303) 779-0023.

As always our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Luis Alvelo, Steve Bennett, Bob Browning, Bill Cash, Ed Cesarone, Robert Eisen, James Floto, Tony George, John Haddock, Leslie Heapny, Bob & Zoh Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, Bob Hole, Darryl Houston, Lloyd Johnson, Merl Kleinknecht, Larry Lester, Val Lester, Ed Lilly, Norman Macht, Jerry Malloy, Gary Maurer, Ralph Maya, Andy McCue, Joe McGillen, David Moriah, James Passannante, Gregory Peterson, Robert Peterson, Chris Pika, Bob Potts, K.C. Priest, Rich Puff, Jim Reisler, David Reynolds, Jim Riley, Tito Rondon, John Russell, Jay Sanford, Adie Suehsdorf, Gregg Truitt, Eduardo Valero, Tweed Webb, Max Weder, and Nelson Wenguer.

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

Larry and I thank everyone who has called or written praising THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK. The entire NLC should take a bow for their efforts. Unfortunately, everything is not as it should be in the book. Contrary to what many of you think, page 228 is not a special autograph page. The missing page will be mailed along with THE NATIONAL PASTIME soon. If you purchase additional copies from SABR for \$25 postpaid or in a retail outlet, the page is included or glued in. Luis Alvelo has joined in on having his photos from the book available for reproduction. Contact me regarding obtaining copies of many of the book's pictures.

Please feel free to point out errors, typos or mistakes, even if we may already know that on page 213 it should be "JAP" Payne. We, of course, are much more interested in receiving new information. Bill Cash, Bob Hole, Jim Riley, Luis Munoz, Tito Rondon, Todd Bolton, John Russell and many others have sent us updated data. We'll attempt to use this spot in the newsletter to update everyone on the changes...like in the Standings section where we ask for anyone to pass along the missing years. I certainly want to give everyone the correct ID on the 1948 West All-Stars on page 248. They are as follows: Standing L to R: Neil Robinson, Willard Brown, Ernest "Spoon" Carter, Willie Grace, Gentry Jessup, Sam Hill, Bill Powell, James "Lefty" LaMarque, Chet Brewer, Piper Davis, and Quincy Trouppe. Kneeling L to R: Nat Rogers, Leon Kellman, Sam Hairston, Bob Boyd, Ray Neil, Jim Cohen, Verdell "Lefty" Mathis, Herb Souell, Artie Wilson, Roberto Vargas, and the trainer. Batboy in front. Credit the same.

The book will also be available later from SABR in a hardcover \$49.95 edition. A deluxe version with many autographs will be finished later.

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On Monday it was back on the road and home to Michigan. SABR conventions are terrific: you really should be planning now to come to Pittsburgh in 1995.

After a little rest Larry was off to Cleveland for the 1994 Black Baseball Legends Tribute Weekend highlighted by the retirement of Larry Doby's #14 on Sunday July 3rd at Jacobs Field. Merl Kleinknecht joined Larry during the luncheon and game. Negro Leaguers in attendance were Leon Day, Josh Gibson Jr, Willie Grace, Mudcat Grant, Nap Gulley, Lovell Hardin, Sam Jethroe, Max Manning, Don Newcombe, Buck O'Neil, David Pope, William Pope, and Al Smith. The Indians Scorebook Magazine Vol 8 #4 GAME FACE has Doby on the front and an article inside. **5pp also **2pp copy of brunch program. Doby brochure "A Tribute to Ol No 14," **6pp. Complete Tribute Plans packet **10pp. Also the following articles: INDIANS INK 7-12-94 "Very Pleased" **2pp. THE PLAIN DEALER 7-2-94, "The Negro Leagues were a lesson in Life," **3pp. & 7-4-94, "Honoring a Pioneer," **2pp. Press release, "Indians Pay Tribute to Negro Leagues," **1pg. Brochure, Black BB Legends Tribute Weekend, **1pg. and STAR LEDGER, 7-3-94, "Doby relives past, the good and the bad," **2pp.

I think Larry went home but it was a short trip as he headed to Pittsburgh along with Buck O'Neil to represent the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum at Fan Fest and the All-Star Game from July 8-13. Buck Leonard was National League Captain and it was certainly great to see him on national TV. Other veterans were there along with many vendors of Negro Leagues memorabilia. We have the following articles: NEW YORK TIMES, 7-7-94, by Claire Smith. "One of Game's Finest Will Come Full Circle," (Leonard) **2pp. TRIBUNE REVIEW. "Talking about glory days in the Negro Baseball Leagues," **1pg. From the official All-Star Program is "The Early Years," by Jim Riley **6pp covering other teams in Pittsburgh besides the Pirates.

During this same time frame I travelled to Cooperstown, NY and The Baseball Hall of Fame and Library. It was my pleasure to get to see Bob Browning before his departure for Graduate School. I viewed, much too briefly, the material from the Ashland Collection. The Effa Manley Scrapbook, and the 1910 book on the Chicago Black Teams were among many items I had a chance to look at. With Bob leaving my main objective was to look at the elusive Robert Peterson papers. Misplaced for over 8 years and rediscovered by Bob, I believed they might be a source for additional roster names and other data. I wasn't disappointed; I found much new material and was also able to see Bob Peterson's famous index cards, the basis for the terrific Register of ONLY THE BALL WAS WHITE. I had a great time and thank Tom Heitz for his help and insights and especially thank Bob Browning for his monumental efforts. I sure hope the Library gets someone with abilities close to Bob's caliber.

Larry didn't have much time off between events as he participated in The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum official opening of it's first permanent interactive display on Saturday July 16th. It is 2000 square feet and covers the entire history of Black Baseball from its inception following the Civil War through its demise in the 1960s. It features photos, computer graphics, replica uniforms, and authentic memorabilia. New hours for the NLBM are 10-4:30 Tuesday thru Saturday and 12-4:30 Sunday. You can also call (816) 889-7827 and enter 7927 to hear reminiscences from some Negro Leagues players. Available are The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum overview **2pp. CHICAGO SUN TIMES, 4-3-94, "Missouri Museum Puts Black Players on Base," **1pg...and covering the opening of the exhibit, THE KANSAS CITY STAR, 7-17-94, "Stars Shine at Negro Leagues Exhibit Opening," **3pp.

On Saturday July 23rd, a book signing was held at St. Peters CME Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Larry Lester was the surprised signee. Larry's family had secretly arranged this celebration, complete with a program and newspaper/ television coverage. Val even arranged to have books brought over from Border's to sell. Larry said he signed about 50

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books but I have reports that about 95 copies have been sold by the Border's folks. My hardest congratulations to Tiffany, Marisa, and Erica Joi for surprising Dad and to Val for her great efforts in pulling everything off and letting me know of it. Personally I think it was gone to keep Larry home. KANSAS CITY GLOBE, 7-22 to 7-28, 1994 **1pg "Larry Lester is Co-Editor of Negro Leagues Book,"

The weekend of July 30th & 31st was a busy one for me. On Saturday I was part of a SABR Day at Yannigans (a terrific store in Westlake, Ohio which features every kind of baseball item). My part of the program was to talk about Negro Leagues Stars who should be in the Hall of Fame. Jeff Suntala discussed researching The Legends of The Black Diamond print. It was really an excellent time. **1pg press release and CLEVELAND CALL AND POST 7-21-94, **1pg.

While Leon Day was doing a card show in Bloomington, Minnesota, I headed home to rest up for the Negro Leagues Reunion show in Livonia, Michigan. I had missed Saturday's signers which included Wilmer Fields, Bubba Hyde, Ted Rasberry, and the Detroit fellows. On Sunday, however, I was able to speak with Gene Benson, Lyman Bostock, Mahlon Duckett, Frank Evans, Stanley Glenn, Verdell Mathis, and especially Bill Cash. I hadn't seen Bill for years but he still looks like he could catch a doubleheader. **1pg AD & **1pg listing of players.

Upcoming Special Events

Larry Hogan's traveling exhibit, "Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson.. is now in Galveston, Texas. Larry will be teaching in the Cooperstown NY area in later October.

The Pop Lloyd Field Rededication will take place on October 1st (Saturday) in Atlantic City, NJ. Plan to be there. Call Larry at H (908) 889-4361 or W (908) 709-7176 for all details on the above.

Hieronimus and Company will have another Negro Leagues show on their radio network on August 28th from 7-9 PM.

The 3rd Negro League Reunion Show will take place at the Meadowlands on Saturday and Sunday September 10th & 11th. It will feature Leon Day, Monte Irvin, Reggie Jackson, Fergie Jenkins, Buck Leonard and Willie Mays. An additional 36 or more veterans are scheduled to appear. Many NLC members will be in attendance. **1pg AD

On Monday September 19, 1994, The International Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame and Gallery will have its eighth induction ceremony. Former Negro Leaguers Larry Bleach and Clarence Jenkins are among 6 inductees. **2pp flyer.

Saturday and Sunday, August 20-21 in Washington DC The Negro Leagues Baseball Legendary Showcase will take place. At least 18 stars should be there including Monte Irvin and Buck Leonard. Contact George Taylor at (704) 552-6271 for more details. **1pg AD

The BATTER UP exhibit highlighting the history of baseball in the Cleveland area, including Negro Leagues Baseball, continues at the Western Reserve Historical Society until October 15th. **1pg release (216) 721-3722.

Memphis State University will have an exhibit at the University Art Museum. MORE THAN JUST BASEBALL: MEMPHIS AND THE NEGRO LEAGUES will run from September 17-October 21, 1994. Contact John Haddock at (901) 676-3596.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have obits **1pg each on Napoleon Alexander, Austin Carr SR and Augusta Benson SR.

The 1994 BIRMINGHAM BARONS MEDIA GUIDE has a capsule history and All-Time roster of the Birmingham Black Barons. **4pp

Look for David Skinner's article "Black Army Team Took on Stengel's All-Stars in Arizona" in an upcoming Arizona SABR Journal.

There is an interesting piece from REFLECTIONS ON ROBERTO by Phil Musick on Buster Clarkson's role in Clemente's development. **1pg.

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**1pg update on the Negro Leagues Licensing Program.

The July-August issue of THE DIAMOND ANGLE #43 will be a special writers edition. The Negro Leagues will be included. Contact James Floto, PO Box 409 Kaunakakai, HI 96748 (808) 558-8366, for more details or a copy.

DUGOUT Canada's premier baseball magazine had an article in 1993, "Baseball's Other History: The Legendary Players of The Negro Leagues." (the NLC needs a copy). In 1994 a review of 'Bingo Long'.... will appear along with an article on The Great Teams of The Negro Leagues. I have a **2pp order form/ad.

In DON'T LOOK BACK, Mark Ribowsky comments about the "weak overall talent of blackball with its stars over romanticized and playing against often mediocre big leaguers," and also that "comparing these players to contemporary white major leaguers was sheer fantasy." This is the most ignorant, stupid, Al Campanis mentality statement I've ever heard, uttered by an idiot. Mark Ribowsky knows as much about the Negro Leagues as I do about rocket science.

We have a slew of reviews of the Paige book and Jim Riley's THE BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES as follows.

SCD 7-29-94 "New Negro League Encyclopedia is Awesome" **2pp.

THE COOPERSTOWN REVIEW, Volume 2, 1994 from Sheraden Publishing "A new look at an old legend" (Paige) **3pp. "Calling The Roll" (Riley) **3pp

BOOK WORLD 4-17-94 both books **2pp.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE, 4-10-94 (Riley) **1pg.

PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY 3-14-94 **1pg

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL 4-22-94, both books **1pg

THE SPORTING NEWS (Riley) **1pg

BOSTON GLOBE 4-3-94 (both) **1pg

FLORIDA TODAY 5-15-94 (Riley) **2pp

USA TODAY 7-12-94 short note **1pg on Sam Jethroe's plan to sue Major League Baseball and the Players Union for being denied a pension.

Negro League Stars in The Major Leagues by Larry Lester **1pg.

It's hard to express our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of John Stokesberry, son of Greg. He died the week of July 30th in an truck-bicycle accident. Our sincere condolences to the family.

NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

**1pg, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS 6-14-94, "Color Barrier Shut Him Out of One Major League," (O'Neil).

THE HOUSTON POST, 7-5-94, "Negro Leagues Bear Tribute," (Beverly) **1pg

THE CLARION LEDGER, (Jackson, MS) 7-3-94 **1pg on Bubba Hyde.

"He wrote historic baseball script" CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 7-28-94 **2pp on Wendell Smith.

USPS Focus, "Former ballplayer is a postal legend," **1pg on Melvin "Sunny Jim" Echols.

THE PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, 7-20-94 "Old-time religion" former local stars preach gospel of the Negro Leagues," **1pg

Steubenville, Ohio HERALD STAR 3-9-78, "Ex-Baseball Great Wade Johnston Dies," **1pg.

From SPORTS SPECTRUM, June, 1994 three articles: "Harold Tinker: Voice from another time" **3pp "Solly Drake: Smiling in spite of it all," **3pp "No room for prejudice," **1pg.

USA Today, 6-3-94 "Other Leagues Shared Spotlight," **1pg

SCD, 7-1-94, "Bill Owens: Oldest Living Negro Leaguer," **3pp.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, "Fan Mail" by Larry Lester, **1pg.

Research notes from THE COFFIN CORNER Vol XVI No.3 on Everett "Sam" Marcell **1pg.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, 7-17-94, **3pp "Max Manning's memories are etched on diamonds."

BROCKTON SUNDAY ENTERPRISE, 4-3-94, **1pg "Negro Leagues gave Blacks a chance to play."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 7-4-94, "Out of the Hot, into the Cool: A tribute to Papa Bell." **2pp.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, June 20, 1994, an SI Classic from 1973 "No Place In The Shade," (Cool Papa Bell), **4pp.

SCD of 6-10-94 & 7-1-94 reader reaction to the passing of Lou Dials.**2pp.

From Vol 2 No.1 of BLACK BALL NEWS, **2pp, "Negro Leaguer Leon Day Waits Patiently For His Big Break."

"Vendors alone reaping profits from Negro League memorabilia," 7-10-94 TRIBUNE-REVIEW, **3pp

July, 1994 TEAM LEADER, "Doing The Right Thing: Spike Lee goes to bat for the Negro Leagues," **2pp.

PENNOTES Volume 8 Number 1 "Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum Highlights Cash-Thompson Collection." **2pp.

PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE, 7-3-94, "Burns warms up for 'Baseball'," **1pg Thursday, September 21st will be the 5th inning and "Shadow Ball."

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Steve Bennett is asking for opinions and input on what Black players, Bill Veeck would have stocked the Phillies with if he had been allowed to purchase the team in the forties.

Chuck Carey 2849 West Polk Ave. Anaheim, CA 92801 is seeking info on a Colored Giants team around the LA area in the 1900-10 period.

James Floto seeks additional info on the famous first meeting of the Negro National League owners in KC in 1920 and on the 1920 season.

Patrick Clark 2326 Emerson Ave. Louisville, KY 40205 seeks uniform numbers for Dihigo, Lloyd, Marcelle, Charleston, Gibson, and Bell.

Contact me with any new information on the 1898 Celeron NY Acme Colored Giants of the Iron & Oil League.

Ralph Maya seeks any new information about Cuban Baseball for a project on the Cuban Leagues; contact me.

Stuart Glicker, of Chicago (312) 280-0047 plans to conduct video interviews with many Negro Leaguers but doesn't wish to duplicate others' work. If you can assist, contact him.

Luis Alvelo will again be having a show in September in Puerto Rico and will also promote the NLC book on Ponce radio.

Jennifer Ettinger's PAINTINGS ON BASEBALL will be at Sportsbook in Vancouver, BC August 25-September 25. Her works include original paintings of Judy Johnson, Josh Gibson, and Joe Williams based on classic photos. Contact her at 2953 Ontario St. Vancouver, BC V5T 2Y5, (604)673-2050.

Robert Eisen would like to know if the Wilbur G. Crelin in the NLC book is white or black. Contact me since we need to know also.

K.C. Priest, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309 is researching players who wore glasses. Max Manning and Leroy Taylor are included. Any Others?

In conjunction with the Burns film many newspapers and public TV stations are doing baseball related shows. They include Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio; Denver; Illinois Public Radio; THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER; BOSTON HERALD; ESPN and ABC. Help out if you're contacted and copy the shows, if possible. Jay Sanford was the Master of Ceremonies at a Denver fund raiser for Ken Burns and Public TV. Congratulations Jay!!

THE MARKETPLACE

Negro League Classic Team Logo Pins from STRIKE ZONE **2pp teams and prices **1pg listing of teams.

Negro League All-Star Bats produced by Cooperstown Bat Co. **1pg

"Ted Williams cards are great for the collector" **2pp from SCD 7-1-94
SCD 6-17-94 "Ted Williams Card Co. bats cleanup in a very impressive
lineup of new releases in May," **2pp (We're trading 93's and 94's)

Negro League Retro Caps by Pro Line are now available for \$17.99,
modern colors and logos, 17 caps, **1pg AD.

**1pg listing of cards & values for the 1992 NL Kraft Card Set.

Ron Lewis Negro League Stars Series 2 is now available, I understand,
\$26.95+ **1pg AD.

WOMEN IN BASEBALL by Gai Berlage has a chapter on Women in the Negro
Leagues. 16 pages in total.

I've read three new books lately. I highly recommend Jim Reiser's
BLACK WRITERS/BLACK BASEBALL by McFarland Publishing. 183 pages, photos and
index, \$21.95+ It covers Sam Lacy, Wendell Smith, Frank Young, Joe
Bostic, Chester Washington, Rollo Wilson, Dan Burley, and Ed Harris. An
excellent book!!

The other two are written for young readers. THE STORY OF NEGRO
LEAGUE BASEBALL is by William Brashler, published by Ticknor & Fields, New
York 1994, 166 pages, photos and index, all-time teams, \$10.95. A very
nice read.

BLACK DIAMOND: THE STORY OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUE by Scholastic
Ink, New York, 1994 \$13.95 written by Patricia and Frederick McKissack, I
cannot recommend. There are too many factual errors. I don't mean typos
but wrong facts. They should have had a good editor or proofreader.

INTERCOMMITTEE NEWS

Re: Latin America

Chairman Eduardo Valero passed along to us a whole bunch of excellent
information including Hispanic players 1902-93**2pp from HISPANICS IN THE
MAJOR LEAGUES Vol 3, 1993; Hall of Fame members from the Venezuela Sports
Hall of Fame and the Puerto Rico Professional Baseball Hall of Fame; and
Baseball Players in The Dominican Republic Sports Hall of Fame. **2pp.
There is also information regarding The Cuban Hall of Fame **2pp; Mexican
Hall of Fame; **1pg and selections for the Cuban Hall of Fame done in Miami
from 1983-86. **2pp. Our sincere thanks to a good friend for passing along
this great data.

FINAL REMARKS

Our next newsletter will be October's. Please get all information to
me before the last week of September. Unless we are still behind we will
report on the Pop Lloyd Field Rededication in December's newsletter.

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