

@ SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

This has been a very eventful period with a multitude of events where NLC members have had fun and spread the "gospel". We welcome two new members to the NLC: Lou Hunsinger Jr. 1137 High St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (717) 323-5749, and Gregg Truitt 2720 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, DE 19808 work # (800) 456-3669 EX 7519. Gregg's E-Mail is TRUITT@aol.com These two men have already been contributing; we are pleased to have them officially join us. Jeff Passehl rejoins the NLC upon getting settled in his new home. His address is 17845 67.80 Rd. (this is correct) Montrose, CO 81401, phone is (970) 249-4338.

A new NLC address list means people will move and things will change. A new address for Bob Browning is 416 N. Cedar St. Apt 2, Greensboro, NC 27401; Phone #: (910) 379-1646. Claudia Perry has joined the SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS and can be reached C/O FEATURES DEPT. 750 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose, CA 95190; (408) 920-5046, at work. Home address is 526 Lanfair Circle, San Jose, CA 95136, home phone (408) 264-7762 and on E-Mail at ROCKDOG59@aol.com New E-Mail address for Jerry Malloy is JERMALLOY@aol.com And E-Mail for Jim Riley at KHYA34D@prodigy.com Adrian Burgos E-Mail is Burgos@umich.edu

As always our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Luis Alvelo, Paul Bauer, Mike Bergantino, Todd Bolton, Rich Bozzone, Bob Browning, Adrian Burgos, Laura Cortner, Paul DeBono, Jeff Eastland, Morris Eckhouse, Robert Eisen, Cappy Gagnon, Tom Garrett, Daryl Grigsby, Leslie Heaphy, Bob & Zoh Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, John Holway, Lloyd Johnson, Merl Kleinknecht, Neil Lanctot, Joe Lee, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Gary Maurer, Andy McCue, Sammy Miller, Jim Overmyer, James Passannante, Jim Riley, Rob Ruck, Kazuo Sayama, Ray Schmidt, Tom Shieber, Brad Sullivan, Gregg Truitt, Eduardo Valero, Nelson Wenguer, and Lyle Wilson.

NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Induction Weekend began on Friday. Larry Hogan's BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACKIE ROBINSON..... video was part of the Hall's Friday programming. It was a huge success. The video also aired on the flagship PBS station in New York City on Sunday night. During the weekend there were two separate autograph shows which featured Negro Leaguers. Among the NLC members and other enthusiasts attending were Todd Bolton, Adrian Burgos, Bill Cash, Laura Cortner, Morris Eckhouse, Tom Garrett, Dr. Bob & Zoh Hieronimus Larry Hogan, Rick Morris, David Pietrusza, Jim Riley, and Gregg Truitt.

I arrived in Cooperstown, at 4:00 PM on Saturday. I found Jim and Dottie Riley after about one hour and soon after we hooked up with Larry Hogan at the players hotel (which I can't spell). Larry was able to secure a press pass for the events. Unfortunately, not a pass to the hotel grounds, so the Boltons and Rileys kept us abreast. Larry and I got together with the Garrett's for dinner on Saturday night and hung out discussing strategy for Induction Sunday. Thankfully, Rick Morris made the trip from PA so I DID NOT have to video record the ceremonies. Rick took over cameraman duties. Larry became his assistant. I became the gofer.

All of us got a chance to talk to the many players who were in attendance for the autograph shows. A true shame was that many of them thought they were going to go to the induction and found out the promoter did not have any tickets for them. Regardless, it was a pleasure to see the friendly faces of Wilmer Fields, Max Manning, Bill Cash, Buck O'Neil, and Monte Irvin, to name a few. While the Rileys Hieronimus and Boltons took an air-conditioned bus, we of the working press had to walk. Adrian Burgos joined myself, Hogan, and Morris on the LONG trek. The Garretts had staked out their seats on Saturday. We, luckily, were inside the fenced area. The ceremonies were beautiful. Geraldine Day gave a wonderful speech, truly inspiring (I'm sure Leon was proud of her). Leon's plaque was given to her along with the Hall of Fame Ring. It was a long overdue, but very tremendous moment for all of us there. The rest of the ceremonies were also nice, by the way. That evening we again ate with the Garretts and then went to the annual SABR meeting in Cooperstown. David Pietrusza and Morris Eckhouse ran the show with about 25 other folks. Jim and I gave a brief presentation discussing what Negro Leaguers may be elected in upcoming years, the special 5-year voting rules and the strong possibilities that many superstars may not get in. Larry, Jim and I spent the rest of the night talking about everything as others headed for home. I did get a chance to speak with Geraldine on Monday and convey the feelings of the entire NLC on Leon's honor and her terrific speech. I headed back to Michigan around 11:00 AM. The weekend was really great. It was nice to see so many of us NLCers there. The emotions ran high and the crowds were thick. If only one more person had been there it would have been a unqualified success. Leon, I hoped you enjoyed it all.

The following are available: CITY PAPER, 7/26/95, "Late Innings: Leon Day and the selling of Negro League baseball" \*\*8pp.

"A Cooperstown Celebration" AD \*\*1pg of Negro Leaguers signing.

THE STAR-LEDGER (Newark, NJ) 7/28/95, "An Eagle soars at Cooperstown" \*\*2pp

From the 56TH INDUCTION CEREMONIES PROGRAM, Leon Day \*\*1pg.

\*\*1pg copy of Induction Day postcard and Hall of Fame gold postcard of Leon's plaque.

THE DAILY STAR (Oneonta, NY) 7/28/95 Supplement "Day to finally get his due," \*\*3pp. & "New election rules won't clean up backlog," \*\*2pp.

THE DAILY STAR, 7/31/95, "Hall welcomes Schmidt, Ashburn," includes summary of all speeches, etc. \*\*4pp.

FREEMAN'S JOURNAL 7/30/95, "HOF induction special section offered," \*\*2pp which has "Leon Day: gets his due from baseball."

From the official 1995 NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME YEARBOOK, "1995 Inductees" \*\*2pp & Veterans Committee and rules for Election \*\*2pp. Finally, "Negro Leagues Section," \*\*6pp (or contact the HOF to purchase).

#### THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK

Mike Bergantino passed along more articles and names for the 1946 West Coast Negro Baseball Association, after researching the FRESNO BEE. Mike's entire research will be highlighted in the next edition.

From Eduardo Valero and the latest Latin America Committee Newsletter is a complete listing \*\*3pp of American players that participated in the Cuba League during the third era 1934-61.

New addresses for Gene Collins, Leo Rivers, and Johnny Gogdell have been added to the list.

Cappy Gagnon has found some wonderful material on Negro Leaguers who attended Wiley College. Cappy is the foremost expert in the country on Major Leaguers and their college affiliations. We are very grateful for his work on historically Black Colleges, which continues. We plan to have a listing of all colleges of players in a new edition.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The first event was the SABR National Convention in Pittsburgh. Bob Ruland, SABR Secretary, and I arrived in Pittsburgh on Wednesday afternoon and settled in for a great five days. Jim Riley had arrived early and he and I ventured to the Carnegie Library by bus later that day. We located some information and saw some of the University of Pittsburgh campus. The following NLC members were in attendance; Steve Bennett, Dick Clark, Bob Davids, Leslie Heaphy, John Holway, Lou Hunsinger, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Sammy Miller, Rick Morris, Jim Overmyer, Jim Riley, and Brad Sullivan. Our overall meeting place was the Negro Leagues Museum table in the vendor area of the convention. Larry and I were able to go and see the graves of Josh Gibson and Gus Greenlee on Thursday afternoon. We are very grateful to Ed Luteran for taking us there. The highlight of Friday was the Tribute to Black Baseball in Pittsburgh hosted by Rob Ruck. We were shown the wonderful KINGS ON THE HILL video and then bequiled by players: William Pope, Jimmy Dean, Slick Surratt, the Reverend Harold Tinker, and writer Frank Bolden of the PITTSBURGH COURIER. It was a great time. A 90 minute cassette tape is available \*\* send a tape. Later that day Jim Riley and Lou Hunsinger went to interview Rob Roy Gaston at the nursing home. Others went to sit in on Leslie Heaphy's research presentation "Gus Greenlee and the United States League", a very enlightening talk. A \*\*3pp handout is available. On Saturday, John Holway's presentation, "The Truth About Ruth," poked some holes in myths about Ruth. Very Entertaining. John is best at eliciting controversy. Friday night was spent in the hotel lobby swapping stories and listening to Jimmy Dean dispense advice. On Saturday morning, Larry dragged us out of bed for a 7 AM meeting. I think he did this so that we could get Jerry Malloy and Jim Riley before they went to bed. 28 others were also up for our usual dazzling meeting. A lot was covered including the Hall of Fame vote and everyone's current interests. A listing is in CURRENT & FUTURE section. We thank all attendees for making the meeting a success. Later on Saturday Larry and I again ventured into Pittsburgh to check out COURIER photos for sale on the street corner. Our thanks to Sam Miller for cluing us into the location of the vendor. Saturday night was the Awards Banquet. Larry and I were a little disappointed that THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK did not receive a SABR-MacMillan Award. We shall continue nevertheless to pursue our goal of educating the public. We are thankful that the NLC's work is valued by thousands of Negro League enthusiasts. Congratulations to Cliff Kachline upon receiving the L. Robert Davids Award this year. He was very deserving. Sunday brought more fun as SABRites slowly left to travel home. Bob and I ventured back to Michigan on Monday.

The 1996 SABR Convention is in Kansas City with a tour of the Negro Leagues Museum. DON'T MISS IT! SCD 7/21/95 "In a time of negatives, SABR convention a positive," \*\*1pg.

During the SABR Convention, the Cleveland Indians honored the 1945 Champion Cleveland Buckeyes. It began with a luncheon at the Marriott on the 16th. Participants for the Buckeyes were Willie Grace, Nap Gulley, Lovell Harden, Sam Jethroe and Jesse Williams. Representing the Homestead Grays were Garnett Blair, Cecil Kaiser, and Joe Spencer. Alan Davis served as emcee as the players swapped stories and answered questions from a large capacity audience. On Saturday a seminar was held for youngsters. On Sunday afternoon a brunch was held at the Marriott and then Sunday evening the players were honored in pre-game on-field ceremonies. A first class job by the Indians. Our special thanks to Merl Kleinknecht for representing the NLC and passing along all of the material from the event so it could be shared with everyone. Photo copies are available for the following: Barrier Breakers Poster \*\*1pg overview of 1945 Buckeyes \*\*1pg;

short bio's of participants \*\*2pp; from GAME DAY INDIANS SCOREBOOK MAGAZINE, Merl's outstanding \*\*4pp story, "Wilbur Hayes: the profile of a general manager." SHOWTIME 5/11/95 "History of baseball in Cleveland featured in BATTER UP! at WRHS," \*\*1pg; THE CALL AND POST 6/22/95 "India celebration honors glory of Cleveland Buckeyes," \*\*1pg; CLEVELAND LIFE, July, 1995, "Leveling the playing field: Negro League players return to claim overdue recognition." \*\*5pp. Finally a six-part series by Alan Davis covering all areas. \*\*6pp.

The weekend of July 7-9, 1995 was the APBA Convention in Lancaster, PA. The three day event, which covers all aspects of the APBA Baseball Game had Jack Ramsey as speaker on Friday, Art Donovan on Saturday and our own Jim Riley on Sunday. Jim reports an excellent reception and good Q&A session. Convention goers were very pleased that the Negro League teams were made a part of APBA Baseball.

On Saturday July 8, 1995 the Detroit Tigers celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. The entire tribute turned out very nicely once the Tigers put things into perspective and consulted knowledgeable people. They originally wanted all the players to autograph (for free) for 45 minutes prior to the ceremony. Two weeks before the event they settled for bringing in (for a fee) Double Duty Radcliffe and Bobby Robinson (original Detroit Stars) and Ted Rasberry (fifties Stars owner) to sign autographs. They had the other fellows do what they felt like doing with no obligations. The autograph lines were so long that hundreds of folks didn't get to the front. Some players did resent their initial treatment but the event was excellent. It was free Detroit Stars Cap Night. The Tigers wore replica Detroit Stars uniforms and the Kansas City Royals wore Monarch uniforms with non-authenticated colors. Cecil Fielder purchased all 10,300 bleacher seats to be distributed free. It was the second largest crowd of the year at Tiger Stadium. SABR and yours truly even got some recognition on the scoreboard. Articles include USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY July 5-12, 1995 \*\*1pg "Thanks for nothing". THE DETROIT NEWS 7/2/95, "Tigers honor sour to some Negro Leaguers," \*\*2pp; THE ANN ARBOR NEWS 7/3/95, "Ypsilanti man protests Negro League Tribute," \*\*2pp (no not me, it was Melvin Duncan); ANN ARBOR NEWS 7/8/95, "Ex-Negro League player speaks up; Feeling Unceremonial" \*\*2pp

On Tuesday July 11th, Larry Lester again conducted a Negro Leagues Symposium at the Major League All-Star Game site in Arlington Texas. Featured were Gene Benson, Sherwood Brewer, Bill Cash, Mal Duckett, Wilmer Fields, Stan Glenn, Sammie Haynes, and Josh Johnson. It was another huge success and again was a great venue to promote the Negro Leagues.

On Thursday July 20th the Smithsonian Institute presented "A LONG BUS RIDE FOR A SHORT PAY CHECK." Jim Riley had a slide presentation on the Negro Leagues and then moderated a panel with Jim Cohen, Wilmer Fields, and Monte Irvin. A full house of around 300 thoroughly enjoyed the event. Time ran out before all questions could be answered but everyone stayed after. An unqualified success! On Friday Jim was on the local Washington DC PBS TV channel. Saturday it was off to Hampton, VA with Russell Awkard and Elbert Israel to Lee's Joint for a book signing and autograph session. Two local TV Stations and local press coverage reported the event.

On July 22, 1995 the Unveiling and Dedication of the Leon Day Memorial was held at 12 noon. Mrs Geraldine Day and sister Ida Mae Boulden unveiled the 6-foot bronze memorial. A wreath laying by Max Manning and remarks by Todd Bolton and Dr Bob Hieronimus closed the simple but elegant tribute befitting Leon Day. \*\*1pg picture of memorial and \*\*1pg announcement.

On Saturday July 29, 1995 Rob Ruck's KINGS ON THE HILL: BASEBALL'S FORGOTTEN MEN was broadcast nationally on NBC at 4:00 PM EST. I hope everyone got to see this outstanding award-winning video. \*\*6pp press release is available.

The Kansas City Royals had an elaborate tribute to the Kansas City Monarchs. On Friday July 28, 1995 it was Buck O'Neil Night at the stadium. Saturday there was a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Negro leagues and then Sunday, the 30th was Kansas City Monarchs Replica Cap Night.

#### Upcoming Special Events

The weekend of September 16th & 17th will be the 4th Negro Leagues Reunion show at the Meadowlands. This will be the biggest event ever. 57 veterans are currently scheduled to appear. \*\*1pg AD.

The next weekend will be AN EVENING WITH THE STARS on Saturday Sept. 23, 1995. Celebrate with the seven Philadelphia Stars, Gene Benson, Bill Cash, Mahlon Duckett, Stanley Glenn, Wilmer Harris, Larry Kimbrough, and Al Wilmore. \*\*1pg flyer for details.

#### COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Lester has resigned as Research Director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. This means he will not be editing anymore SILHOUETTES or Museum Yearbooks. I believe this is a blow to the NLBM. It will be interesting to see if they can recover and get themselves together. Philosophical differences had left Larry no choice. Thankfully, Larry remains a vital cog in the NLC and SABR and may have the time to expand our education of the Negro Leagues with his work without the interference of the NLBM.

The Western Reserve Historical Society is currently having an exhibition BATTER UP! on the history of baseball in Cleveland. It runs until October 15, 1995. On August 23rd a Negro Leagues Seminar will be held, featuring Merl Kleinknecht, the foremost expert on Cleveland Negro League history. Contact me or the SABR office for more details.

Contact the SABR office to get your copy of BASEBALL IN PITTSBURGH, the publication received at the SABR Convention. Among the many excellent articles are "Pittsburgh and the Negro Leagues" by Rob Ruck and the always superb Jerry Malloy with "The Pittsburgh Keystones and the 1887 Colored League."

Buck O'Neil will be signing on Sunday, Sept. 10th in Lancaster, PA \*\*1pg AD. Buck was in St. Paul, MN June 19th and Sam Jethroe was in St. Paul on July 14th, both were brought in by the St. Paul Saints. Buck was also at the National Collectors Show in St. Louis, Hall of Fame Weekend.

\*\*1pg three different ADS for memorabilia.

Thanks to Paul DeBono for typing up the list of audio tapes of the NLC and I added to it from previous newsletters.

\*\*1pg copy of page from National Collector's Convention Auction showing the Dave Brown Wanted Poster.

Address for Jackie Robinson Foundation is 3 West 35th, 11th Floor, New York City, NY 10001, (212) 290-8600.

The Negro Leagues Museum Exhibit, DISCOVER GREATNESS will be displayed at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis starting August 20th. The reissuing of Quincy Troupe's TWENTY YEARS TOO SOON in softcover is scheduled for that time.

Jim Overmyer has been named as chair for SABR's Nominating Committee.

I was a guest on Ann Arbor's radio WAAM's Ted Heusel show on July 11th promoting the NLC book.

#### NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

THE WEDNESDAY MAGAZINE 7/12/95 "Monarchs play ball, again," \*\*2pp

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PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, 3/5/95, "Baseball's better days evoked at card show," \*\*1pg

SCD 8/11/95. "Charley Neal was vital cog in Dodger dynasty," \*\*2pp.

"Rickwood historical group hits a homer," \*\*1pg from BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY June 14-20, 1995 \*\*2pp "All in the Amaro Family," (Santos Amaro)

An October 10, 1932 piece on Gus Greenlee. \*\*1pg

11/8/1896, Joliet, IL paper on an indoor game involving the Chicago Unions. \*\*1pg

7/10/95, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Kevin Blackstone column on Joe Black \*\*2pp

WASHINGTON CITY PAPER July 14-20, 1995 Vol 15 No 28, "The Potato" on long-thought deceased Jose Piloto. \*\*6pp.

THE PRESS ENTERPRISE, 7/4/95, "A White batboy in the Negro Leagues," \*\*2pp

THE TIMES-UNION, 7/2/95 \*\*1pg "Negro League Legend," on Jacksonville native Dick Lundy.

PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE, 6/16/95, "1922 dropout to receive diploma," \*\*2pp (Tinker) & "90-year old gets his diploma," \*\*1pg 6/16/95 PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW

STAR TRIBUNE St. Paul edition 6/20/95, "Negro League Star reaches out to his admirers," \*\*1pg (O'Neil). ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS, 6/20/95, "O'Neil at 83, still has clout," \*\*2pp & 7/15/95, "Negro Leagues star Jethroe has memories, no bitterness," \*\*1pg.

SCD, 7/14/95, "Chicago was the place to be June 8-11," \*\*1pg.

We have two excellent Spanish articles by Eduardo Valero from REVISTA DEPORTIVA. One June 17, 1995 "El Olimpico Jose Antonio Figueroa" and Jun 24, 1995 "Beisbol Tras un velo" \*\*2pp

From the December 1994 DUGOUT Magazine a \*\*2pp film review of THE BINGO LONG TRAVELLING ALL-STARS AND MOTOR KINGS, "An Uncomfortable Trip" Also, \*\*1pg capsule summaries of six books including, THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK, TURKEY STEARNES (BAK), and FAIR DEALING AND CLEAN PLAYING (Lanctot). April, 1995 DUGOUT, "Into the hallowed Halls," 1995 inductees, \*\*3pp. June, 1995, capsule summaries of PUERTO RICO'S WINTER LEAGUE and SOL WHITE GUIDE, \*\*1pg.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 6/24/95, "Museum to host free exhibit on baseball," (Negro Leagues) \*\*2pp

THE ADVOCATE, 6/25/95, "In a league by themselves Cloonan students honored for study of segregation and baseball," \*\*1pg.

4/10/94 GRIT "Negro Leagues: When segregation colored baseball," \*\*1pg

LANSING STATE JOURNAL (MI) \*\*2pp "Talking Baseball" Paul Cunningham.

SCD, 7/7/95 "Hawksley & Levy team up to do shows," (Negro League attendees) \*\*2pp. & "Playing the Race card," (Collecting BB Cards) \*\*4pp and from 7/21/94 SCD Letters to the Editor an observation on Racism and baseball cards from THE DIAMOND ANGLE's editor James Floto. \*\*1pg

SCD, 6/23/95, "Art 'Superman' Pennington was a Negro League Legend," \*\*1pg. "Negro Leaguer Jose Figueroa returns to USA.....after 55 years,"

\*\*1pg. "Bill Breda bested the immortal Satchel Paige....once," \*\*2pp. "Negro Leaguer Leroy Ferrell is new to card shows," \*\*2pp.

#### CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Lyle Wilson, 15704 Mill Creek Blvd. #7 Mill Creek, WA 98012, (206) 742-9100, is seeking articles (other than from the CHICAGO DEFENDER which has been researched) containing names of players, rosters, box scores, etc. for Negro American League games after 1955.

Lyle continues his work with the Seattle Mariners on their tribute to the Seattle Steelheads of the WCNBL. He is also completing research for a article on the 1944-50 Harlem Globetrotters Baseball Team and finishing up

one on Willie Foster and the Washington Browns. Hopefully these will be in future SABR publications.

Adrian Burgos continues working on his disertation on Afro-Caribbean players in the Negro Leagues.

I've had preliminary contact with a Ms Hansen of the Maryland Land Exhibit and a proposed exhibit set to open next April 1st on Negro Leagues Baseball. Hopefully more to come later.

One of the things that Larry and I wanted to pass along from the NLC meeting in Pittsburgh was what many of the NLC members were working on. Here's the list in no particular order: Leslie Heaphy is working on her dissertation on the Negro Leagues for the University of Toledo. Lou Hunsinger is writing about professional baseball in Williamsport, PA. Jerry Malloy is working on 19th century black baseball in Chicago with emphasis on Frank Leland and Rube Foster. Corey Seaman is gathering information on the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the Homestead Grays for the Historical Society of Western PA. Sammy Miller is looking to interview players for the next edition of the Black Ball Calendar. Dean Sullivan is working on his next book MIDDLE INNINGS, 1900 to 1950 and is looking for documents related to that period. Jim Overmyer is doing research on 19th century baseball and the Negro National League. Rick Morris is working on a documentary called CLOSED DOORS 1880-1950, about integration in baseball. Brad Sullivan is looking for new black newspapers for research purposes. Andy McCue is looking for assistance in filling out bibliography forms for his committee. Eduardo Valero is compiling a list of players who came to Puerto Rico before the Negro National League was organized. Dr. Gai Berlage is working on Negro Women in baseball. Ronda Smalley is looking to increase her Buck O'Neil collection. Steve Bennett is working on a baseball romance novel, a movie and also is interested in Bill Veeck's proposed purchase of the Phillies. Dan Ross, from The University of Nebraska Press is looking for works for pre-1920 in Negro baseball history. Jim Riley is finishing up his bio on Monte Irvin NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST due out in February 1996. He is also working on a statistical encyclopedia, a chronological history of the Negro Leagues and a juvenile book about the Negro Leagues. Future projects include the definitive history of the Indianapolis Clowns.

#### THE MARKETPLACE

To get EFFA MANLEY AND THE NEWARK EAGLES, send \$26 postpaid to James Overmyer, 7 Fairview Ave, Lenox, MA 01240 (413) 637-3306. Here's a great chance to get this (hard to find) superb work on the Eagles and Manley's.

Two new McFarland books cover Negro Leaguers in Winter Ball. I haven't yet seen BASEBALL WITH A LATIN BEAT by Peter Bjarkman (\$28 +P&H) 486 pp 30 photos. I've however, enjoyed all of Peter's many previous writings. PUERTO RICO'S WINTER LEAGUES: A HISTORY OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S LAUNCHING PAD, is by Thomas Van Hynning (\$27.50 +P&H) and covers the beginnings since 1938 to the present with photos and lots of appendices and stats. This book looks very thorough.

Dane Tilghman Artworks has out greeting cards of Oscar Charleston, Judy Johnson, and Len Hooker.

\*\*1pg "Leland's cleans out its attic with phone sale," from SCD 8/4/95 it includes prices on several Negro Leagues pieces.

The Ron Lewis Negro League Cards I & II are available for \$28 postpaid from Jeff Whitmore (804) 355-3071.

Negro Leagues Legend Bat & Negro League 16x20 Lithographs \*\*1pg AD

Some related books for youngsters from an Education Today article in USA TODAY, TEAMMATES; SHADOW BALL; THANK YOU, JACKIE ROBINSON; & FINDING BUCK MCHENRY.

An excellent source for Negro League books is A & R Books. Call (401) 624-8947 and ask Rich Chew for a catalog or place an order.

Check out the new publication, THE VINTAGE & CLASSIC BASEBALL COLLECTOR. The premiere issue, March 1995 has The Cuban Collector, a regular feature by newsletter contributor Nelson Wenguer. First \*\*2pp and second from June, 1995 is \*\*2pp.

"Legends of the Black Diamond," poster, AD \*\*1pg.

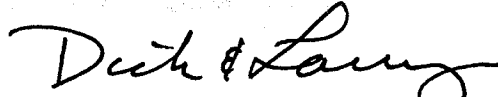
Official Sam Jethroe T-shirt, AD \*\*1pg.

According to Paul Bauer and Larry Lester I WAS RIGHT ON TIME by Buck O'Neil and Steve Wuff has been delayed until next spring. The Ameron published Wheeler written O'Neil bio is now available. I haven't seen.

We have a \*\*3pp review of Ribowsky's book A Complete History..... done by Neil Lanctot. Please send for it before spending any money on this item. It is error filled.

#### FINAL REMARKS

Again there has been a lot going on these last two months. We've enjoyed some terrific times. What a great time for you to get involved. Our next newsletter will be October's. Please get all information to me before the last week of September. Marilyn and I will be on vacation the first two weeks of September.



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NLC Co-Chairpeople