

The Negro Leagues Courier

"We are the ship; All Else Are The Sea"

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There Was No Mistake

Anytime we here at The Courier make a mistake, we are only too happy to correct ourselves. As a result, when cards, letters, e-mails, and telegrams started to flood our offices after the last issue, I immediately began to check my sources to see if what we printed was indeed a mistake. Come to find out, it wasn't.

I realize that it is hard to believe but it is true. Once again the Cincinnati Reds have not scheduled a day to honor the Negro Leagues, thus keeping the title of the only major league team whose home city was also home to a Negro League team that has not held such a night.

Contributors

They say a man cannot achieve greatness without the help of others. That's wrong. Some of us can. Nonetheless, I am forced by The Powers That Be to work with others so here are their names: Bob Bailey, Tim Booker, Dick Clark, Jeff Eastland, Amy Essington, Leslie Heaphy, Signe Knutson, Jeremy Krock, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Gary Maurer, Peter Morris, Robert Peterson, Patrick Rock, Wendell Scott, Wayne Stivers, and Lyle Wilson.

Patrick Rock caught the extra name in our contributors list last time around. The name was Samuel Horwitz, better known to the world as Shemp Howard of the Three Stooges.

Committee News & Research Requests

NLC Annual Report is available **1pg

Congratulations to Leslie Heaphy for competing in, and more importantly, finishing the Cleveland marathon.

Negro League Related Articles

"New Major League Baseball Program to Help Former Negro League Players"
official MLB press release ** 1pg

"Pay Is For Players Of A Bygone Era" from St. Petersburg Times 5/18/04 **3pp
Washington Post, 5/15/04, "MLB Agrees to Make Payments to Negro League
Players" **3pp

USA TODAY, 4/29/04, "Negro League Survivor Tells His Story" (Porter Reed)
**4pp

DAILY RECORD (Morris County, NJ), 4/25/04. "A bit of baseball history to be
preserved" (Hinchliffe Stadium) **2pp

THE STAR-LEDGER, 4/20/04, "Satchel's pitch for living well: Live Smart",
**2pp

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, obit for Roxie Campanella, **1pg

THE KANSAS CITY STAR, 5/15/2004 "Baseball museum sued over missing
recordings," **2pp

NEW YORK TIMES, 4/18/04 "Remnants of Cuba's Baseball Glory Find a Home with
Miami Collector" ** 1pg

MEMORIES AND DREAMS, Spring 2004, "Fostering A Legacy" on Willie Foster.
**2pp

CHICAGO DEFENDER, 3/6/04 "Baseball to Honor Robinson" **1pg

MSNBC.COM, "Baseball Makes April 15 Jackie Robinson Day"

THE MORNING CALL, (Allentown, PA), 4/16/04 "A Day That Transcended The
Game" **2pgs

"Robinson Debut 'Most Powerful Moment'" **1pg.

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE, 3/26/04, "This catcher still goes on road trips" about
Ira McKnight **1pg

SPORTS COLLECTOR DIGEST, " 'Only The Ball Was White' Opened The Eyes of
Many" **1pg.

BECKETT'S BASEBALL CARD MONTHLY, "Out of the Shadows" **1pg

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, "Detailing City's Long Love for it's Baseball"
**1pg.

KANSASCITY.COM, 5/08/04, "The Quest To Get Buck on Oprah" **2pgs.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, 3/24/04, "History, joy, pain for former Negro
Leaguers" 1pg.

THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, 4/05/04 "Ageless Satchel Paige – a health nut
pioneer?" **2pgs.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, 4/05/04, "Q+A With Buck O'Neil" **1pg.

"Diamond Legends: Showing of "Bingo Longo" Signals Arrival of Negro League
Exhibit" **2pps.

The Marketplace

A new book by David Fleitz is GHOSTS IN THE GALLERY AT COOPERSTOWN: Sixteen
Little-Known Members of the Hall of Fame is out. It contains a chapter on
Willie Wells.

Neil Lanctot's NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL: THE RISE AND RUIN OF A BLACK
INSTITUTION was recently reviewed in THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW. The
magazine even sported a Negro League cover. **3pgs, including cover

We will have a review of Neil's book in an upcoming issue.

THE CRACKERS: EARLY DAYS OF ATLANTA BASEBALL by Tim Damell and published
by Hill Street Press contain three chapters on the Negro Leagues.

Recent Events

We are very happy to be able to announce that the "Smokey Joe" Williams
Banquet we covered in a recent issue raised \$12,000 for its scholarship
fund.

Upcoming Events

Gary Maurer reports that Carl Long Days will be July 22-24, 2004 in Kingston, NC. 12-15 players expected to be in attendance. A Carolina League game and a "pig pickle" will happen, also.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS, 2/18/2000 on Carl Long, **4pp.

On Saturday, August 21st, the City of Wilmington, the Wilmington Blue Rocks, and the Judy Johnson Memorial Foundation will sponsor the Ninth Annual Judy Johnson Night – A tribute to Negro League baseball, honoring Hall of Famer and long time Wilmington resident William (Judy) Johnson. The Carolina League (Class AS) game between the Blue Rocks and the Lynchburg Hillcats will be played at Wilmington's Judy Johnson Field at Daniel S. Frawley Stadium at 7:05 pm with pregame ceremonies beginning at 6:25pm.

For additional information, please contact Gregg Truitt at 801 Partridge Court, Hockessin, DE 19707. Phone: 302-886-7519; e-mail gregg.truitt@astrazeneca.com

Extended -- Call for Presentations Malloy Conference

The deadline for presentation submission for the Seventh Annual Jerry Malloy Conference, hosted by the Baseball Heritage Museum, and the Society for American Baseball Research Negro League Research Committee has been extended to Friday, June 4, 2004. Presentations on all aspects of Negro League history and baseball are desired, especially those related to Cleveland and Ohio. The Conference will be held on July 22 -25 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Presentations should be twenty minutes, followed by five-minutes of questions and answers. The Conference Committee would appreciate an abstract of the presentation and a brief biographical sketch. Please, also indicate your audio-visual equipment needs.

You are encouraged to submit your abstract, audio-visual needs and biographical information electronically as plain-text email or in a standard Microsoft Word format to james_kastro@yahoo.com or by mail to Jim Kastro, 4354 Chanticleer Drive, Fairview Park, Ohio, 44126.

The first 50 individuals to register for the conference no later than June 18, 2004 will receive a pass for free admission to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

The first 50 individuals to register for the conference no later than June 18, 2004 will be entered into a drawing to receive a limited edition print of Negro Leagues art work.

Players currently expected to attend the conference (subject to circumstances beyond our control) are:

Joe B. Scott (Memphis Red Sox)
Harold Gould (Philadelphia Stars)
Bill Cash (Philadelphia Stars)
Wilmer Harris (Philadelphia Stars)