

SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Negro Leagues events have continued on the "Fast Track" the last two months and there is more! Congratulations to Jim Overmyer on the publication of EFFA MANLEY AND THE NEWARK EAGLES. Coming next year are Jim Riley's Biographical Encyclopedia and Buck Leonard's autobiography, as well as, Neil Lanctot's Hilldale book and the reprint of the Sol White Guide, with a new introduction and many appendices. Finally, there will be the NLC publication. 1994 will be a great year for reading and collecting Negro League publications.

This newsletter reflects the worthy contributions of the following: Steve Bennett, Todd Bolton, Bill Carle, Paul Debono, Jeff Eastland, Bob Eisen, Tom Garrett, Phil Grabar, Kevin Grace, Daniel Green, Leslie Heaphy, Bob Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, Lou Hunsinger, William Jackson, Larry Lester, Scott Levy, Jerry Malloy, Sam Miller, Rick Morris, Jim Overmyer, Kurt Peterson, Greg Stokesberry, Brad Sullivan, and Tweed Webb.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On August 12, 1993 The Second Annual Bethune Douglass Community Center Sports Hall Of Fame banquet took place and George Stovey was inducted. Lou Hunsinger accepted the award. Lou was very instrumental in getting Stovey the recognition he deserved and enlightening everyone on the post career doings of the great pitcher. Available from the WILLIAMSPORT SUN-GAZETTE 8-8-93 is "Stovey among six inductions in B-D Sports Hall," **2pp; also a **6pp reproduction of the program.

50 former players were reunited in Chicago the weekend of August 13-15. This was the second straight year the White Sox have honored Negro Leaguers. Larry Lester and Jerry Malloy represented our committee. From SCD 9-10-93, "Chicago Americans honored at Chisox ceremony," **1pg and SCD 9-17-93 "Memories flow at Negro League reunion in Chicago," **4pp.

I don't have anything, as yet, on the Pirates honoring of Grays and Crawfords, August 27-29th.

The Beloit Brewers and Cablevision of Greater Beloit hosted "A Tribute to the Negro Leagues," August 26th at Pohlman Field. From the BELOIT DAILY NEWS 8-20-93 "Tribute on Deck," **1pg. 8-27-93 "Tribute to the Negro Leagues," **1pg and "Tribute was a treat for fans, players." **2pp and finally a **2 page handout.

The August 29th Turn Back The Clock celebration by the Hagerstown Maryland Suns included 4 former players Russell Awkard, Jim Cohen, Gordon Hopkins, and Elbert Israel. The HERALD-MAIL 8-29-93 "Sun to shine on old-timers," **1pg.

On September 14th The Newark Public Library had a book party to celebrate Jim Overmyer's EFFA MANLEY AND THE NEWARK EAGLES (297pp and 16 pictures). Larry Hogan was one of the speakers and Robert Peterson and several players were in attendance. Over 85 books were also sold. **1pg

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copy of invitation and **1pg media release. From the 9-13-93 NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, "Author swings into Black History with a book about the Newark Eagles." **3pp. This is a terrific book, I highly recommend it. There will be a special offer in an upcoming SABR BULLETIN, look for it.

BLACKBALL HERITAGE, a forum on the Negro Baseball Leagues took place on Friday October 1, 1993 at the Tangeman University Center on the University of Cincinnati campus. Percy Reed (umpire), Cecil "Red" McLean (OF), and Tom Turner (1B) were featured. A related photograph exhibit is on view in the Blegen Library lobby from Sept. 15th through Oct. 31st. Available from me is "The way it was---Cincinnati and the Negro Leagues," **2pp from the Fall 1993 PATHWAYS, Vol XVII #3. Write to Archives and Rare Books Department; Eighth Floor-Blegen Library; University Libraries; University of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, OH 45221-0113 (Phone 513 556-1959). Send 4 stamps and request the 30 page BLACKBALL HERITAGE: AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND BASEBALL, a pathfinder and reading guide and the 11x17 BLACKBALL HERITAGE poster (Quantities limited). Our sincere thanks to Kevin Grace for passing along all the forum material.

**1pg news release on touring Negro Leagues exhibit, "DISCOVER GREATNESS: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL. Send to the NLBM 1601 E. 18th St. Kansas City, MO 64108 for a brochure.

The exhibit will be at the American Sport Art Museum and Archives in Daphne, AL. until October 31st. William Jackson is an invitee and will photograph the September 30th reception with many players in attendance. A **6pp press release concerning the exhibit is available.

Additional items from the All-Star festivities are:
BALTIMORE SUN, 7-14-93 "Negro Leagues Symposium offers glimpse into a different era." **1pg. THE WASHINGTON POST, 7-13-93 "Baltimore's Time to Shine," **2pp. SCD 6-18-93 "FanFest no ordinary baseball celebration," **6pp. 7-10-93 THE HERALD MAIL (Hagerstown, MD) "Honoring forgotten legends," **1pg and "Recognition Overdue," **3pp.

Upcoming, KINGS ON THE HILL: BASEBALL'S FORGOTTEN MEN, a documentary produced by Rob Ruck and Molly Youngling will have its world premiere October 13, 1993 at 6:30 at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild in Pittsburgh. The show will be broadcast on October 30th at 8 PM EST on WQED in Pittsburgh. WQED will be doing home video copies for sale (more Later). Other broadcast plans are up in the air at present.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday greetings to Gene Benson (Oct.2), Leon Day (Oct.30), Buck O'Neil (Nov.18), and Max Manning (Nov. 18).

I'm saddened to report the passing of Quincy Troupe on August 10th in St. Louis. Funeral program **2pg, SCD **1pg & "An opportunity lost as history passes away," **2pp. Felix "Chin" Evans died August 22th in Pompano Beach, FL and Sy Morton also passed.

Yogi Berra, Pee Wee Reese and Bill White were selected to the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee replacing deceased and retired members. SCD 9-24-93 related article **2pp.

Rick Morris reports that the 1933 Mae West film I'M NO ANGEL is out on video. Mule Suttles appears in this movie as an extra.

Claudia Perry is the new co-chair of The Women In Baseball Committee along with Leslie Heaphy.

From the second issue of NINE: A JOURNAL OF BASEBALL HISTORY AND SOCIAL POLICY PERSPECTIVE, were two articles; Racial Pioneering on the Mound (Don Newcombe) **6pp. Also, Effa Manley, A Major Force in Negro Baseball in the 1930s and 1940s. **12pp. I strongly urge everyone to

subscribe to this publication. Check SABR BULLETIN or contact me for addresses. The first 1994 edition will feature Jerry Malloy's "The Birth of the Cuban Giants: The Origins of Black Professional Baseball, as well as, Jerry Jaye Wright's article, "From Giants to Monarchs: The 1890 Season of the Colored Monarchs of York, Pennsylvania.

Buck Leonard will appear November 7th in Stratford, CT.

Thanks to Brad Sullivan for passing along phone # on Bob Bonner's grandson and various CLEVELAND GAZETTE articles on 20's Cleveland teams.

Much appreciation to Robert Eisen for his continuing contributions on semi-pro baseball on Long Island from the 1900's to the 1950's. We have available from the 8-26-93 TIMES NEWSWEEKLY "Our Neighborhood, The Way it Was," **7pp.

NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

THE MORNING HERALD (Hagerstown, MD) 8-30-93 **1pg, "Another League of Their Own,". 8-30-93, THE DAILY MAIL (Hagerstown) **1pg "Negro League players honored at stadium."

8-11-93 MIAMI COUNTY REPUBLIC **3pp "Museum display highlights stars of Negro Leagues."

THE DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER, 8-22-93, **2pp, "The Colored Giants" (Cedar Rapids Colored Giants)

KANSAS CITY STAR, **1pg 8-26-93, Don Motley & Kirby Puckett.

FT. LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL MAGAZINE, 8-22-93 **4pp "Cooks to Catchers, Bellhops to Batters."

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 8-9-93 **1pg "Life with Monarchs made players feel like kings." Also, "Rediscovered Treasure: Young fans turn on to magic of Negro Leagues," **2pp.

OLDTYME BASEBALL NEWS, Vol 5 #2, Bob Carroll's editorial sketches of first 9 Hall of Famers **2pp.

"Limelight at Last: The limelight finally shines on Garnett Blair," **4pp, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 8-29-93.

From Chicago White Sox Magazine **7pp, "Jimmie Crutchfield's Baseball Life. Also, **3pp "A Major League Tribute to Negro League Legends," 1992 Comiskey Park celebration.

From June/July, 1993 AMERICAN VISIONS, "A pitch for Black History (Museum) **3pp. "1884, Moses Fleetwood Walker" **2pp, "1910 St. Louis Black Bronchos" (girls) **2pp. "1954, Toni Stone" **1pg.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY 8/4-8/10/93, "Collectibles sales help ex-Negro Leaguers," (Sammie Haynes) **1pg

SCD 8-27-93, "Saul Davis: Oldest living ex-Negro Leaguer," **4pp.

From PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL NEWS, 7-25-49, "A octet of Negroes prove outstanding as League players," **1pg

More oldies are; CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, "Little umpire stood among the Giants," **1pg

COUNTRY AMERICA, April, 1990, "Pride and Passion," **3pp (Charley Pride).

THE KENTUCKY POST, 8-23-91 **2pp "One man's contribution to baseball"

May, 1992 MOBILE BAY MONTHLY, "Mobile's Baseball Generations," **7pp.

THE JOURNAL, (Montgomery County Maryland) "Baseball old-timer looks back to a league where only the ball was white," **2pp (Awkard)

Nash-Rocky Mount Schools SCHOOL NEWS, **3pp "Alumni Profile Buck Leonard" the legend on Atlantic Avenue."

3-part series from TRENTON TIMES. 8-8-93, "The Negro Leagues offered opportunity," **1pg. 8-9-93, "Negro Leaguers receive due at last," **1pg. 8-10-93, "Trenton, Negro ball always linked," **1pg.

SCD, one page ad of 2nd Meadowlands Classic Negro League reunion show.

From OLD DOMINICAN POSTCARD CLUB NEWS, **1pg by Jeff Eastland, "Postcards- a window of opportunity."

Luis Alvelo's Spanish article from August 11-17, 1993 DEPORTES, "Mi Tez Negra y Mi Sueter Rojo," **2pp.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, Sept. 1-7-93, **1pg "Autograph Hound."

"James Jackson named to head NLBPA," from 9-17-93 SCD **2pp.

LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM, 9-21-93 **2pp "Negro League players showed way: Help now heads their way."

THE PRESS, Atlantic City, NJ, 7-1-93, "Pleasantville Honors Max Manning," **1pg.

From 7-19-93 NEWSWEEK, "The Monarchs, Grays, and X-men live," **1pg

From Vol 1 #6 BLACK BALL NEWS, "Elite Giants and Black Sox remembered in Baltimore's Youth Leagues," **1pg.

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Anyone with knowledge of whether the Chicago American Giants played in South Side Park past 1941, contact Jerry Malloy at (708) 918-0821.

Jean Ardell, 554 Hazel Dr. Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-2535, is interested in obtaining anything on Toni Stone, Effa Manley, and all the black women connected to baseball.

Paul Debono continues his research on the Indy ABC's and Black Women's teams.

Tom Owens 408 N. 15th St., Marshalltown, IA 50158-5424, is seeking names of Black papers and beat writers who covered the first seasons of Barrier Breakers on Major League teams. He is comparing and contrasting the coverage integration pioneers received from the Black and White Press.

William McNeil is conducting surveys on All-Star teams of various eras and also including Negro Leaguers. This is for a book he is writing on the greatest 150 players of the 20th century, not exclusively from the Major Leagues. Contact me, or Bill at 5 Woodland Dr. Pittsfield, MA 01201.

THE MARKETPLACE

Most everyone should have received the package of brochures from Stokesberry & Son, including the 1945 Negro League Yearbook, All-Star Bobbins Negro League Hall of Fame Series and the Black Ball items. Please be sure to take advantage of the opportunities to purchase these items from them at PO Box 442 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, (319) 364-2393.

The Ultra-Magnetic MC's have a new rap album out which includes "Dandy, The Devil, and Day," written by Jim Riley and about Negro Baseball. A Book review of Dandy, Day, and The Devil is available from the latest THE DIAMOND ANGLE, **2pp.

The new Ebbets Field Flannels catalog is available, 1-800-377-9777.

A & H Fine Arts has released posters signed by 6 players, Wright, Irvin, Leonard, Radcliffe, Day, and Gibson JR. for \$200.

SCD 10-1-93, "Ted Williams Card Co. cards are a winner," **2pp. SCD 10-8-93, "Ted Williams card set includes great players from Negro Leagues," **1pg.

Rob Ruck's SANDLOT SEASONS is available from University of Illinois Press for \$13.50, in paperback, call 1-800-545-4703.

FINAL REMARKS

The next newsletter will be December's. Please get all material to me before the last week of November. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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NLC Co-Chairpeople