

@SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

I trust everyone has recovered from Thanksgiving. Many exciting events are on the horizon, get involved.

Welcome Brad Eastland (Jeff's Brother) 287 E. Montecito, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-4670.

Peter Richardson's new address is PO Box 9824, Coral Springs, FL 33075-0824.

As always our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Jim Ball, Paul Bauer, Todd Bolton, Baylor Butler, Frank Ceresi, David Curry, Paul Debono, Jeff Eastland, Bob Eisen, Michael Everett, Cappy Gagnon, John Haddock, Larry Hogan, Lou Hunsinger Jr, Ted Knorr, Mike Kolleth, William Jackson, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Sammy Miller, Jim Overmyer, Robert Peterson, Bill Plott, Vic Regan, David Riggs, Fred Schuld, David Skinner, Troy Soos, Monica Gayton-Tanksley, Lyle Wilson, and John Zajc.

NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

Get the campaigns for players going now for the March Veterans Committee meeting. This is the last year of the 5 year special elections. Stearnes, Mackey, Williams and many many others are still out. Let's get it going. **1pg list of VC members. **1pg Listing of Hall of Famers.

THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK

Thanks to Troy Soos for updates on Bill Gatewood as the manager of 1922 St. Louis Stars.

We would like to add several sections to the book. We seek Negro Leaguers who played other major professional sports and Negro Leaguers who have been elected to any state Hall of Fames. (Missouri has selected Paige in 1979, Bell in 1980 and O'Neil in 1994.

**2pp perpetual calendar is available, done by Larry Lester. It is great for finding out correct dates and years of games and other events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Sixth Annual John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Humanitarian Award and Lecture was another rousing success. Hats off to

Max Manning, Michael Everett, and Larry Hogan and all for another outstanding event. Robert Peterson, Bill Cash, and Stanley Glenn were on hand to hear Dr Clement Price, guest lecturer. Recipients of awards were Reverend Floyd Flake, Jean Webster, and Mayor James Whelan.

THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY 10/12/98, "Black historic sites being lost, professor says," **2pp. "Be a Pop Lloyd Friend" **1pg. Order form for BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACKIE ROBINSON.....video **1pg.

Program from event **2pp. and booklet on the event **12pp.

**1pg each, copies of New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame plaques for 1998 inductees Leon Day, John Henry "Pop" Lloyd and the 1946 Newark Eagles baseball team.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

In August the 1st Annual SABR Negro Leagues Committee Research Conference was held in Harrisburg, PA. It was an unqualified success. Considering the success of this conference, the John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Committee is proposing to host the 1999 event in connection with the 50th Anniversary Celebration of "Pop" Lloyd Stadium. The TENTATIVE dates are August 26-29th. Among the events tentatively scheduled are Todd Bolton's BEISBOL BEHIND THE VEIL: Latin Americans in the Negro Leagues exhibit. "Turn Back The Clock Night" at Surf Stadium and unveiling of the bronze mural by Jennifer Frudakis. (there is currently a beautiful mural at the stadium which includes many Negro Leaguers). Presentations will be made by historians of Black Baseball. There will be the highly popular and always brilliant Negro Leagues Committee Meeting. As well as a panel discussion with Negro League Legends. Players' children will recollect and reflect at a gala dinner on Saturday. There will also be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of "Pop" Lloyd Stadium and the 7th Annual John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Humanitarian Award and Lecture. On Sunday we look forward to a family outing at the stadium. Even more surprises are possible. You can contact the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority, 2314 Pacific Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401 (609) 348-7100, Fax (609) 345-2200. <http://www.atlanticcitynj.com> to see all the other things Atlantic City and the area have to offer for a vacation the whole family will enjoy. Michael Everett is the chair for this celebration.

The event in AC in 1999 gives Ted Knorr and the Harrisburg Negro League Committee a year for resting up, from the '98 Harrisburg success, before hosting another NL conference.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent deaths have taken Verdell Mathis 10/30/98 in Memphis at 84. "Mathis dies at 84" **2pp THE COMMERCIAL

APPEAL 10/31/98. Funeral program **6pp. Bob Thurman died 10/31/98 at 81 in Wichita, KS. AP story **1pg. Vincent Lee, 89 in Baltimore 9/19/98. THE SUN 9/25/98, Played for several Negro League teams," **1pg. BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN **1pg, "I owe Mr Lee an apology for dropping the ball." W.L. Cash Sr (Wayman Treadwell L. Cash) **1pg AKRON BEACON JOURNAL 9/24/98 "W. L. Cash Sr, catcher, 87 dies.

BINGO LONG AND HIS TRAVELING ALLSTARS AND MOTORKINGS play had twelve performances in Rahway, NJ in November.

THE DIAMOND ANGLE, the David Marasco issue, had it's first cyber-issue. Articles included, ManDak Memories, Before Jackie, by Marasco, and The News From Harrisburg by Paul Debono.

Larry Lester is seeking any information on the wedding of Ray Brown to Cum Posey's daughter Anna Posey.

Double Duty Radcliffe, Lester Lockett, and Ira McKnight were at a show in Portage, IN. November 13-15th.

Bill Owens turned 97 on November 14th. Drop him a belated card at William Owens, C/O Lawrence Manor Nursing Home, 8935 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Buck O'Neil received a 1998 Scout Of The Year Award to be presented at the Winter meetings in Nashville.

Two NLC members gave presentations at the November 15th SABR Chicago Regional. Ray Schmidt reviewed the Harrisburg Negro League Conference. Mike Marsh presented his Wendell Smith talk to the group.

Bill Plott spoke at the Alabama State University Library in early October. Bill has been busy working on tracking down more Southern Negro League teams data.

ONLINE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TDA at

<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Field/1538/TDA59B.html>

New folks receiving newsletter are Adam Feil

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mweder@ladner-downs.com Elias Dudash cmdudash@enter.net

**3pp Very nice piece on Josh Gibson by Jim Riley on MSNBC web site. <http://www.msnbc.com/news/194369.asp>

Kevin Fitzpatrick is seeking any online data on Negro Leaguers records of their Japan trips. kfitz@newscorp.com

Antoinette Griffin (www.AGdaQueen@aol.com) is seeking any info on her grandfather, Dick Lundy. Contact her.

Larry Pegram seeks info on the Meyersdale (PA) Grays, circa 1900. Also the initials G.E.A.P.P. contact at. lpegramxma@worldnet.att.net

Anyone with info on Satchel Paige pitching to Joe Medwick contact Tom Barthel. profbart@ccny.com

Frank Ceresi fdon4@erols.com is seeking the loan of authentic Josh Gibson artifacts for an exhibit at The National Sports Gallery.

NEGRO LEAGUES 40 GREATEST

The ballot is attached. Please return by February 1, 1999 to Dick Clark (address page 1) regular mail, Email, Fax NO PHONE CALLS. Anyone wishing to receive a ballot may do so by sending an SASE to Dick Clark without any obligation to join the NLC. If you feel knowledgeable enough, vote. The Negro Leaguers, contributors and 19th century figures are all on this ballot. We felt this is a fair way to select the Negro League greats of the past. Remember to vote for owners, officials, and 19th century players. This will be the only ballot they will appear on. All write-ins are acceptable. Remember a person should have played at least 10 years. Any totals over 40 will be arbitrarily reduced by Dick Clark. Please write your name on ballot. (only one vote is allowed).

Good Luck

NEGRO LEAGUE RELATED ARTICLES

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT 10/14/98, (Baseball's Cornfield Boys," **2pp.

THE WASHINGTON POST 10/4/98, "Before McGwire's thunder Gibson reigned" **1pg by John Holway.

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE 9/25/98, "History comes alive," Ira McKnight. **2pp.

THE KNOXVILLE JOURNAL, 6/28/77, Pete Cleage & 6/30/77 Julian Bell **1pg each.

"Chasing a Bullet: New Hall of Famer's autograph will prove elusive," VCBC #17, October, 1998. **2pp.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER 10/23/98, "Little known but extraordinary," (Radcliffe & Lockett come to Cleveland)**1pg

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS 10/14/98 "Batting for the Negro Leagues," **3pp exhibit at African-American Museum.

NEW YORK POST 10/25/98, "'46 Newark Eagles as good as it gets," **2pp.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE 1998 WORLD SERIES contained a **5pp article on Josh Gibson: The King of Swing, by Larry Lester.

AUBURN BULLETIN 8/15/98, **1pg "ArchiTreats to feature baseball Leagues" Bill Plott's presentation of Negro League baseball players.

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER 8/20/98, "Researcher's program to focus on Gray Sox," **1pg.

FARMVILLE (VA) HERALD 10/2/98, "he never wore a crown: A look at home run kings," (Gibson) **1pg.

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

James Speed, 1500 Foster Drive, Conroe, TX 77301, (409) 760-2735 seeks any info on Satchel Paige and the human rights violations he and other Negro Leaguers endured.

Inez Sanzeri (516) 893-9010 seeks info on the New York Yankees playing a Negro League team on Long Island, anytime.

Anyone who may have playing dates for the Homestead Grays in Wellsville, NY between 1912-1950 please contact me.

Jon Greenberg of Ohio University is doing a research project on the Negro Leagues.

Geoff Silver is working on his thesis, at Brandeis University, examining the politics leading up to racial re-integration in baseball.

Sammy Miller has found that Rube Foster Field at Fort Huachuca, AZ is still in use but scaled down. It was dedicated on July 18, 1943. He continues his research.

Frank Gifford PO Box 8911 Pine Bluff, AK 71611 seeks any info regarding Jackie Robinson and/or Willie Mays (or Negro League teams) playing in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He hasn't had success checking local papers.

THE MARKETPLACE

THE SPORTING NEWS SELECTS BASEBALL'S GREATEST PLAYERS has Gibson #18, Paige 19, Leonard 47, Bell 66, Charleston 67 Much too low for Charleston and where's Lloyd?

Recent auction results: Josh Gibson single-signed ball \$7,865. Satchel Paige rocking chair \$1000. Pop Lloyd Cuban Aguilitas Card \$1885.

Look for TREASURES HIDDEN IN THE SANDS, the Frazier Robinson autobiography being finished by Paul Bauer, and is due in February, with a Buck O'Neil forward and Dr Gerald Early introduction. Should be great.

Jim Overmyer's QUEEN OF THE NEGRO LEAGUES reviewed in VCBC #17 October, 1998 **1pg.

Leland's held a huge auction on the 12th of November which had many NL pieces.

Wells autograph for sale \$650 AD **1pg.

NL 8x10 Photos AD **1pg.

Wayne & Mike Stivers AD for NL autographs **1pg.

Ron Lewis Negro League Lithograph #2 **1pg AD.

1990 Eclipse Stars of the Negro Leagues Baseball listing of the set. **1pg.

Autographed 8x10's of NL players **1pg AD.

THE NEGRO LEAGUES AUTOGRAPH GUIDE will be available very soon. It will be an excellent addition to a library.

I recently purchased the book JACKIE ROBINSON RACE, SPORTS, AND THE AMERICAN DREAM, \$34.95 (264pp) which covers the 1997 symposium.

**2pp mailer on McFarland's Negro Leagues books.

Caps available from STAR STRUCK catalog **4pp of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, and NL.

Negro League signed baseballs \$60 **1pg AD.

NL autographs **2pp AD.

BLACK DIAMONDS: an oral history of Negro Baseball, the audiocassette set, by Stephen Banker has been reduced in price to \$37.95 postpaid. To order Tapes For Readers, 4410 Langan Road NW, Washington, DC 20007-2513, tel: (202) 338-1215 Fax: (202) 222-8107. Email sbanker@access.digex.net

CAPITAL PC MONITOR, March, 1993, BLACK DIAMONDS **1pg. THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 1/31/93, "Life in the Negro Leagues," **1pg. THE SPORTING NEWS 3/1/93, "The lessons learned from voices of the past," **1pg.

FINAL REMARKS

I am very happy to announce that starting with the February Newsletter Sammy Miller will be the new editor. I expect the same quality with a new terrific format and peppier look. All material will continue to come to Dick Clark for dissemination but the newsletter will be much more fun and enjoyable to read.

The Lester and Clark families wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.

Dick Clark & Larry Lester
NLC Co-Chairpeople

NEGRO LEAGUE BALLOT

1. Allen, Newt
2. Ball, Walter
3. Bankhead, Sam
4. Barbour, Jess
5. Barnhill, Dave
6. Baro, Bernardo
7. Bassett, Pepper
8. Beckwith, John
9. Bell, James "Cool Papa"
10. Bell, William
11. Benjamin, Jerry
12. Benson, Gene
13. Blackwell, Charles
14. Bolden, Ed
15. Bowman, Emmett
16. Bradley, Phil
17. Bremer, Gene
18. Brewer, Chet
19. Briggs, Otto
20. Britt, George
21. Brooks, Chester
22. Brown, Barney
23. Brown, George
24. Brown, Jim
25. Brown, Larry
26. Brown, Ray
27. Brown, Willard
28. Buckner, Harry
29. Burkwell, Charles
30. Butts, Pee Wee
31. Byrd, Bill
32. Cannady Rev
33. Carr, George
34. Carter, Spoon
35. Chacon Pelayo
36. Charleston, Oscar
37. Clarke, Eggie
38. Clarkson, Buster
39. Cockrell, Phil
40. Copper, Andy
41. Cornelius, Willie
42. Crawford, Sam
43. Creacy, Dewey
44. Crespo, Alejandro
45. Crutchfield, Jimmie
46. Cummings, Nap
47. Currie, Rube
48. Curry, Goose
49. Dandridge, Ray
50. Davenport, Lloyd
51. Davis, Piper
52. Davis, Rosey
53. Davis, Walter
54. Day, Leon
55. DeMoss, Bingo
56. Dials, Lou
57. Dihigo, Martin
58. Dismukes, Dizzy
59. Dixon, Rap
60. Doby, Larry
61. Donaldson, John
62. Dougherty, Pat
63. Downs, Bunny
64. Drake, Plunk
65. Dreke, Valentin
66. Duncan, Frank
67. Duncan, Pete
68. Easterling, Howard
69. Ewing, Buck
70. Fabre, Isidro
71. Fernandez, Jose
72. Fields, Wilmer
73. Foster, Rube
74. Foster, Willie
75. Fournoy, Pud
76. Fowler, Bud
77. Francis, Bill
78. Gans, Jude
79. Gardner, Floyd Jelly
80. Gatewood, Bill
81. Gibson, Josh
82. Giles, George
83. Gilkerson, Robert
84. Grant, Charlie
85. Grant, Frank
86. Green, Joe
87. Greene, James
88. Greenlee, Gus
89. Handy, Bill
90. Harris, Vic
91. Herrera, Ramon
92. Hill, Pete
93. Holland, Bill
94. Holloway, Crush
95. Hubbard, Jess
96. Hudspeth,
"Highpockets"
97. Hughes, Sammy T.
98. Irvin, Monte
99. Jackman, Bill
100. Jackson, William
101. Jenkins, Fats
102. Jethroe, Sam
103. Jimenez, Hooks
104. Johnson, Chappie
105. Johnson, Dicta
106. Johnson, George Dibo
107. Johnson, Grant "Home Run"
108. Johnson, Judy
109. Johnson, Oscar "Heavy"
110. Jones, Reuben
111. Kimbro, Henry
112. Lee, Scrip
113. Leland, Frank
114. Leonard, Buck
115. Lloyd, Pop
116. Lopez, Cando
117. Luis Tiants, Sr.
118. Lundy, Dick
119. Lyons, Jimmy
120. Mackey, Biz
121. Malarcher, Dave
122. Manley, Effa
123. Manning, Max
124. Marcell, Oliver
125. Martinez, Horacio
126. Mathis, Verdell
127. McClelland, Dan
128. McDonald, Terris
129. McDuffie, Terris
130. McNair, Hurley
131. Mendez, Jose
132. Minoso, Minnie
133. Monroe, William
134. Moore, Mike
135. Morney, Leroy
136. Nelson, John
137. O'Neil, "Buck"
138. Oms, Alejandro
139. Padrone, Luis
140. Page, Ted
141. Paige, "Satchel"
142. Palm, Clarence
143. Partlow, Roy
144. Patterson, Andrew "Pat"
145. Patterson, John "Pat"
146. Payne, Andrew "Jap"
147. Pearson, Len
148. Pedroso, Eustaquio
149. Perkins, Bill
150. Perry, Alonzo
151. Pettus, Zach
152. Petway, Bruce
153. Pierce, Bill
154. Poles, Spottswood
155. Pollock, Syd
156. Pompey, Alex

157.Porter, Andy
158.Posey, Cum
159.Radcliffe, Alec
160.Radcliffe, Ted
161.Ramirez, Ramiro
162.Rector, Connie
163.Redding, Dick
164.Redus, Wilson
165.Riggins, Orville
166.Rile, Ed
167.Robinson, Neal
168.Rogan, Bullet
169.Rogers, Nat
170.Russell, John Henry
171.Ryan, Red
172.Salazar, Lazaro
173.Salmon, Harry
174.Santop, Louis
175.Scales, George
176.Seay, Dickie
177.Serrell, Bonnie
178.Shively, George
179.Smith, Hilton
180.Smith, Big Bill
181.Smith, Theolic
182.Snow, Felton
183.Stearnes, Turkey
184.Steele, Ed
185.Stone, Ed
186.Stovey, George
187.Streeter, Sam
188.Suttles, Mule
189.Taylor, Ben
190.Taylor, Candy Jim
191.Taylor, C.I.
192.Thomas, Clint
193.Torriente, Cristobal
194.Trent, Ted
195.Trouppé, Quincy
196.Vargas, Tetelo
197.Walker, Jess Hoss
198.Wallace, Dick
199.Warfield, Frank
200.Webster, William
201.Welch, Winfield
202.Wells, Willie
203.Wesley, Edgar
204.West, Jim
205.White, Chaney
206.White, Sol
207.White, Burlin
208.White, Sol
209.Wickware, Frank

210.Wilkinson, J.L.
211.Williams, Charles
 "Lefty"
212.Williams, Chester
213.Williams, Clarence
214.Williams, "Smokey" Joe
215.Wilson, Artic
216.Wilson, Jud
217.Wilson, Tom
218.Winters, Nip
219.Woods, Parnell
220.Wright, Bill
221.Yancey, Bill

Pick 40 players and
owners. Circle or put an
"X" by your choice.

Send ballots to Dick
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