

The Courier

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"We are the Ship, All Else the Sea"

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In the News

"Are You Kidding Me?"

Opening Day as a National Holiday!

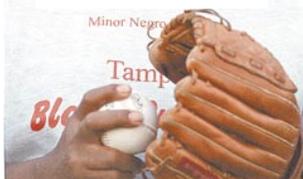
I thought Opening Day was already a National Holiday. I got the memo. I always take that day off. Doesn't everyone? Duh!

Efforts are under way by Hall of Fame shortstop **Ozzie Smith** to have a petition signed to make Opening Day a National Holiday. Smith, in a partnership with St. Louis-based brewery **Budweiser** is seeking 100,000 signatures to make a formal request to the White House. Perhaps House Speaker **John Boehner** and President **Barack Obama** can agree on this, without arguing over which Bud is better with a chilly-cheese hotdog.

As readers know, Congress, courtesy of efforts by **Senator Bill Nelson** of Florida, and former Monarch pitcher **Bob "Peach Head" Mitchell**, have already approved a day for black baseball. The language goes something like this: *"Whereas by achieving success on the baseball field, African-American baseball players helped break down color barriers and integrate African Americans into all aspects of society in the United States: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress-- (1) designates May 20, 2006, as `Negro Leaguers Recognition Day'; and (2) Recognizes the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues for their achievements, dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to both baseball and our Nation."*



"Peach Head"



Although Opening Day in the **Negro National League** occurred in Indianapolis, on May 2, in 1920, not the 20th, we will take it. *Oh yeah!*

Therein lies the problem. **Major League Baseball** has several Opening Days this year. In fact, they kick off this season on March 22nd in Sydney, Australia, between

the **L.A. Dodgers** and the **Arizona D-backs** for a Down Under two-game series. Back in the 60's **Kansas City Athletic's** owner **Charles Finley** tried to convince sportswriters that the team's new shoes were made from rare albino kangaroos of Australia, in promoting his new age colors of Finley-gold and wedding-gown white uniforms. Baseball has never been the same since the days of Charlie O. But I digress!

Back in the states, the **San Diego Padres** take on the **Dodgers** in primetime on **ESPN** on Sunday, March 30, with all other teams beginning play on March 31 or April 1. Click here to sign the petition by March 26th: <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/declare-major-league-baseball-opening-day-national-holiday/3XNmfgfBb>



It's a day of hope. A day of pennant dreams. It's a day that families look forward to cheering for the jersey name on their backs. It's an apple-pie tradition, and it deserves to be recognized as a peanut-and-crackerjack holiday. Hold the cotton-candy please!

Join us in our quest to make sure every fan in sacred ballparks across the free world can exercise their inalienable right to celebrate the day those two magical words are uttered for the first time each season: "PLAY BALL!"

Heed my mike, see my sight and let's do what's right. Make Opening Day an official holiday. Hashtag #signthedangpetition.

We are going to Hitsville U.S.A.

This year the **JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE** will be in **Motown**, the city of Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, Martha and the Vandellas, and the Miracles, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, and my favorite group, the tall, tan, talented, tantalizing, tempting Temptations.

We aren't "Too Proud to Beg" for your attendance this year. From **August 14th to the 16th**, the conference will be at the **Courtyard by Marriott** on 333 East Jefferson Avenue, in Detroit, Michigan 48226. Reservations are now available online at: [CLICK HERE](#) for the discounted rates of **\$115** a night. *Don't Delay - Register Today! Or Call: 313-222-7700* and ask for the "Jerry Malloy Conference."

Online **Registration** is currently being built on the SABR website. We will send out a notice immediately when the site goes live, along with a complete Registration Packet of planned events.

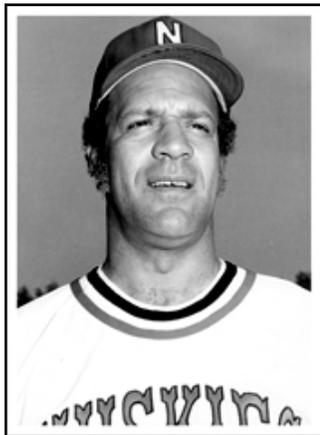
On Thursday evening, we are planning a trip to **Hamtramck Stadium**. Listed on the **National Register of Historic Places** in 2012, it is one of only 12 remaining Negro League ballparks in the United States.

So far, we have commitments from two Funk Brothers from the Negro Leagues; **Walt "Coach O" Owens** and **Ron Teasley**.

Owens was a star pitcher for the **Detroit Stars** from 1953 to 1955. A native of Cleveland, he attended Western Michigan

University, in Grand Rapids, and graduated with Bachelor's and Master's degrees. As a student, he played basketball and ran track. He was also a basketballer for the **Boston Whirlwinds**, an opponent of the **Harlem Globetrotters**.

A member of more than 25 championship baseball teams, and founding member of the National Congress of Black Faculty, few fans know his son **Mel Tyrae Owens** played guard for the NFL's **Los Angeles Rams**, from 1981-89, and is currently a California based lawyer. We look forward to hearing from the legendary "Coach O".



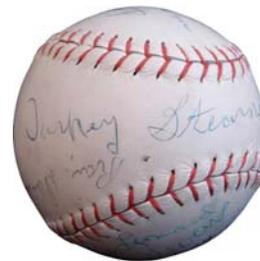
The next brother is **Ron "Schoolboy" Teasley** from Detroit. He played the outfield for the **New York Cubans** for about two months in 1948, before becoming a member of the **Brooklyn Dodgers'** organization, with Olean of the PONY League. He later played for **Carman** in the **Mandak League**, making the league All Star team in 1950 and 1951.



A graduate of Wayne State University and still holder of the highest lifetime batting average of .500 at the University, Teasley will have several Hall of Fame honors to share with us at the conference.

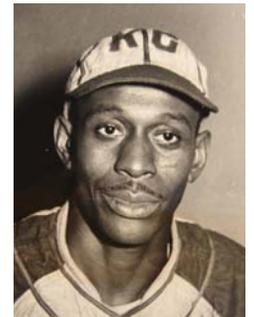
Meanwhile, we are finalizing negotiations with **Satchel Paige's** oldest son **Robert** to join us for a rare appearance by a family member of black baseball's most prolific pitcher.

We will also be honoring the **Turkey Stearnes** family. As many know, based on stats compiled by the NLRAG team, Stearnes is the all-time hitting leader in most power categories. Plans are being discussed to honor **Mrs. Nettie Stearnes** and their two daughters at the Awards Banquet.



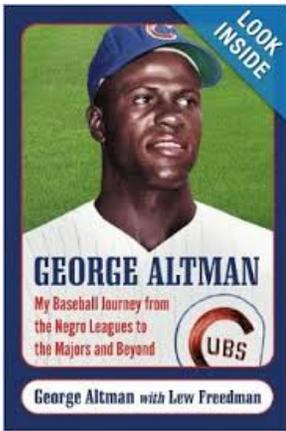
So "Reach Out, And Touch Somebody's Hand" and bring a friend along. We promise you will be "Dancing in the Streets" after three days of "Baby Love" and baseball thrills at **Comerica Park** Friday evening (see page 7).

All in all, we are expecting this Motown conference to be our best ever. Join us and find out "What's Going On?" in Black Baseball. **Batter Up!**



Dugout Reading

My Baseball Journey from the Negro Leagues to the Majors and Beyond by George Altman with Lew Freedman.

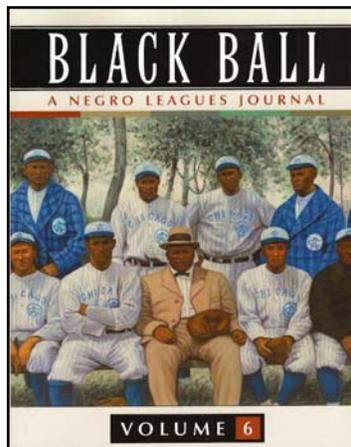


George Altman grew up in the segregated South but was able to participate in the sport at more levels of competition than perhaps anyone else who has ever played the game, from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Altman played baseball at all the kids' levels, played college baseball at Tennessee State, played for the **Kansas City Monarchs** during the waning days of the Negro Leagues, played for the U.S. Army in service

competition, played winter league ball in Cuba and Panama, and spent nine years with the **Chicago Cubs**, **St. Louis Cardinals** and **New York Mets**. A two-time All-Star outfielder, then played in Japan as a regular All-Star. Altman has seen it all and he offers illuminating observations about teams, fans and the game. **Lew Freedman** has worked for the *Chicago Tribune*, *Anchorage Daily News* and *Philadelphia Inquirer* and has won 250+ journalism awards. The author of more than 60 books, he lives in Columbus, Indiana. Get your copy at: <http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/book-2.php?id=978-0-7864-7103-4>

Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal, editor **Leslie Heaphy**. This edition of McFarland's academic journal featuring outstanding scholarship by several authors is now available. Read about the "Did **Branch Rickey** Sign **Jackie Robinson** to Right a 40-Year Wrong?", "Ed **Bolden's Philadelphia Stars**", "**Cleveland Tate Stars**", "The 1945 **Cleveland Buckeyes**," "Blackball in Chester, PA," "Boston and the Color Line," and the trio of baseball pioneers "**Paul Robeson**, **Monte Irvin**, **Larry Doby**." This issue features the prize winners of the Jerry **Malloy Negro League Art Competition**. Get your copy at:



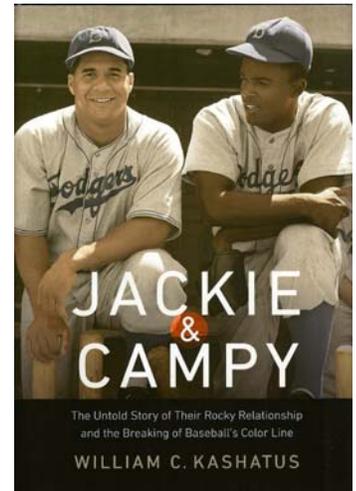
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Jackie & Campy: The Untold Story of Their Rocky Relationship and the Breaking of Baseball's Color Line by William C. Kashatus

As star players for the 1955 World Champion **Brooklyn Dodgers**, and prior to that as the first black players to be

candidates to break professional baseball's color barrier, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella would seem to be natural allies. But the two men were divided by a rivalry going far beyond the personality differences and petty jealousies of competitive teammates. Behind the bitterness were deep and differing beliefs about the fight for civil rights.

Robinson, the more aggressive and intense of the two, thought Jim Crow should be attacked head-on; Campanella, more passive and easygoing, believed that ability, not militancy, was the key to racial equality. Drawing on interviews with former players such as **Monte Irvin**, **Hank Aaron**, **Carl Erskine**, and **Don Zimmer**, *Jackie and Campy* offers a closer look

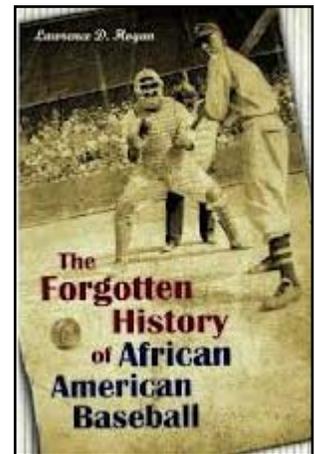


at these two players and their place in a historical movement torn between active defiance and passive resistance. **Kashatus** deepens our understanding of these two baseball icons and civil rights pioneers and provides a clearer picture of their time and our own. Get your copy at:

<http://www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/product/Jackie-and-Campy.675849.aspx>

The Forgotten History of African American Baseball, by Lawrence D. Hogan

For 100 years, African Americans were barred from playing in the premier baseball leagues of the United States—where only Caucasians were allowed. Talented black athletes until the 1950s were largely limited to only playing in Negro leagues, or possibly playing against white teams in exhibition, post-season play, or barnstorming contests—if it was deemed profitable for the white hosts. Even so, the people and events of Jim Crow baseball had incredible beauty, richness, and quality of play and character. The deep significance of Negro baseball leagues in establishing the texture of American history is an experience that cannot be allowed to slip away and be forgotten.



This book takes readers from the origins of African Americans playing the American game of baseball on southern plantations in the pre-Civil War era through Black baseball and America's long era of Jim Crow segregation to the significance of Black baseball within our modern-day, post-Civil Rights Movement perspective. Get your copy at: <http://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-History-African-American-Baseball/dp/031337984X>

Sunrises!

SEND YOUR FAVORITE NEGRO LEAGUER A **BIRTHDAY CARD**.

MARCH

- 1ST - VERNELL JACKSON - 84
- 4TH - CHARLES MIDDLEBROOK - 78
- 5TH - **BERNARD FERNANDEZ - 96**
- 7TH - **JAMES WOODS - 80**
- 11TH - **BOB MOTLEY - 91** (UMPIRE)
- 13TH - LEROY HANCOCK - 83
- 15TH - ALBERT JEFFCOAT - 81; CHARLIE DAVIS - 87
- 18TH - CHARLEY PRIDE - 78; EZELL KING - 84
- 19TH - WILLIE LEE - 79
- 20TH - GEORGE ALTMAN - 81
- 21ST - BENNY RODRIQUEZ - 87
- 31ST - MEL DUNCAN - 85

APRIL

- 5TH - MARVIN PRICE - 82
- 6TH - **HAL HAIRSTON - 92**
- 15TH - **J.C. HARTMAN - 80**
- 18TH - **JIM ZAPP - 90**
- 23RD - **CHUCK HARMON - 90**
- 25TH - **JERRY BENNETT - 93**; SAM ALLEN - 78
- 26TH - **BUDDY WILLIAMS - 100**
- 27TH - TONY LLOYD - 78
- 30TH - JOE DOUSE - 84

MAY

- 1ST - PIANO RED WALKER - 82
- 6TH - WILLIE MAYS - 83
- 9TH - CARL LONG - 79
- 13TH - J.W. WINGATE - 85
- 17TH - GENE SCRUGGS - 76; IRVIN CASTILLE - 88
- 18TH - **ART "SUPERMAN" PENNINGTON - 91**
- 22ND - GEORGE SPRIGGS - 77; MAURICE PEATROS - 75
- 25TH - LARRY LEGRANDE - 75
- 29TH - HAROLD HAIR - 82; ROBERTO VARGAS - 85

NOTE: Congratulations to our seven Nonagenarians: **BOB MOTLEY, JERRY BENNETT, CHUCK HARMON, HAL HAIRSTON, BERNARD FERNANDEZ, ART "SUPERMAN" PENNINGTON & JIM ZAPP. Let's not forget our centurion BUDDY WILLIAMS.**

Sunsets

EUGENE CLARK "GENE" JOHNSON, SR., 78, died December 31, 2013, in Detroit, MI. Johnson proudly served in the U.S. Marines from 1953-56. As a Marine he showcased his talents by playing on the baseball team in Barstow, California. He later joined the **Detroit Stars** as a first baseman, playing for **Ted Rasberry's** Motown team in 1956 and 1957. Upon retiring from baseball he worked many years at Ford Motor Company. Always entertaining and wonderful to be around, **Sir Johnson** was a regular guest at the **Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference**, most recently in 2012, in Cleveland, Ohio.

THOMAS R. GARRETT, 63, died February 18, 2014, in Suffolk, Virginia. After a very courageous and long battle with cancer, the native of Portsmouth, recently succumbed to a stroke. He was a retired Portsmouth School Administrator, and adjunct instructor at Old Dominion University. Garrett was the author of four books on sports in the Hampton Roads area. He held memberships in the **Portsmouth Sports Club, Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)**, and the **Friends of the National Baseball Hall of Fame** in Cooperstown, NY. Garrett was an integral and dedicated member of the **Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference Leadership Team**.

The Garrett Memorial Scholarship

It is with great honor that the two scholarships awarded annually at the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference will be renamed the **THOMAS R. GARRETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**. A modest tribute for an extraordinary man.



In 2007, Garrett spearheaded the local committee in putting together our highest attended Malloy Conference to date. Despite personal concerns, this small town put together a big time conference. He set the bar so high that years later we are still trying to duplicate his accomplishments and break the Portsmouth attendance record.

Tom Garrett, a regular reviewer of our essay/scholarship applications, was an educator and humanitarian. When he came to the crossroads of decisions, if he had to choose between being "respected" or "popular" he always chose the former. He didn't care about who was right, but what was right. Mr. Garrett stood on principles, never on soap boxes. A friend's friend, Garrett could always be counted on to complete a task, regardless of the difficulty, in a timely manner.

The longevity of his greatness should not be measured by the brevity of this tribute. Instead, one should realize that the encyclopedic achievements of this man are just too enormous to summarize. Thomas R. Garrett's work is eternal. He now teaches for Heaven's School of Hard Knocks. And when time permits, he is keeping those angels in line.

And the Winners are:

Some of the "Oscars" in black baseball:

BARNES, OSCAR--1932--officer, New York Black Yankees

BOONE, OSCAR--1939-42--c, Indianapolis ABC's, Chicago American Giants, Birmingham Black Barons, Baltimore Elite Giants

CARDENAS, OSCAR--1956-57--p, Kansas City Monarchs

CHARLESTON, OSCAR (CHARLIE)--1915-54--of, 1b, manager, umpire, Bowser's ABC's, Indianapolis ABC's, Lincoln (NY) Stars, Chicago American Giants, St. Louis Giants, Harrisburg Giants, Hilldale, Homestead Grays, Pittsburgh Crawfords, Toledo Crawfords, Indianapolis Crawfords, Philadelphia Stars, Brooklyn Brown Dodgers, Philadelphia Hilldales (USL), Indianapolis Clowns, Schenectady Mohawk Giants, Royal Poinciana (FL)



CURRY, OSCAR J. --1887--p, Cuban Giants

ESTRADA, OSCAR--1924-25, 1931--p, of, Cuban Stars (East & West)

GIVENS, OSCAR C. (GIBBY)--1939, 1946-48--ss, Newark Eagles

GLENN, OSCAR (HAP)--1937-38--3b, Atlanta Black Crackers

GOINES, OSCAR CHARLES--1915-17--c, of, Indianapolis ABC's, Bowser's ABC's, Jewell's ABC's, West Baden (IN) Sprudels

HUTT, OSCAR--1919-24--1b, of, Dayton Marcos, Toledo Tigers, St. Louis Giants

JACKSON, OSCAR (OSS, OJAX)--1887-03--of, 1b, New York Gorhams, Cuban Giants, Cuban X-Giants, York (PA) Cuban Giants (Eastern Interstate League), Philadelphia Giants

JOHNSON, OSCAR (HEAVY)--1920-33--of, c, 1b, St. Louis Giants, Kansas City Monarchs, Baltimore Black Sox, Harrisburg Giants, Cleveland Tigers, Memphis Red Sox, Dayton Marcos

LEVIS, OSCAR (CHICK)--1921-34--p, Cuban Stars (East), Hilldale, Darby Daisies, Baltimore Black Sox, All Cubans, New York Cuban Stars

RICO, OSCAR--1952-54--scout, Kansas City Monarchs; manager, Havana Cuban Giants

RODRIGUEZ, OSCAR (JOE)--1935--manager, Havana Red Sox

TWYMAN, OSCAR--1916--of, Lincoln (NY) Stars

TYSON, OSCAR (BISH)—1942—of, Twin Cities Gophers

VAUGHAN, OSCAR--1951--of, New Orleans Eagles

WILLIAMS, OSCAR--1946--p, San Francisco Sea Lions

The Krock Watch

See NBC's Nightly News' video about Jeremy Krock's Grave Marker project.

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/43815227/ns/nightly_news/t/negro-leagues-heroes-finally-get-their-tombstones/#.URGF2eXQ8Y

William "Brodie" Francis Gets a Grave Marker

by **Ryan Whirty** for Philly.com

Philadelphia is, remarkably, a baseball city known for its third basemen. Four of the hot corner players in the Hall of Fame were inducted as members of **Quaker City** teams, earning renown not only for themselves but also for the city they represented.

But instead of a spot in the hallowed halls of Cooperstown, one Philadelphia-born third sacker — one much respected by both his contemporaries and historians — has been long forgotten. His place in the history of America's pastime has for decades been an unmarked grave hundreds of miles from his hometown. That, at least, will soon change, when **William Henry "Bill" Francis**, who is anonymously buried in Chicago's Lincoln Cemetery, becomes the latest beneficiary of the **Negro Leagues Baseball Grave Marker Project** (NLBGMP), which places stones at the final resting places of the league's players. Such a development perhaps takes on extra significance now, during Black History Month.

NLBGMP president **Jeremy Krock** said **Lincoln Cemetery** is a place where numerous other Negro League figures rest. Krock said Francis deserves recognition as one of the best, if overlooked, segregation-period hard-ballers.



Additionally, a contemporary account from **Baxter's Sporting Gossip**, in the spring of 1915, read: *"The fielding of chunky little Francis at third base has been a distinct feature of the game played in Seattle this spring by the colored Giants. He has a wonderful left hand. Once he gets it on a ball, there is a mighty seldom a slip, and his ground covering ability is simply astonishing. As a high jumper, he is a marvel. Francis is not considered a heavy hitter, but this spring he is clouting the ball."*

Francis' gravesite has been without a headstone since 1942, when he died at the young age of 62. More than 70 years later, the Philly native is still considered one of the premier third basemen of all time.

The Holy Grails of Black Baseball!

Fellow historians are writing to request your assistance. Our proposal titled **AN ARCHIVIST'S FANTASY? THE FINDING OF THE HOLY GRAILS OF BLACK BASEBALL** submitted for a presentation for the **2014 Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture** has been accepted by the selection committee.

The presentation we envision that will discuss artifacts and primary sources from the history of African American baseball that we know existed but are seemingly lost and unrecoverable – and what it might mean if we could recover them. The presentation will touch as well on an example or two of how

sometimes serendipitously, primary sources of considerable importance can turn up unexpectedly – i.e., the **Effa Manley Newark Eagles** papers. – the **Ed Mackall Trophy** in the Hall's archives,



named after **John McGraw's** Baltimore Orioles and N.Y. Giants' Negro trainer, from 1899 to 1922. When the Giants won the pennant in 1911, every member of the team got a trophy - except Mackall. So McGraw took his and had it engraved with Mackall's name and presented it to his trainer.

We would be delighted to have you add from your own research to our working list of lost items from the history of Black baseball in the Americas, including a brief description of the item you are referencing. Also welcomed are references to “serendipitous” finds. It is our hope that the expected presentation at the Hall at the Symposium will be followed by an article that will qualify for publication in **BLACKBALL**.

Any contributors will of course be credited in the presentation, and article. Thank you for your attention, and consideration.

[Larry Hogan](#) and [Leslie Heaphy](#)

The Call for Papers

Categories: Interdisciplinary, Anthropology/Sociology, Cultural Studies, History, Popular Culture and Baseball

The 17th Annual **Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference** will celebrate this rich baseball history. In addition to two days of research presentations and player/author panels, attendees will also enjoy special presentations about local parks as well as a **Tigers** game against the **Seattle Mariners**.

Presentation Proposals: due March 24th.

This interdisciplinary conference welcomes proposals for oral and poster presentations from all research fields. Previous presenters have included college faculty, public school teachers, graduate students, and independent scholars.

Presentations may focus on any topic related to the theme, or other Negro Leagues issues. Some possibilities include: **Turkey Stearnes, Jimmie Lyons, Hamtramck Stadium, Mack Park, Tenny Blount**, the **Detroit Stars**, or the **Detroit Wolves**.

Proposals should include a 250-word abstract, plus a brief biographical note with contact information. For oral presentations, please indicate whether you will require any AV equipment.

Please email your proposal as a Word attachment to lheaphy@kent.edu.

Or, send it via traditional mail to Leslie Heaphy, Kent State University at Stark 6000 Frank Rd, No. Canton, OH 44720.

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Join us Friday night at sold-out Comerica Park

Tiger treats!

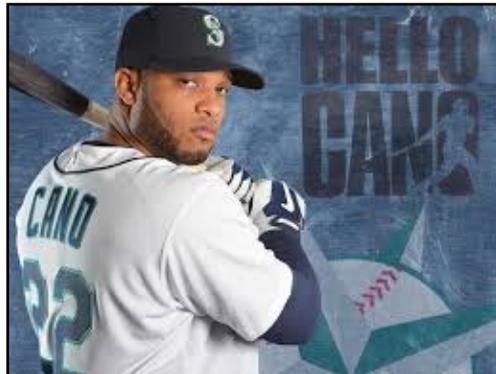


See current **Cy Young** winner Max Scherzer.



See current two-time AL's **MVP** Miguel Cabrera

From the **Seattle Mariners** see:



All-Star pitcher **Felix Hernandez** and sluggers **Robinson Cano** and **Corey Hart**.

Take some time and view the Tigers' Hall of Fame Statues of **Hank Greenberg**, **Ty Cobb**, **Charlie Gehringer**, **Hal Newhouser**, and **Al Kaline**, along with star leftfielder **Willie Horton** in the left field concourse and Hall of Fame announcer **Ernie Harwell** near the first base concourse. **Note: Norman "Turkey" Stearnes'** plaque is located outside the center field wall, at the corner of Adam & Brush Streets. Also see the **Ferris Wheel** and **Tiger Carousel** near third base and home plate respectively.



For more information, visit the website of the **World Champions** of 1935, 1945, 1968, & 1984 at:

<http://detroit.tigers.mlb.com/>



• PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH AN AD

Dear Supporters & Friends of the Negro Leagues:

We would like to extend an invitation to you to become a participant in the 17th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. We are seeking your support with a LOW-COST ad in the conference booklet. This conference is scheduled to take place from **August 14th - 16th** at the **Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown**.

This year's conference will include research presentations, player panels, exhibits, a Detroit Tigers baseball game and special events centered on our theme **"Turkey Stearnes & Black Baseball in Michigan"** with topics on the Detroit Stars, Turkey Stearnes, Hamtramck Stadium and much more.

In attendance will be authors, historians, researchers and scholars, former players, educators, fans, collectors, sponsors and vendors. We are excited about adding you to our list of participants. We are asking for your support with an ad in the booklet given out to all conference attendees, local libraries, local media and museums among others. The booklet is tentatively entitled **"Turkey Stearnes & Black Baseball in Michigan"** and will be published by [McFarland Publishing](#).

The print block for ads is 4 3/8 inches by 7 1/2 inches.

- Half page ad - \$65
- Full page ad - \$120
- Business Card - \$30

Submission deadline is July 15, 2014

Submissions received after the deadline will have a copy of their ad included in the goody bags given to all members. Submissions should be print-ready and sent as an e-mail attachment, or a high resolution format on CD. Acceptable formats are JPG or TIF or DOC or PDF.

If you have further questions please call Leslie Heaphy at 330-244-3304 or e-mail her at Lheaphy@kent.edu. All ads are sent to **Dr. Leslie Heaphy at Kent State, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Rd, North Canton, OH 44720**. Checks can be made out to SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) and indicate in the memo it is for **"Malloy conference ads."** **Monies raised help support bringing Negro League players to the conference, along with providing funds for library grants, and student scholarships.** Thank you in advance for your support.

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If an ad is not in your budget at this time, we are accepting items such as brochures, schedules, pins, magazines, booklets, magnets, souvenirs, etc., for our goody bags. We need between 100 - 150 items. Donations can be sent to: **Rick Meister, 48595 Greenwich Lane, Canton, Michigan 48188.**

FJMeister@sbcglobal.net or 734-397-3692

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We appreciate your support.