

# @ SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

As this newsletter is being mailed Bill Foster, the 13th Negro Leaguer, is being enshrined into The Hall of Fame. The entire Summer has been very busy. There's still time for you to take an active part.

We welcome three new NLC members: Jan Finkel, 91 Laurel Lane, Swanton, MD (201) 461-8347 (Jan is in the forefront to get proper Hall of Fame recognition for Negro Leaguers); Prior Smith, PO Box 986, Lakefield, ONT, CANADA K0L 2H0 (705) 654-3901, Fax (705) 654-3902 (Prior saw the NL veterans in Canada in the 50's while at Toronto; Day, Jethroe, Connie Johnson etc); Bill Williamson, 1325 Valley View Rd., Glendale, CA 91202, (818) 241-7053 (Bill has researched the California Winter League seasons for several years). Larry Lester has a new PO Box address of PO Box 37046, Kansas City, MO 64138.

As always our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Bob Bochar, Tim Booker, Ed Cesarone, Paul Debono, Jan Finkel, James Floto, Tom Gerbasi, Larry Gerlach, Leslie Heaphy, Larry Hogan, Bob Hoie, Frank Keetz, Merl Kleinknecht, Joe Lee, Larry Lester, Tara Mack, Tod Maher, Jerry Malloy, Louis Manley, David Marasco, John Matthews, Gary Maurer, Andy McCue, Dick Miller, Sammy Miller, Joe Mitchell, Rick Morris, Rod Nelson, Eric Newland, Jim Overmyer, Tom Owens, David Pietrusza, Robert Peterson, Bill Plott, Bob Potts, Rich Puff, Jim Riley, Jay Sanford, Fred Schuld, Ronda Smalley, Tom Shieber, Guy Stanley, Greg Stokesberry, Brad Sullivan, John Townsend, Gregg Truitt, Eduardo Valero, and Lyle Wilson.

## NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

Joseph Lee, a valued contributor to the newsletter, recently sent me some material reminding me of where we were and where we are now with regards to the Hall of Fame. He has written short synopses on two chapters from two books. POLITICS OF GLORY by Bill James, chapter 15, The Negro Leagues \*\*3pp. HARDBALL: THE EDUCATION OF A BASEBALL COMMISSION by Bowie Kuhn, the chapter on The Legacy of Jackie Robinson, \*\*4pp. These two chapters are important clues to the history of NL Hall of Fame aspirations.

negroleaguebaseball.com is the address of Leading Edge Production's online Webzine. This site is for all NL folks with a computer or not. Please read on. It is a real eye opener. It features (1) video interviews with players (currently Roy Campanella) plus a biography; (2) updated excerpts from the NL Newsletter including upcoming events new to all; (3) an Art Gallery with exclusive features, currently Dane Tilghman paintings and prints; (4) a Did You Know area covering barnstorming, East-West All-Star games, Great Negro League teams, Newspapers and Sportswriters and the Golden Era (currently the 1933 All-Star game); (5) A lobby effort to increase Negro League player representation in the HOF...(Guest historians will profile candidates worthy of admission to Cooperstown- Bill Wright by Todd Bolton, currently there are Veterans Committee names, HOF board members and more A bio of current inductee Bill Foster and The Negro Leaguers in The Hall are other features) and (6) Forum and other links which will include ESPN and The Baseball Hall of Fame. ESPN will be publicizing the lobbying effort.

I hope all have seen where they can help. Leading Edge Productions wants all of us to contribute to these sections. It's just like a magazine and needs articles. Get your work out there. There's a place for complete East-West games with commentary and box scores and histories of teams. The lobbying effort enables everyone to write on their favorites. This is a GREAT opportunity to publicize our HOF efforts, all the Negro Leagues, and educate the public. Contact Eric Newland email [turkystern@aol.com](mailto:turkystern@aol.com) Leading Edge Productions can be contacted at [info@leadingedge.com](mailto:info@leadingedge.com) phone (914) 232-1047, 9 Butternut Lane, Katonah, NY 10536.

## NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

Frank Keetz was able to fill in data on Lynn Perry and also pass along some info on Oscar Charleston's two week stint with the Mohawk Giants in 1936.

Change the 1954 Louisville Black Colonels to Clippers.

Bob Hoie put some finishing touches on the 1946 WCBA register. We're trying to get all rosters together.

Tod Maher passed along more scores of games. Brad Sullivan has sent some interesting 1942 Cleveland material.

Larry Gerlach found info on the semi-pro Newark Buffaloes, a mixed team in 1946.

New info on the 1931 standings from Paul Debono.

Send in complete box scores of your favorite player or team. Every game, Every year to Larry Lester PO Box 411312, Kansas City, MO. 64141. After two years of intensive work, Larry has created the ultimate Negro League Baseball Database. The database can produce day-by-day reports, seasonal reports for pitchers and batters, career stats and even reports by these categories: league games only, exhibition

games only, post-season games only, All-Star games only, etc. Larry can also print day-by-days, monthly averages, production versus each league team and hitting streaks from this database. This information will be used to validate the star quality of potential Hall of Famers.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The New York State Assembly held "A Salute to the Negro Baseball Leagues" on June 4th. It included a ceremony in the assembly chamber in which special proclamations were awarded to New York State residents who played in the Negro Leagues, plus others ie, Buck O'Neil and Ted Radcliffe. Jimmie Armstead, Rodolfo Fernandez, Billy Harrell, Archie Jones, James Jenkins, Ray Noble, Warren O'Neill, Carlos Rivera, Robert Taylor, James Robinson, Armando Vasquez, and Edsall Walker were the honorees from New York State. There was a reception and dinner that evening at the state museum. About 250 attended, including a number of Albany little leaguers. Joe Black and Larry Doby were speakers and O'Neil was the main speaker. A truly great time! Thanks to Jim Overmyer. Jim and Dave Pietrusza sent the following articles and Rich Puff a short video from the News shows. Salute to The Negro Leagues Program \*\*4pp. ALBANY TIMES-UNION 6/5/96, "Memorable Day for Proud Men", \*\*2pp. 6/3/96 "Catskill Wild Man still tellin' baseball stories," \*\*2pp. TROY RECORD 6/5/96, "When only the ball was white," \*\*2pp. SCHENECTADY DAILY GAZETTE, 6/5/96, "State Assembly honors pioneers of integration," \*\*1pg.

The Annual Convention of SABR was held in Kansas City, MO, June 6-9th. The following NLC members were in attendance; Steve Bennett, Tim Booker, Dick Clark, Bob Davids, Paul Debono, Jan Finkel, Dr. Leslie Heaphy, John Holway, Larry Lester (everywhere), Jerry Malloy, Sammy Miller, Claudia Perry, Jim Riley, Al Ritter, Prior Smith, and Bill Williamson. On Wednesday June 5th I arrived around noon and later went to Larry Lester's house for enjoyment. On Thursday at noon the sales area opened and this became the place where we would meet old and new friends. The Seymour Award reception that night saw David Zang win for his FLEET WALKER'S DIVIDED HEART (big assist to Jerry Malloy). Friday started the research presentations. Features were John Holway "Negro Leaguers and The Hall of Fame; Cooperstown Ticking Clock". Leslie Heaphy & Gai Berlage "Female Images in Baseball: Women in the Negro Leagues and the All-American Girls' Baseball League." Finally, Jim Riley "Buck Leonard and Monte Irvin". Larry Lester was able to tape these along with the NLC meeting (1 90-minute cassette). Everyone was then off to the Buck O'Neil and Friends Luncheon hosted by Larry Lester (a superb job by Larry). Buck was his usual eloquent self, truly inspiring. Buck must have sold a couple of hundred books and signed everything afterwards. Larry had a brief respite and then was among the Baseball Research Panel with Mark Rucker, Bill James, Steve Gietschier and Tim Wiles. Larry raced home afterwards and hosted his daughter Erica birthday party and then was back to host the Awards Banquet. We have a tape of Bob Feller and Steve Fehr speeches. (1 90-minute tape). Larry went home to recover before a busy Saturday. The NLC meeting began at 10:15 AM with an excellent turnout and a fine meeting. Joining the NLC members were Ralph Christian, Terry Harrison, Charles Jones, Paul Parker, Dave Stevens, Ted Hathaway, David Marasco, Richard Spry and veteran NLC contributors, Ted Knorr, Gail Berlage, Elfran Bernier, Bill Treese, Bill Dunstone, and Eduardo Valero. (The listing of people's projects will be in the next edition due to space limitations). At 12:30 PM we were off on the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum tour. Many of us got to see the Paseo YMCA, The Kansas City Call and the excellent exhibit at the museum. Larry again hosted a player panel with Connie Johnson, Bryon Johnson, Jess Rogers, Slick Surratt, and umpire Bob Motley. The only downer was Don Motley, Executive Director, who charged an additional \$1 to all people on the tour, probably into his pocket. What a loser! After the tour it was back to the Marriott and then to the tailgate party and ballgame. Sunday was slower with the business meeting starting at 9:00 AM. Later I joined Larry and Jerry Malloy at Larry's home for fine conversation and then off to take Jerry to the airport. I headed for home Monday. Additional items. SCD 6/21/96 "SABR comes to Kansas City" \*\*1pg & SCD 7/12/96, "SABR puts spotlight on Negro Leagues" \*\*3pp. The convention booklet UNIONS TO ROYALS: THE STORY OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IN KANSAS CITY has the following articles: 1. Only The Stars Come Out At Night: J.L. Wilkinson and His Lighting Machine by Larry Lester; 2. Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige by Lester; 3. Bullet Joe and The Monarchs: Will Cooperstown Let Them In? by John Holway; and 4. Monarchs Rule by Bonnie Serrell as told to Barry Mednick.

Finally, Jim Riley has put forth a most interesting proposal. How about a Negro League Committee Convention, somewhere in America for let's say 2 or 3 days. Not competing with the SABR National but one for NL enthusiasts. Let me know if you are interested and any thoughts you have.

On June 8th, the Detroit Tigers honored Negro Leaguers at Tiger Stadium, where the Tigers wore Detroit Stars 1920's uniforms and the Yankees reluctantly wore New York Black Yankee uniforms. We have THE DETROIT NEWS 6/9/96 \*\*1pg "Tigers honor black pioneers of baseball." ANN ARBOR NEWS 6/9/96 "Yankees, Tigers show old look," \*\*1pg NEW YORK TIMES, 6/6/96 \*\*2pp.

On June 12th the New Jersey State Baseball Umpires Association honored the Negro Leagues, mainly the champion Newark Eagles of 1946 and more specifically, Charles Biot. Bob Peterson was there to autograph copies of ONLY THE BALL WAS WHITE and Larry Hogan gave an overview of Negro Baseball. Charles Biot was given a framed copy of a State Senate resolution commemorating the 1946 Eagles and Negro Baseball. \*\*4pp program & \*\*2pp "Jersey umps to honor '46 Eagles for Black World Series title".

On June 12th ten players were honored in Nashville as the Nashville Sounds and Buffalo Bisons wore replica uniforms. A great time was had by Dan Black, Sidney Bunch, Wesley Dennis, Edward Derrick, Ed Martin, Verdell Mathis, Clint McCord, Ira McKnight, Joe B. Scott, and Jim Zapp. THE TENNESSAN 6/13/96 "Negro Leaguers Honored" \*\*1pg and "A rich base for Negro League lore," \*\*1pg We also have "They might have been heroes: Memories of Nashville and the Glory Days of baseball's Negro Leagues" from NASHVILLE SCENE 5/2/96 \*\*8pp.

On Saturday June 22, 1996 Oliver "The Ghost" Marcelle was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. This culminated years of effort by Jay Sanford. This is a great honor for the Marcelle family and especially gratifying that Jay Sanford, who made the presentation speech, saw his efforts rewarded. ALEXANDRIA DAILY TOWN TALK 6/22/96 \*\*1pg & 6/16/96 \*\*1pg, also, \*\*4pp ticket info and agenda for event.

Also on June 22th Jerry Malloy and Paul Debono took Bobby Robinson to a White Sox game. Bobby is 93 and still spry, vigorous, and sharp.

Bill Plott was in attendance in Asheville, NC for the "In Black And White" promotion July 6th & 7th. Players for Asheville and Hickory wore various Negro Leagues uniforms. A lot of fun things happened that weekend. Articles include ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES 7/5/96, "Leonard, 89, relives his glory days in Negro Leagues" & "Paige's catcher (Frazier) Robinson is full of stories of his place in history" \*\*1pg. 7/7/96 "Negro League Great Honored" (O'Neil) \*\*1pg. "Negro Leaguers honored at today's Tourists game" \*\*1pg & 7/8/96 "Tourists win on special day" \*\*2pp.

Prior to the Major League All-Star game of July 9th was FanFest. An SCD article of 7/12/96, "How Heroes of Baseball Were Gathered" \*\*2pp tells of players attending, including Gene Benson, Joe Black, Bill Cash, Mahlon Duckett, Stanley Glenn, Sammy Haynes, Max Manning, and Buck O'Neil. The PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS had a special Negro League feature 7/2/96 "Negro League All-Time Team" \*\*2pg. "A history worth exploring" \*\*1pg. "The mecca of Black Baseball, It was much more than a game" \*\*3pp "The Black Lou Gehrig" \*\*1pg.

The Colorado Rockies Baseball Club welcomed The Negro Leagues Baseball Exhibit to Coors Field July 25th through July 30th with an luncheon honoring Negro Leagues Baseball. Special guest was National League President Leonard Coleman. \*\*1pg invitation. More in next newsletter.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

August 31, 1996 7:05 PM will be Judy Johnson Night: A tribute to Negro League Baseball at Judy Johnson Field at Frawley Stadium, Wilmington, DE \*\*1pg promo. Joe Mitchell and Gregg Truitt are heading up the event.

The Committee to Restore Pop Lloyd Stadium will hold its special THE EAGLES AS WORLD CHAMPIONS, THE COLOR LINE IS BROKEN 1946-1996, A COMMEMORATION AND REMEMBRANCE (obviously a Larry Hogan title) the weekend of October 5th & 6th, 1996 in Atlantic City, NJ. A reunion of the players from the Newark Eagles and Kansas City Monarchs from the 1946 World Series will occur along with other programs and events including a Negro League Heritage Baseball game, and a special showing of the documentary BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACKIE ROBINSON. Rachel Robinson and Larry Doby are to be presented with awards. \*\*2pp publicity release.

A committee is being formed in Indianapolis to begin the project of creating a life-sized statue of Oscar Charleston. They are looking for volunteers and will be seeking funds (\$30-40,000). Dan Edwards, a nationally known sculptor is very interested in doing the statue. Circulating petitions and writing letters will probably be asked of us. The NLC plans to be strongly involved. Contact Paul Debono (317) 266-8705 voice/fax #.

### COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilmer Fields is in good condition after undergoing a quadruple bypass July 8th.

Thomas Jackson died May 29, 1996 in St. Louis. Clyde McNeal passed April 14, 1996 article 4/20/96 SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS.

An exhibit at the Hoboken Historical Museum, "Play Ball! A Garden State Legacy" includes New Jersey's Negro Leagues. \*\*1pg

Tara Mack passed along a radio story on the West Coast Baseball Association. \*\*\*1 60-minute tape.

Sunday June 9th, A Negro League Reunion and Card Show brought together Russell Awkard, Jim Cohen, James McCurine, Emilio Navarro, and Andy Porter in Livonia, MI.

On July 13th, Bill Barnes, Sherwood Brewer, Gene Collins, Mel Duncan, Cecil Kaiser, Maurice Peatros, Ted Rasberry, Bobby Robinson, and Ron Teasley appeared in Detroit to sign autographs.

Cleveland's first Negro League Reunion took place July 20th & 21st featuring HOFer Monte Irvin along with Willie and Dave Pope, Sam Jethroe, Claro Duany, Harold Tinker, Charlie Rivera, Ray Noble, Rodolfo Fernandez, Henry Kimbro, and Jim Zapp.

Nap Gulley and Sherwood Brewer were in Seattle June 22th and 23rd, 1996 for a autograph show. Nap was a guest of Ed Cesarone that weekend. Nap visited Kamiakin Junior High School in Kirkland, WA to meet 500 plus students on their final day of school. He visited classrooms, spoke one on one with kids, signed autographs and demonstrated pitching techniques. A great time for all!

Jerry Malloy sent out a great piece on the SABR-L on Richard "Dick" Johnson/Male and The Color Line, complete with footnotes \*\*6pp. (a typically great piece).

KANSAS CITY STAR 7/1/96 "Picking up the tempo" article about the total 18th & Vine project. \*\*4pp. KANSAS CITY GLOBE July 12-18, 1996, "Ewing Kauffman Foundation Grants \$500,000 Gift to The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum," \*\*1pg KANSAS CITY STAR 7/13/96, "Negro Leagues Museum gets Kauffman gift," \*\*1pg (I sure hope the Executive Director isn't handling this money.)

I finally got to see SOUL OF THE GAME. I believe it to be very entertaining with solid acting, a great cast, good period detail, but it is a MOVIE not ever close to a documentary. View it only as entertainment. 4/20/96 CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, "HBO movie examines Black Baseball greats." \*\*1pg

### ONLINE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a rapidly growing area and we hope to assist you with what is available out there.

The Moxie Internet Galleries has many one page articles on a wide variety of Negro League subjects and many bios of the great players. email at [moxie@nc5.infi.net](mailto:moxie@nc5.infi.net)

Cotton Sports Collectibles <http://www.cmv.com/~detour/cotton/> has many collectibles including the latest Bobbin Heads of Turkey Stearnes and Cool Papa Bell. The Fosters Rube and Bill are out now. Call 1-800 450-7298 Pin#3182 for a catalog.

David Marasco has a web site at <http://pubweb.acns.nwu.edu/~dmarasco/david.html> His email is [igor@clark.phys.nmu.edu](mailto:igor@clark.phys.nmu.edu) David has links to the Moxie site and Jim Riley's page along with a web page for youngsters. You can also get David's thoughts on the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. \*\*2pp.

Connect with <http://www.annonline.com> to listen to a Buck O'Neil audio interview. We have \*\*3pp quick bio and \*\*6pp Interview Ann Devlin/Buck O'Neil Transcript.

From YAHOO! INTERNET LIFE Magazine is " Nine Great Baseball Web Sites", \*\*4pp

A Hall of Fame web site is [http://www.eneews.com/bas\\_hall\\_fame/](http://www.eneews.com/bas_hall_fame/)

USA TODAY 7/9/96 \*\*2pp has Total Baseball Site also ESPN and others.

### NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

SUNDAY STAR-LEDGER 5/19/96, "The Forgotten Flight of Newark's Eagles," \*\*2pp

"Jess Elster, Grand Rapids Mr. Baseball" from January/February, 1993 MICHIGAN HISTORY MAGAZINE \*\*8pp.

"Baseball and Blues fuse in film on Memphis," USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY July 3-10, 1996 \*\*1pg. (The Dr. John Haddock film on the Memphis Red Sox)

"The Travelling Man Goes To Portland" (Satchel Paige) by David Marasco from THE DIAMOND ANGLE May/June, 1996 \*\*2pp

THE DIAMOND ANGLE, August, 1996 has "Strangebrew: Smoke, Lights, and Josh Gibson" \*\*2pp & "Stars in their time Hall of Fame," on Brewer, Smith, and Redding. \*\*2pp

"Written in Stone" STAR MAGAZINE May 26, 1996 (Paige gravesite) \*\*2pp.

July/August, 1996 Issue #7 of THE VINTAGE & CLASSIC BASEBALL COLLECTOR has a very nice article on Chuck Harmon: The Black Red. \*\*5pp.

AUTOGRAPH TIMES May/June, 1996 "The Negro Leagues"\*\*\*3pp

"(Charlie) Grant should be Cincinnati Legend" CINCINNATI POST 5/18/96 \*\*1pg

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER 4/7/96, "Teaching baseball...and life," \*\*2pp.

PITTSBURGH COURIER, May, 1949, Change of Pace column features Maurice Peatros. \*\*1pg

CHICAGO TRIBUNE 7/8/96 Double Duty picture with Mark Grace \*\*1pg. & 7/20/96 "A past era Dutifully recalled" \*\*1pg

CHICAGO SUN TIMES 7/8/96, "Oldest living Negro Leaguer now too busy to be bitter," (Radcliffe) \*\*1pg JET 7/22/06, "Ted Double Duty Radcliffe, Oldest Living Ex-Negro Leaguer at 94" \*\*1pg.

SCD 6/21/96 edition which featured the NL and SABR. Buck O'Neil and Bob Feller on the cover. Fireball Bill Beverly \*\*4pp. Dave Whitney \*\*2pp. & "Negro League great Bill Foster finally gets his chance with election to Hall" by John Holway \*\*2pp.

SCD 6/28/96 Gene Collins \*\*2pp.

SCD 7/12/96 Slick Surratt \*\*2pp.

SCD 7/26/96 Big Edsall Walker \*\*3pp.

### CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Bill Plott reports slow but sure progress on the Negro Southern League.

Leslie Heaphy is at the University of Kansas this summer researching and having fun.

Tom Owens is beginning work on an oral history book for youth, on the Negro Leagues.

Lyle Wilson is putting the finishing touches on his manuscript on African-American teams in the Seattle area 1911-1951.

Guy Stanley is seeking any info researched on the Jacksonville Red Caps and the NSL. Contact at (904) 641-1162 Email at [GUYS973068@aol.com](mailto:GUYS973068@aol.com)

Paul Debono is finishing up his Indianapolis Black Baseball book and plans a presentation in Louisville next year on West Baden and French Lick, Indiana teams.

## THE MARKETPLACE

A couple of reviews on Monte Irvin's autobiography NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST written with Jim Riley from Tom Knight of the BROOKLYN SPECTATOR 5/8/96 \*\*2pp and Jerome Holtzman On Baseball CHICAGO TRIBUNE 5/12/96 \*\*1pg.

A new book out is BASEBALL AND THE COLOR LINE by Tom Gilbert, 1995 soft cover \$9, 176pp + pictures & appendix. A very nice read. It isn't about the Negro Leagues per say as about The Color Line. Recommended.

THE BAMBINO VISITS CUBA, 1920 is a combined Spanish-English text, 38pp English with boxes and stats \$12. Order from Julio Ruiz Asomante 1674, Summit Hills, Rio Piedras, PR 00920.

The latest issue of SIDELINES Vol 2 Issue 2, June, 1996 has The Negro Leagues Part 4 (The All-Time All-Star Championship replay) \*\*2pp. Tom Gerbasi has made available his review of Datac Associates BASEBALL:THE GRAND OLD GAME, from August 95 issue which has the rosters of the fictional teams on their Negro Leagues disk. \*\*4pp.

Another book out that I haven't seen is AMERICA'S NATIONAL: A STUDY OF RACE AND MERIT IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL by Bret Billet and Lance Formwalt, \$49.95 by Praeger.

I have read Buck O'Neil's autobiography I WAS RIGHT ON TIME written with Steve Wulf and David Conrads, 254pp, 28 pictures \$23. It is an easy read and thoroughly enjoyable book. You will feel just like you were sitting next to this fine man. Very highly recommended. Get this book and Monte's and you'll not be disappointed.

We have many articles; PITCH WEEKLY (KC) July 4-10, 1996 "Negro League History comes to life" \*\*1pg. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR 6/19/96, "I wasn't too early-I helped pave the way" \*\*1pg. KANSAS CITY STAR 5/26/96 "Just in time for Summer" \*\*1pg & 6/2/96 "Triple Play" \*\*3pp. SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE 6/11/96, "Right On Time" \*\*3pp.

Also, THE WASHINGTON POST 7/7/96 Book World section. Black baseball, short reviews of O'Neil's, Irvin's, ribowsky (again a negative review), STEALING HOME an intimate family portrait by the daughter of Jackie Robinson and ON BLACK AND WHITE Race and Sports in America. \*\*2pp. SCD 7/19/96 book review section covers I WAS RIGHT ON TIME, and ribowsky's Gibson debacle with another below average review. \*\*2pp.

Many players have voiced their extreme displeasure in ribowsky's gross errors and attempts to discredit the Negro Leagues. The 7/8/78 edition of THE SPORTING NEWS has a article on Jim Rice, "Rice Shaken, Angered By 'Racism' Quotes" \*\*1pg. I quote from the story "The author, Mark ribowsky, a 27-year-old free lancer, insists he's on solid ground and has the quotes in his notes. He had spent several days with Rice in Anderson, S.C., but admitted he didn't use a tape recorder. He denied he'd taken material from previous Rice stories and added that he is upset because the promotional material went heavy for the racial stuff at the expense of his overall story." Ribowsky continues masquerading as a writer, a racist one at that. If you are at a bookstore you should move ribowsky books to the FICTION section. ribowsky is a joke.

## FINAL REMARKS

Our next newsletter will be October's. Please get all information to me before the last week of September.

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