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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

I trust everyone has recovered from Thanksgiving. All areas regarding the Negro Leagues continue to be on the fast track.

We welcome new Committee member Sammy Miller. Sammy has interviewed many players over the years and is the main contributor to the BLACK BALL calendar. His address is 3916 Archer Ct. Florence, KY 41042 (606) 525-1619

As always our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Luis Alvelo, Paul Bauer, Todd Bolton, James Bready, Paul Debono, Jeff Eastland, Tony George, John Haddock, Leslie Heaphy, Bob Hoie, Larry Hogan, John Holway, Larry Lester, Ed Lilly, Jerry Malloy, Andy McCue, Sammy Miller, Rick Morris, Frank Novacek, Jim Overmyer, James Passannante, Robert Peterson, Bill Plott, Bob Potts, Jim Riley, John Schwartz, Nelson Wenguer, and Tweed Webb.

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

Information continues to come in and research is ongoing. We have fresh contact with 15 veterans because of all the publicity. Rich Bozzone and Peter Morris are users of the Social Security Death Index and have passed along valuable biographical reference sources. Knowing some important facts on a player can enable us to get precise (in most cases) death and birth dates. Use Jim Riley's Biographical Encyclopedia as a starting point; if you have additional data let Jim or me know. Please also pass along any updates, new material, corrections, etc. for either book. We want these two books to be as correct as possible. We have a **1pg revised listing of the All-Time East-West All-Star Records 1933 to 1950 and also, **1pg Negro League Stars in the Major Leagues. We sincerely thank Jerry Malloy for passing along new info and corrections on 19th century managers. We have been able to get a much better listing of managers for the Rosters Section. We plan to have every Negro Leaguer's OB record for future editions with Bob Hoie leading the way. If anyone runs across articles from papers where statistics are mentioned for players during a year or reflecting on a previous year (ie, it is printed that Buck Leonard hit 36 Homeruns and hit .383 in 1937), send these items to me. The great Jeff Eastland picture of the 1925 World Series teams may be confusing because of page breaks. On page 3 it appears to say At League Park; it really says Nat League Park or Baker Bowl.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have loads of material available from the University of Memphis reunion: Schedule of Events **2pp; "An Evening With The Memphis Red Sox," program **2pp; Autograph sheet, **1pg; Press release, **4pp. THE DAILY HELMSMAN, 9-15-94, "The Memphis Red Sox offer more than Baseball," **2pp. Summer issue THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS MAGAZINE Vol 3 No 2, "Red Sox finally even the score." **3pp. THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL Memphis, 9-8 & 9-9, 1994, three related articles on proposed street renaming. **1pg. 9-21-94 "On-the-go Sox veteran slides back to Memphis," **1pg; 9-24-94, "Banished

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Stars recall Black Baseball sagas," **1pg; & 10-20-94, "Symposium to address Blacks and Athletics," **1pg.

From the John Henry Lloyd event we have: THE PRESS Atlantic City, NJ 10-1-94, "Baseball greats in town to pay respects to Lloyd," **2pp & "Usry's speech at Hall of Fame," **1pg; THE PRESS 10-2-94, "Honoring Pop Lloyd," **1pg; "Presentation of award catches Manning off base," **1pg; with "Mays receives award for humanitarian work," **1pg; PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, "A crowd turns out to remember 'The Catch'," **2pp; Pop Lloyd brochure **4pp; Second Annual Award Booklet **12pp; Rededication Program **4pp; John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Humanitarian Award, Max Manning **2pp.

My nephew Tom Monty and I had a great time in Livonia, Michigan on November 12th at a Negro League Reunion Sport Card Show. We had a chance to meet with Claro Duany, Josh Gibson Jr., Willie Grace, Wilmer Harris, Art Pennington, Earl Taborn, Armando Vasquez and Bill Owens, who turned 93 on November 14th. The true highlight was having the opportunity to sit and chat with Hall of Famer Monte Irvin. Tom picked Monte up at the airport and helped during the autographing periods. I had the pleasure of a private discussion with Monte on a variety of topics. It was truly a great time! Monte will be in Boston on Sunday December 11th.

On Monday, November 14, 1994 the First Annual Negro Baseball Leagues Awards Celebration was held in New York City. Awards were given to several people: JOSH GIBSON AWARD to Dave Winfield; RUBE FOSTER AWARD to Hank Aaron; COOL PAPA BELL AWARD to Max Manning; CUM POSEY\GUS GREENLEE AWARD to Ken Burns; and the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to Buck O'Neil. Larry Hogan, Eric Newland, and Larry Lester were in attendance. Articles include: THE STAR-LEDGER Newark, NJ 11-15-94, "At Last: Negro League impact recognized," **1pg; 10-30-94, "Negro stars to be feted at dinner," **1pg; USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, Oct 26-Nov 1, 1994 "Awards to recognize sacrificing of athlete," **1pg; USA TODAY 11-15-94, "Negro League Awards honor stars of Baseball," **1pg; THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 11-11-94, "Present day stars will honor heroes of the Negro Leagues," **1pg; DAILY NEWS 11-15-94, "The stars of Negro League are feted," **1pg.

The Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama will host the NLBM DISCOVER GREATNESS exhibit February 5-March 19, 1995. A reunion and other programs are being planned around February 9th. Contact me for details.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 12th & 13th, the 11th Meadowlands Classic collectibles show featured Negro Leaguers Buck O'Neil Andy Porter, Sam Jethroe, and Henry Kimbro.

Many terrific Negro League items were available in Leland's GRAND SLAM auction November 19th & 20th. A 164 page book is probably still available. I'll report sale prices in a future newsletter.

A recent Robert Edward Auction saw a Pop Lloyd Autographed ball sell for \$1120 and a Negro League Ball & Box go for \$1108.80 Whew!!! I hope players are getting some of this big money.

We have a **1pg obit on Luis Villodas.

Fenton, Missouri was the sight of a recent show featuring 24 players headlined by Buck O'Neil and Double Duty Radcliffe. **1pg AD

Books which have Negro Leagues material are: BASEBALL IN THE AFTERNOON, by Robert Smith, 20pp; THE BASEBALL CHRONICLES by David Gallen (Paige story) 27pp; HOTDOGS, HEROES, AND HOOLIGANS by Michael LeBlanc 22pp; and TREASURY OF BASEBALL has a variety of entries totaling about 22pp.

Luis Alvelo has produced another Post Card. This one features 5 players from the 1939-40 San Juan Senadores.

John "Buck" O'Neil was recently inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame, another well deserved honor.

The ESPN show OUTSIDE THE LINES had the documentary, "A League Second To None," on Tuesday October 8th and again on Sunday October 30th. Larry Lester, Jim Riley and Buck O'Neil were featured in a fast paced solid film done by Bud Morgan. I hope you all got to see it.

Rob Ruck's film KINGS ON THE HILL received a Gold Apple from the National Educational Film and Video Festival and an Emmy for Outstanding Cultural Programming from the Mid-Atlantic Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Rob also shared the stage at Central Missouri State University with Buck O'Neil. In addition he spoke recently at Franklin & Marshall College. You should definitely get this video.

NEGRO LEAGUE RELATED ARTICLES

Baltimore THE SUN, 10-22-94, "A sweet ride for a 100th birthday," (Riley Davis) **2pp.

"Black and White," from August, 1994 AIRMAN (John Miles) **7pp.

"The Color Line Almost Fell Too Late For Ray Noble." SCD 11-25-94**2pp

LANSING STATE JOURNAL, 8-13-94, "Negro Leaguer saw a different ballgame," (Peatros) **1pg.

By John Holway 9-25-94 DALLAS MORNING NEWS, "Hall of Shame," **1pg
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 9-16-94, "Much simpler times," **1pg & 10-1-94, "Myth of Branch Rickey: He wasn't the good guy," **1pg. NEW YORK VILLAGE VOICE, 10-18-94, "Branch Rickey and the destruction of Black Baseball," **1pg.

"Negro League apparel hot property for '94," **2pp from USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY.

SCD 11-11-94, "Sam JETHroe" **4pp (in which he states he is 5 years older than previously thought.

THE STAR-LEDGER, Newark, NJ 10-6-94 **2pp, "Will Day receive call from Cooperstown?"

Warren (Pa) TIMES OBSERVER, October, 1994 **1pg Pennsylvania Profiles "The Great Josh Gibson."

MIAMI HERALD 9-27-94, "A league apart," **4pp; Related AP Wire story, "Black ballplayers recall indignities, glory of early days," **3pp from 9-29-94 & 9-30-94 "Playing was the point," **2pp.

"PBS series revives some cherished memories," **1pg, TIMES-UNION, Rochester, NY 9-23-94.

9-18-94 "The prime time of our pastimes," INQUIRER Magazine **9pp.

SCD 10-21-94 "Larry Doby; baseball's overlooked pioneer is honored by Cleveland Brass," **5pp; "Negro Leaguers gather at Meadowlands," **4pp; "Ron Lewis completes new Negro League Art set," **2pp (includes checklist).

THE KANSAS CITY STAR 8-6-94, "Museum has grand beginning," **1pg & 9-21-94, "An enduring love affair: KC, Baseball," **3pp & 9-22-94, "A Star is Born...at 82," **2pp.

MINORITY OPPORTUNITY NEWS, August, 1994 **2pp "Ebony Field of Dreams,"

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER MAGAZINE 11-22-94, "A third baseman takes shape," **3pp Judy Johnson Sculptor.

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

The call is out for articles for the 1995 Pittsburgh Convention publication. Someone should be volunteering to write about the rich history of Pittsburgh and Black Baseball.

An excellent overview of the new permanent interactive exhibit at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum appears in the Fall, 1994 SILHOUETTES.

Ursula McTaggart is working on a book on Josh Gibson. She is a 13-year-old from Kalamazoo, MI 49001, reach her at 435 Park Place. She would appreciate any input from players.

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Richard Jones 3610 Block Dr. #611, Irving, Tx 75038 seeks information on Pelayo Chacon.

We seek any new research on the West Coast League of Colored Clubs.

Jim Overmyer had a book signing November 19th in Newark during a Negro League Exposition. Next April Jim will be a speaker on a symposium on baseball and society in Trenton, NJ.

Jim Passannante is seeking approval of young readers' Negro Leagues books by the New Jersey Board of Education for his 6th grade class.

Eduardo Valero (Latin America Committee Chairman) seeks any information on the Bridgeport CT. Black Sox and also on player Ramon Concepcion, a very early Puerto Rican player.

Alfred Silberfeld seeks information on the Pythian Base Ball Club of Philadelphia of 1867. Contact me or Alfred at (407) 495-9839.

Paul Debono seeks any information on a trip to Cuba by the Indianapolis ABC's around 1915 or before. Paul is working on a comprehensive history of the ABC's for McFarland & Co.. Any available pictures would be appreciated. Paul can be reached at 2346 N. Delaware St. Indianapolis, IN 46205-4332, (317) 925-1509. Paul also informs us of a planned honoring of the Indy Clowns and also Oscar Charleston by the Indianapolis Indians in 1995 during the last year of Bush Stadium.

THE MARKETPLACE

I trust one of your 1995 Calendar choices is on the Negro Leagues. BLACK BALL: THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES by What's A Face Productions is available for \$10.95. Important births and death dates along with a new feature: quotes from various players make this a valuable purchase. LEGENDS OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES features the oil paintings of Ron Lewis by Landmark Calendars, \$10.99.

I finished reading Neil Lanctot's book FAIR DEALING AND CLEAN PLAYING.... I recommend it more highly than before. Excellent history of Hilldale and '20's Negro Leagues. This is a must for all. McFarland & Co. Box 611 Jefferson, NC 28640. \$25.95 + P&H.

I just got my copy of the Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe book. Done in Duty's unique style it has 277 pages, index, bibliography, 15 appendices, 31 photographs.

From Archer's Used Book Catalog **2pp describing/reviewing DON'T LOOK BACK. It says it all.

DDAT CLUB INC. specializes in Negro Baseball Memorabilia and is an NLBM licensee. Contact them at 2113 Land Street Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 (609) 829-4263 for what they have available.

Negro League Retro Caps by Pro Line are on sale for \$12.99 + P&H call 800 776-8326 for teams available.

**1pg AD for Roberto Vargas Autograph

**1pg AD for Larry Doby autographs.

The SCD Holiday Gift Guide of 11-25-94 issue has **1pg ads for the Ron Lewis Card Set and Legends of The Black Diamond Litho.

Hieronimus & Co.'s new address for ordering Negro League memorabilia is PO Box 648 Owings Mills, MD 21117 or phone (410) 356-6216.

A new book 1939, BASEBALL'S PIVOTAL YEAR has a 24 page chapter "Moving toward the day" on the Negro Leagues.

RAGTYME SPORTS, a new magazine will have a special column "Blackballed" on the Negro Leagues. **3pp Ad or call 800 488-1944. Rick Hines is looking for writers and articles on the Negro Leagues, call him.

The October 21, 1994 SCD has 5 reproductions of the new cards in the Ron Lewis set. **2pp

Upper Deck has a 85 card "Nine Innings" baseball card set (based on out, it includes several Negro Leaguers. **2pp.

NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS, the 119 card black & white photo set (the '80's) is available for \$12.95 +, call (715) 344-8687.

A very limited edition (300) 17"x 22" offset lithograph, autographed by 12 Legends is available for \$179.95, call (518) 622-8000 for details.**1pg AD. Ebbets Field Flannels latest catalog NO 10 is out.

**1pg AD featuring a host of autographs of Negro Leaguers on Baseballs . Sandlot Legends (216) 925-3281 has many replica pennants available \$19.99 and posters \$25-30.

Negro Leagues Game Poster Cards 1920-1950 are available **2pp AD or call (615) 227-9125 for details.

A scheduled publication for 1995? from Amereon House is BUCK O'NEIL: A BASEBALL LEGEND, \$16.95 cloth, \$8.95 paper.

SPORTS LEGEND is a comic book. The October 1993 issue is Breaking The Color Barrier - Pioneering Black Athletes in America. 36 pages **1pg of back issues available. "Breaking Through," **2pp from the comic.

**1pg of pictures of many of the Strike Zone Negro Leagues Pins is available.

FINAL REMARKS

The next newsletter will be February's. Please get all material to me before the last week of January. Larry, Val, Marilyn, and I wish everyone the happiest of holiday seasons.

Dick & Larry
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NLC Co-Chairpeople