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# SPORTS

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## Playoff Series Moves To Kansas City Sept. 19, 20

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Birmingham Black Barons, winners of the first half of the Negro American League split season, and the Kansas City Monarchs, who topped the second half, move the playoff series for the league championship to the Blues' stadium Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, and Monday night, Sept. 20.

The Black Barons defeated the Monarchs in the opening game of the series Saturday night in Birmingham, 5-4, in 11 innings and came right back on Sunday to make it two in a row by winning, 9-5, in 10 innings.

Already fans have swamped the Monarchs' ticket offices with requests for box seats. These requests come from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where the Monarchs have 35 friends among the soldiers, white and black. Fans are coming from Omaha, St. Joseph, Nebraska towns as well as Jefferson City, Mo., Berkeley, Calif., and St. Louis, Mo. And it is said that the Kansas City Monarchs have reserved a big block of seats for their fans.

Both teams are strong. The Kansas City club led the second half of the season with 25 games, batting .300 and hitting 290 hits for 436 total bases. The Black Barons batted .280 in the second half. In 23 games they went to bat 776 times and made 215 hits for 290 total bases.

### Monarchs Hold Edge

When it comes to extra base hits the Monarchs hold the edge. The Kansas City team had 66 two-baggers, 40. The Monarchs had 19 three-base hits to Birmingham's seven. The Monarchs totaled 14 home runs to Birmingham's seven. Birmingham had 13 sacrifice hits while the Monarchs had nine.

The Monarchs stole 25 bases, Birmingham, 18. Seventy-eight Black Barons went to first on bases, 73 for the Monarchs. Howland, 16. Kansas Citizens struck Birmingham's 108. The Monarchs had 108 hits for 131 runs, Birmingham, 127. Howland holds an edge in errors, 19 for Birmingham, 26 for Kansas City. Birmingham has 56 putouts, 29 for Kansas City. Birmingham has 27 errors for 19 runs, Kansas City, 27. Birmingham has 27 errors for 19 runs, Kansas City, 27.

O'Neill, serving his manager of the Monarchs hopes on the old rookies who are the season's best. Baker, shortstop, second sacker, double play combination. Monarchs fans must know Wilson, Birmingham, and Piper Davis, Kansas City.

games and Davis who batted .355 for 75 games.

Whatever difference there is in the batting of the shortstops and second sackers, is made up, on the Monarchs' side by the heavy hitting of Henry Thompson, right-fielder, who has a .379 percentage, and Willard Brown, centerfielder, who is clouting the ball at a .374 clip.

Pepper Bassett, catcher, and Pitcher Perry are the other two Birmingham clouters in the 300 charmed circle while Kansas City has John Scott, Herb Souell, Earl Tabor and Ford Smith, the latter who pitched the Army team to a 1-0 victory in London for the Servicemen's championship. The army team had a number of ex-major leaguers in its lineup.

Fans remember that both Brown and Thompson had a short stay with the St. Louis Browns of the American League in 1947. They must also remember that several major league scouts have been watching Tabor and Gene Collins, 22-year-old lefthand pitcher from Davenport, Iowa. Also that time and again Piper Davis has been looked over and it is only his age that keeps him out of big time company.

Like Tabor, Elston Howard, a graduate of Vashon high school, comes from St. Louis. Howard has eight homers since July 1, when he joined the team. He is both a dependable outfielder and can do some mighty good catching.

### Pitchers Galore

Both teams are fortified with pitchers and the series will depend on whether this good pitching can stop good batting. Lefty Collins has won nine and lost three. He has two victories over the Chicago American Giants right in Chicago, holding the Windy City nine to two hits the first time and three hits the second and dishing them out a shutout in both games. Othello LaMarque has won 14 and lost five to the Schoolboy Johnny Newberry of Birmingham. Cliff Johnson has won three and lost one. Ford Smith has won 10 and lost five. Gene Richardson has won five and lost six.

Powell tops the Birmingham pitchers with 11 victories and three defeats. Birmingham's Greason has won six and lost four. Williams has won six and lost three. John O'Neill can take care of himself both in the field and at the bat. The Kansas City first sacker-manager has his team on its toes. But so has Piper Davis. That means hustling, bang-up games can be predicted.

It is just possible that Willard Brown who has 18 home runs to his personal credit and Henry Thompson who has stolen 20 bases for the first season may find themselves up against Steve Britton and a few other of Tom Hayes' proteges who may not be batting as well as those Monarchs demons but who come through with some timely hits that mean runs.

Once more the leaves are turning yellow, the days are cooling off, and the shadows are growing longer earlier in the afternoons. These signs indicate only one thing — the beloved baseball season is coming to an end.

For the Negro American league, the season already has ended. The Indianapolis Clowns and the Birmingham Black Barons have a bit of unfinished business between themselves, trying to decide which is the best team in the NAL.

Then the Clowns are going to do a bit of barnstorming after the season is finally concluded. For a large number of the players in the NAL it will then mean winter baseball in Cuba, Puerto Rico or some other Latin American area.

For baseball fans this will mean the beginning of the Hot Stove league when everybody gets together and talks baseball and strategy. The diamond sport then will be criticized and praised all in the same discussion.

They will recall the great moments of the current season and of many seasons before. Every grand stand manager will tell you what their team's leader should have done to keep the Clowns or the Black Barons from coming out on top.

For me the ending of the season is a sad occasion because it means that I shall have to wait at least five or six months before things are in full swing once more.

It also means the end of this column for the year. These chats with you fans, although one-sided from the writing end, were lots of fun. The NAL and the club owners also are happy to have been represented to you fans through this column.

You may be happy to know that three recent alumni of the NAL are leading their leagues in batting — Bob Boyd in the Pacific Coast league, Sam Hairston in the Western loop and Henry Aaron in another circuit.

Of course, such alumni as Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Hank Thompson, Junior Gilliam, Jim Pendleton, Roy Campanella, Buzz Clarkson and too many others to name here are doing all right in organized baseball.

The NAL did not do too badly this season. And because, Jim Crow has not left baseball alone yet, the Negro American league still is a necessity. You probably have read what happened to a young Negro player in a southern league. The league president ordered his team not to let him play, so finally the team had to let him go.

## Year For Sepia Major League 1954

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Doby's home run last week helped keep the Cleveland Indians in the American League lead as the pennant chase in the junior major league circuit entered a torrid stretch drive.

### On Again, Off Again

Doby, whose power-hitting career has been marked with streaks in which he blows alternately hot and cold, banged seven home runs in as many games.

Two of his round-trippers were outed in the mammoth Baltimore game in the same game, won by the Indians over the hapless Orioles, 6-0. The next day, Larry Doby entered the winning run with a home run, his third in two days, as Cleveland won a 5-3 victory. This marked the first time since the Orioles returned to the majors in 1954 that a player has hit three home runs in two days in Baltimore.

Another distinguished bit of hitting was accomplished in Boston by Doby's teammate, Al Smith. Smith had five singles in five official trips to the plate and raised his average to .316, second highest in the American League, as the Indians won a 10-7 slugfest over the Boston Red Sox.

### "Key Roles"

While the American League race raged on the pulsating side, Brooklyn Dodgers sewed the National League title in Milwaukee when the Bums thumped Braves, 11-4.

It was the case with the last Dodger flag winners, Negro leaguers had key roles. This year, of course, Don Newcombe's pitching and hitting and the position you'd expect to see him best at.

## Sam Jones Hurls No-Hitter Of 1955

CHICAGO.— (ANP)— "Toothpick" Sam Jones, hitherto known as "Sad" Sam, last week became the first Negro to enter major league baseball's Hall of Fame when he pitched a no-hitter in full view of 2,918 fans and countless others on TV to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 in Wrigley Field here.

Jones, obtained from Indianapolis of the American Association last winter, not only won immortality by his great performance but he became the first pitcher to register a no-hitter in his month-old 1955 season.

Enroute to the victory, the big, serious looking righthander struck out six batters, including the last three, but walked seven. Jones was in trouble in the ninth. In the ninth inning, Jones, who had not pitched a two-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds in his first game at Wrigley Field, got wild and walked the bases full. After the third walk, manager Stan Kistner went to the mound to make a painful decision of whether to leave Sam in the game. But Kistner showed confidence in the youngster when he decided to go

Sandy Amoros, the little Cuban outfielder. But Newcombe, with 20 victories and 5 losses, and Campanella, with a .331 batting average, were the undisputed heroes.

### Campy Hits 30

Campy with 30 home runs set a record for slugging among the catchers. It marked the fourth time that he has hit 30 or more homers. No other catcher can boast of that achievement. Newcombe, incidentally, hit seven home runs, the first National League pitcher to hit as many.

Other notes as the baseball season moves to a close: Elston Howard, the rookie outfielder with the New York Yankees, hit one of the oddest homers in Yankee Stadium history. Howard drove an opposite field homer that struck the foul pole at the 298-foot marker in the right field stands. Veterans observers said it was the first time that they had seen such a homer hit. The Yankees dropped a 9-8 10-inning decision to the Chicago White Sox.

Ernie Banks, the Chicago Cubs' shortstop, has 43 home runs and every other fourmaster he hits means a new record for major league shortstops in the homer department. Banks established a new record this year when he hit his 40th roundtripper.

### Power Included

Leading hitters in the American League include Vic Power, Kansas City first baseman, third with a .309 average, and Harry Simpson, his outfield teammate, fifth with .309.

Harry Aaron, the Milwaukee outfielder, was among the first to reach the National League.

1955



WILLIE MAYS outfield NEW YORK GIANTS

1971

## KHOURY LEAGUE MIDGET CHAMPS



The Trans-American Rams of the Mathew - Dickey Boys

Club are the 1971 Midget Division Khoury League Missouri-Illinois Champions. From left to right — front row seated: Randall Winston, Richard M. Watkins, Jr., Dwayne Winston, and Gene Roberts. Left to right, Second row kneeling: William Tolen, Mark Trice, Billy Huston and Wendell Goins. Left to right, third row standing: Coach Percy McCullen, Sr., Percy McCullen, Jr., manager Prentice Trice, Glen Franklin and coach Michael Franklin. Not present were Michael Schwartztruber, Andrew Greer, Kelvin Ellison, Christopher Robinson and Mr. Richard M. Watkins, Sr., coach and sponsor and co-sponsor Mr. Lee Lanier.



Fay Young

Robinson's signing follows closely on the heels of several important baseball items although the temperature is still around zero as this is written.

SOMETIME THIS month, presumably, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 20 and 21, the Negro National and the Negro American Leagues will hold a joint meeting at the Hotel Theresa in New York City. Manager William Scott of the hotel is a former Morehouse college baseball player — some years ago. The baseball men find that he looks out after their needs when they are in town.

How the meeting will turn out is a safe guess. The majority of the owners will go along with the suggestion of A. B. "Happy" Chandler, baseball's high commissioner. However, there is going to be some changes made if the two leagues expect cooperation from the two major leagues. Two of these changes already have been put in force, the changing of the bylaws and constitutions of both leagues and the wording of the contracts changed to conform with the contracts used by club owners in both the National and American league.

NOW COMES the Southern League with a spring special session in Nashville on Feb. 3 and 4. The Evansville club can't make the requirements financially to hold a franchise and the last time we

his club has been suspended from the Southern League. It is a certainty that Hardin won't get his club in the Negro National League and he is out of the Negro American League's ter-



JACKIE ROBINSON

ritory. Atlanta is in the Southern League's territory. Best advice to Brother John is to stay in the Southern League unless he takes an awful tall gamble. The Southern League's president, Dr. R. B. Jackson, heads for New York this month for the joint meeting of the two Negro major leagues with the hope that some working agreement can be made satisfactory to all three leagues.

If this is done, Brother Hardin may find himself out in the cold with part of a ball club. The Southern League club owners can sweep into Atlanta and take his players because his players are the property of the Southern League unless Hardin and his club decide to do as the Southern League owners vote.

Brother Hardin is rather set in his ways but the Missus has some-

## Browne Joins Cards

The Cardinals traded utility infielder Bob Johnson to the Oakland Athletics yesterday and brought up hard-hitting outfielder Byron Browne from their Tulsa farm club in the American Association.

In exchange for Johnson, the Redbirds obtained outfielder Joe Nossek, who will be sent to Tulsa.

Browne, a righthanded batter from St. Joseph, Mo., was hitting .341 at Tulsa. He had driven in 79 runs. His 105 hits included 16 home runs, three triples and 26 doubles.

Browne, 26 years old, is expected to join the Cardinals in time for today's doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates at Busch Stadium.

He played the entire 1966 season with the Cubs, batting .243 and hitting 16 home runs. He also was with the Cubs briefly in 1965 and '67.

Browne spent most of 1968 with farm clubs of the Cubs and the Houston Astros, who obtained him from Chicago. He batted .231 in 10 games with the Astros last season.

By NOR... L. "Tweed" WEBB

There are baseball fans around town who are proud to tell you "I remember seeing big pitcher Bill Drake in the first game he ever played at the old St. Louis Giant's park out on Broadway, before the roaring 20's. Others are very cheery about having seen some great local stars as 'Cool Pa' Bell, 'Eggie' Hensley, Dan Kennard, Branch Russell, Chas. Zomphier, Devil Wells and umpire Bill Donaldson make their debut at the old Compton - Market carshed park. And it may well be that a generation from now, and pop will tell the kids he saw New York Yankee's Elston Howard, Luke Easter, Sammy Jethroe, Al Smith, Jim Pendleton and "Fire Ball" Smith when they broke in as sandlotters.

How many of these ex-local stars can you remember: Herman Belger, Abe Dump, George Womack, Joe Hewitt, Ed Watts, Glen Dixon, Earl Cook, Oscar Hutt and Eugene Smith.

This writer saw Elston Howard come up as a fine player from the old Grand-Market dust-bowl diamond. I have often written about him when he played with the Kansas City Monarchs before going to the Yankees' farm system. Years from now grandpop will be telling the youngsters about Satchel Paige's assortment of curves.

What we are wondering is if old Satchel Paige will still be pitching then. Can you imagine telling the kids about Satchel Paige's days with the St. Louis Browns. The ace relief hurler used to find livin' easy as he relaxed in a new — contour full pen chair purchased for him by Browns president Bill Veech. A canvas canopy protected him from the sun's hot rays, while other teammates envied him. Old Paige was the biggest drawing card to the Browns whenever he was announced to pitch in those days.

Dodge Sign  
1952  
Two More

PANAMA CITY, R.P. (ANP) — Two Negro Panamanians have signed contracts with the Brooklyn Dodgers and will report to the Dodgers' farm team, St. Paul, the American Association, it was learned here today.

Clyde Parris, third baseman, and Wilfredo Holder, infielder and outfielder of the Cerveceria, Panama Professional League team, were said to have received bonuses for signing with Joe Cicero, Brooklyn Dodgers' scout for Central America.

Holder, whose real name is Wilberto Moore, has just completed his first year as a professional in the Panama league, is earmarked for the Dodger Class B team, while Parris, a seasoned player, will stay with the St. Paul team.

Cicero believes these men will make good on the farm teams and will probably make the major league.

into six figures for him. His father's farm at Capeau, where the St. Louis Browns were training. One day when one of the infielders went into the dugout for a drink, Leon picked up a glove and walked out to his position. Next thing he knew he was a professional ball player. The Browns farmed him out; eventually he was picked up by the Cubs and sent to Des Moines and then Los Angeles. Last year against tough Pacific Coast League pitching he ratted out 25 home runs and batted in 93 runs. Basically a third baseman, Leon can also operate efficiently in the outfield and may wind up there.

### Hornsby's Boy

PROBABLY the most talked about rookie of the year is the Browns' Jim Rivera, who seems to have everything it takes to be a star. With Seattle last year this 30-year-old outfielder led the Pacific Coast League in practically every department. He was tops in batting (.352), runs, total bases and doubles. He socked 20 homers, drove in 112 runs and stole 33 bases. What more can you ask?

Rivera was first discovered by Rogers Hornsby, who sent him to Seattle. Last winter when the Rajah took over the Browns, the first player he asked for was Rivera. "He's the one player in modern baseball I'd pay money to see," Hornsby said. "That guy can beat you with a great catch, a great throw, a bunt, a home run or a stolen base."

Rivera himself is grimly determined to make good. He speaks pleasantly, laughs easily off the field, but once he puts on his spikes he's another person. He runs hard, swings hard. Every move on the ball field is made with a deadly intensity. It's difficult to see how he can miss.

The Boston Braves are claiming the best collection of rookies in the

1952 baseball season opened Tuesday, you probably noticed an unusual number of strange names in the box scores. They belong to a bunch of youngsters who are currently getting the chance of a lifetime. This year's crop of rookies is one of the biggest ever to hit the big leagues. Their success or failure can mean the difference between a pennant and a finish in the second division for any club. Where, for example, would the Yankees have been last year without Gil McDougald — the Giants without Willie Mays? Not in the World Series.

Which will be the lucky club to come up with a rookie of that caliber this year? Nobody can possibly say, because there's nothing more unpredictable than a rookie. But among the better-looking prospects are the pair on our cover. Throwing to first is Davey Williams of the Giants. Only 23 years old, Williams has been Giant property since 1948 when he was a \$65,000-cash-and-players purchase from Atlanta. After seasoning at Minneapolis, he was promoted to the Polo Grounds late last year and played in 30 games. This will be his big make-or-break year.

### The Bartell Type

WILLIAMS is flashy and very fast. Not a big man (five-foot-10) he develops a fair degree of power at the plate. But it's his work around second base that makes him a stand-out. Manager Leo Durocher and Shortstop Al Dark are both enthusiastic on this point. Said Durocher: "He and Dark will give us another great second-base combination."

The Dick Bartell type of ballplayer, full of fight and confidence, Williams says he fully expects to make the grade.

The boy sliding into second on our cover is Leon Brinkopf of the Chicago White Sox. He turned down an offer running



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*June 9, 1969*

Dear *Tweed*

This is a special invitation for you to attend the tryout camp held by the Minnesota Twins Baseball Club on June 17, 18 and 19. please report at 9:30 A.M. at Blanchett Park in St. Charles, Missouri and bring your uniform, glove and shoes. Bill Messmann, Area Scouting Supervisor, will be in charge.

Sincerely,

Scout *St. Nicolai*  
Minnesota Twins Baseball Club

*P.S.  
Come on out and spend a little time with me bring  
some boys out if you know some you know your  
are always welcome with me your pal.  
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grounds.

*Sun. SEPT. 10 1972*  
**Knights bag** X  
**playoff crown**

The favored Mathews-Dickey Knights came out of the loser's bracket to belt the Braves 7-2 and 12-2 Sunday at LeMay Field, giving them the Heine Meine Semi-Pro League play-off championship.

Herman Shelton, Garlan Goodwin and William Green each collected four hits in the pair of victories for the Knights, who coasted to the regular season title but were upset by the Braves last week. Goodwin's hits included a homer in each game and he had a total of five RBIs.

#### DEATH NOTICE

*APRIL 9 1972*



Funeral services for MR. CLIFF ORD (COTTON) BROWN, were held Wednesday night, April 12, 1972 at the Metropolitan AME Zion church on Garrison & Lucas. Services were officiated by Reverend Marshall. Mr. Brown passed away on April 9, 1972 at the John Cochran Hospital at 8:30 p.m. he was a devoted member of the 20th Century Club for many years and will be missed by all.

He leaves to cherish his memory a wife, Mrs. Vivian Brown, two daughters, Mrs. Marceline James and Pamela Brown, 1 brother, 1 sister, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.



*1967*

11 YEAR OLD WHIZ IN BASEBALL AND BOWLING---At this writing 1 a.m. at the Home of my long time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kelby Miller 4023 Darby, parents of 11 year old Kenneth Wesley Miller outstanding pitcher and infielder with the Pirates in the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club Midget League. Little Kenneth with a peculiar whip lash movement that starts the ball toward the home plate at an astonishing rate of speed for a small kid, during the Summer has turned his attention to bowling with almost as devastating effort. Kenneth, named after his uncle Mr. Kenneth Miller, well known Organist and Director of the Gospel Choir at Antioch Baptist Church, started fooling around with a baseball when he was 7 years old and took up Bowling 4 years ago. As a result, he has been the talk of the town, during the last 3 weeks. Kenneth doing the one hour interview proudly shown this writer his certificate of award signed by Mayor A. J. Cervantes congratulating him as the winner in his age group to represent the City of St. Louis in New York City where the U.S. YOUTH GAMES are to be held Aug. 17, 18, 19, and 20. He was a winner in the Bowling program, July 20, at Western Bowling Lanes, 4041 Bingham. Young Miller's average in the contest was 156, and he has a high game score of 181. His Aunt Mrs. Ollie Palmer inspired him to take up bowling at the age of 7.

"He's pretty smart in school, too," said his father. "He has made 2 grades in 1 year. He'll go into the 7th grade this September." He added, "Tweed, his first love is baseball and he plays a very nice infield, too." So this week Hats off to Young Miller. We offer our sincere congratulating and urge him to keep up the good work. For local baseball write to 4574 Enright or call Fo. 7-6304, Normal Tweed Webb.

# YEA, MR. MAYS



Willie Howard Mays Jr., 39, made his 3,000th safe hit last week, playing baseball with the same enthusiasm—and effectiveness—he first brought to the Giants in A.D. 1951 by ROY BLOUNT JR.

In 1951 Marilyn Monroe was a starlet, Bobby Orr a baby, Hubert Humphrey a comer—and Willie Mays very nearly the same phenomenon he was last week. In harsh heat and foggy chill, and under the intense scrutiny such a situation demanded, he chased after his 3,000th hit—and seemed to blossom rather than wilt under the pressure. He reached the milestone Saturday at home in San Francisco in the second inning against Montreal, when he stroked an 0-and-2 pitch between short and third. It was hardly an appropriate hit for the occasion, taking everything about Willie Mays into consideration, being neat and solid rather than spectacular and dramatic. But it was No. 3,000—and then he promptly collected No. 3,001, which is really what Willie Mays is all about.

In the stretch run to his latest achievement, marvelous old middle-aged Willie was sprinting all the way. On a six-game tear that carried him to the magic mark, he went 10 for 23 and showed the whole watching world that he could still do it all. In one of those games, Mays ranged past his rightfielder once to make a running catch. He cut off a drive to deep left-center barehanded. He went from first to second on a fly ball in the ninth inning of a game after playing 14 innings (and hitting a ninth-inning homer) the

night before. He stole one game with a burst of 11th-inning speed.

Who else is still flashing a verve that dates back to the Korean war? "The only difference between the young Mays and the old Mays," says Montreal Manager Gene Mauch, "is that it's hard for a 39-year-old man to feel up to playing like Willie Mays every day. But when he feels like it—when I see him up at the plate with the lineup card and he has that look, I say, 'oh, bleep.'"

But time, after all, has passed. This year Mays was the oldest man ever elected to a starting All-Star position, and with 20 homers already he stands a good chance of becoming the oldest man ever to hit his age in home runs. (Babe Ruth hit only 22 at the same stage in life.) It has been 15 years, probably, since Mays last actually said, "Say Hey!" and almost two decades since Leo Durocher listed the five things Mays could do better, all of them put together, than anyone else: run, throw, field, hit and hit with power. Since then, Willie's distinctions have grown more complex. So a new scouting report on the Giants' still-volatile elder statesman seems in order.

RUNNING: Mays has stolen only two bases this year, in two attempts. But Giant Outfielder Frank Johnson says, "I've got pretty good speed, but I'm not so sure

I could outrun him if he turned it on. The other night he was running on 3 and 2, and it was a wild pitch, and he turned second and I mean he really ran to third. He ran like a sprinter and he slid hard. A lot of guys wouldn't have done that—especially somebody 39. And the way he runs, his feet flying . . . we were behind third, he was bearing down on us and we jumped up on the bench and said, 'Did you see that?' He does things that just thrill me to death."

THROWING: Mays has a wide variety of throws to choose from, depending on what direction and what posture he is running in when he releases the ball. He comes underarm, sidearm, three-quarter and then he has a sort of hook shot. Says Rightfielder Bobby Bonds, "I don't think Willie knows how strong his arm still is on the days when it isn't hurting and it's especially loose. The other day he threw a strike to the plate from the wall in Cincinnati."

FIELDING: Both Bonds and Ken Henderson, being 24 and fleet, might be considered more appropriate centerfielders than a man almost old enough to be their father. It might also be suspected that Mays is kept in center lest his pride be hurt. The truth is that he is still master of his position. "He gets to balls that I didn't think anybody could reach—that I don't think I could reach," says Bonds. What Mays has lost in speed he makes up for with consummate judgment of trajectories and fences and an encyclopedic knowledge of where to play all of the league's hitters.

HITTING: Mays has always been death on changeups because his reflexes are too good to be fooled. "He looks jerky

continued

Base hit No. 2,999 was a home run, like 619 others; after 20 years his cap still trails Willie across home plate as he scores from second.



Words are inadequate to express our deepest sympathy to the Jones family. Mr. Willie Jones, long time Tandy League baseball fan, died two weeks ago. He lived at the Old West End Hotel on West Belle Place.

Recently your roving baseball reporter ran into Lewis "Jelly" Stone (Taxicab driver and former Tandy star) and he brought up that old trick play involving a missed first base and a runner who had crossed home plate.

Here's the situation: One out with the runner on first and second, the batter hit a clean single to right. The man on second base scored but the man who had been on first base is thrown out trying to reach first base. That's the second out there -- the first baseman calls for the ball and the umpire claimed that the batter missed first base. Does the ball count?

No, it doesn't count. This play sometimes confuses some baseball fans not familiar with the rules. It was a double play with the ball reaching first ahead of the runner for the third out.

As a matter of fact -- no matter how long you have played baseball or how well you think you know the game, a play will come up to confuse you, whether you're an umpire reporter or player.

For this special play the first baseman must be wide awake. On the appeal to the umpire, reporter or player.

For this special play the first baseman must be wide awake. On the appeal to the umpire the runner is called out for failure to touch the base.

## FORMER TANDY LEAGUE 'M.V.P.' TWEED REMINIS

1971  
by Morris Henderson

Virtually unnoticed locally was the recent demise of Comer Cox, former Executive Secretary of the Springfield, Illinois Urban League but an athlete of outstanding proportions during his Sumner High and Fisk University days. In addition, he was a standout third-baseman for the 1925 Tandy League Champs, the Broomers Tailors when he batted a glittering 462 and won the League's Most Valuable Player Award!

One of his teammates, a .402 hitting shortstop named Norman (Tweed) Webb, who later was to gain greater fame as an historian, on black baseball statistican league official etc. reminisced about Comer to the AMERICAN the other day.

Cox succumbed after a lengthy illness in a Springfield Hospital back on August 15th. One hour funeral services were held there for him three days later and burial occurred here at the St. Peter's Cemetery.

"Cox played professional baseball with the Nashville Elite Giants and the Cleveland Tate Stars in the twenties," Tweed asserted, flipping pages of his priceless records. "He was a member of the famous Broomer Tailors in 1924 and 25. Previously he was standout football player, first at Sumner and later at Fisk. . ." Webb continued.

Tweed remembers his "long-time friend" as a "perfect gentleman, a man of brilliant ability on the field and of high character off of it. He left a magnificent record of achievement. . . both in baseball and in civic life. . ." he added.

His civic contributions, besides the Urban League, was a tour of duty as a Commissioner on Springfield's Human Relations Body, but Webb preferred to speak of him as an athlete. His records reveals that in 1928, while playing for Nashville, he solved the slants of new Hall-of-Famer, Satchel Paige, for three hits including a home-run!

One of his outstanding years was in 1925. "Twice he connected for six hits in a game and once belted six homeruns over a stretch of five consecutive games. On August 16, against Scullin Steel Mules, he drove in 13 runs with 6 hits as the Tailors smothered the Mules 19-4."

He was one of four persons who formed perhaps the greatest infield in Tandy League history. First base was named by Edward Dixon (who hit .367 in 1925, John Brown was at second and Cox at third.

Cox' was legendary figure on a team that included outfielders Jelly Stone (.362 in '25), rightfielder John Johns (.307) and Red DeBerry in center. Bro-

**Roy Sparrow Passes . . . and Baseball  
Loses One of Its Greatest Promoters**

CHICAGO, Aug. 1—Drape the flag of baseball at half-mast . . . another of the game's illustrious pioneers has been called out by the Great Empire!

Roy Sparrow, friend of a million or more and promoter extraordinary, is dead!  
Roy died as he lived, playing the game to the end . . . never giving up until the battle was over. Associated in some way with sports promotions for more than 20 years, a man with an imagination second to none, and a true friend to a friend, baseball in particular and sports in general has lost a man in who can never be replaced.



ROY W. SPARROW

Here today at the spectacular East-West classic, 51,723 people stood in a silent tribute to Roy Sparrow in the sixth inning. He was one of the originators of this great spectacle, and his passing was as significant as the game itself. We all stood up . . . 51,723 of us . . . and bowed our heads as a final farewell to a great guy, who had a heart as big as the ball park in which "his" game was being played.

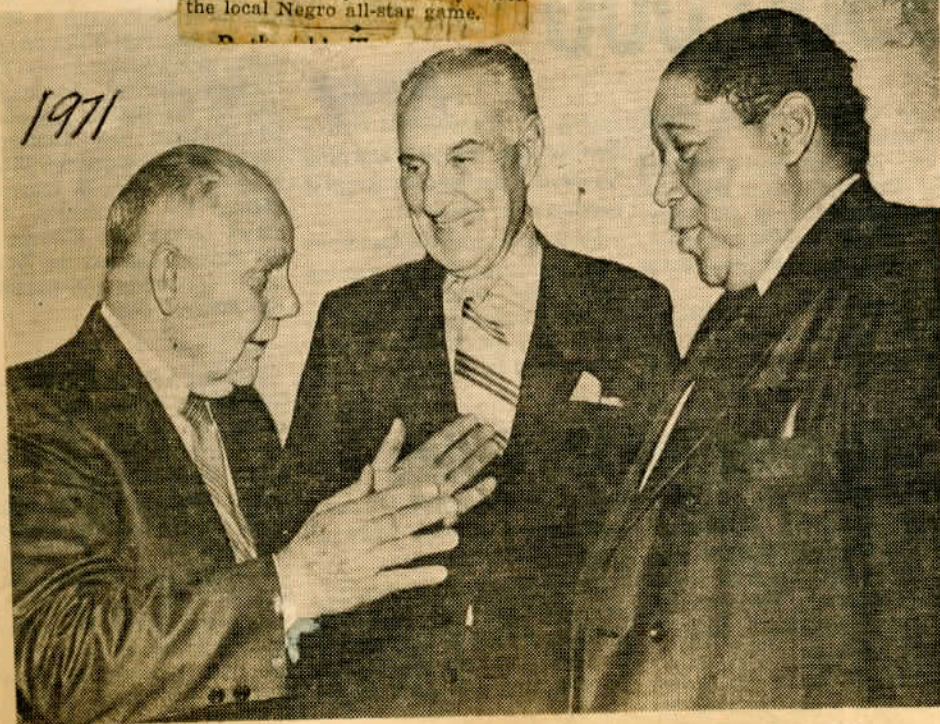
And as we stood there in mute silence, under a beautiful summer sky . . . I visualized how happy and proud Roy would have been had he known about this. It was a soul-stirring picture, believe me, as all those humans stood here and said "goodbye" to him. It was something big and true and good.

And the fact that it was such a fascinating, unprecedented portrait of human sincerity, it made me feel his passing more than anything else.

**Kinloch Grays Put  
Their 41-4 Record  
1951 On the Line Today.**

The Kinloch Grays, a Negro team that has won 41 games and lost only four this season, will oppose the West All-Stars of St. Louis at Kinloch, Mo., this afternoon. Game starts at 3 p.m.

The West All-Stars, made up of leading players of the Taedy Industrial Municipal recently won the local Negro all-star game.



Former St. Louis U. basketball coach Eddie Hickey (left) chatted with ex-Billiken athletic director Dukes Duford (center) and Sumner High Principal John D. Buckner Monday night prior to the St. Louis Athletic Association's Hall of Fame Dinner at Grant's Cabin. Hickey and Buckner were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Duford was A.D. at St. Louis U. when Hickey came there in 1947.

—Globe-Democrat Photo

**East-West Classic Is One  
Of Roy's Kind of Promotions**

1943  
This was a big show here today . . . one of the biggest promotions sponsored in this country. Here was color and glamour, thrills and drama. A capacity crowd was here to see a ball game between two great teams . . . and it was a great ball game.

This was the ideal promotion . . . the kind of promotion Roy Sparrow would have put on. He never did anything in a small way. His promotions were always big and glamorous and sensational. Roy was always doing something to "pull 'em in."

"It has to be big," Roy would always say when discussing a promotion. "If it isn't big it isn't a success, I don't care how many people attend."

When he was promoting the Washington Black Senators about five years ago, Roy "sold" a second-rate ball club to the fans by stirring their imaginations. He not only advertised the games . . . he blew them up. One of his methods, for instance, was to parade elephants through the streets with signs pinned on their sides.

"That's the biggest animal I could get," he told me, "and I figured they'd certainly attract attention. If I could have found any bigger animals I would have used them."

**One of the First to Give Customers  
Something Different at Ball Games**

The ball club Roy was "selling" wasn't good enough to beat a rug. It didn't win a league game all year. But the fans turned out because Roy always had something for them to see.

"They didn't want to see that club," he explained. "So I had to give them something else."

When he was managing Dyckman Oval in New York, Roy put on all kinds of features. He was one of the first to put lights in a ball park in the "Big Town" and was the first to use swing bands to bring the fans in.

He always gave his customers more than their money's worth.

Roy was the man who "sold" the first East-West game. He went to Chicago and put on a publicity campaign the like of which had never been equaled before. Since then, it has grown to a gigantic spectacle. It's like Roy wanted it to be . . . big!

**Too Bad We Waited So Long to  
Give Roy Credit for His Ability**

That's why I wish he could have seen this spectacle here today. It was the biggest promotion in Negro sports history . . . as, as he would have said . . . terrific!

It's too bad we had to wait so long to give him the credit he deserved. It's too long a time to guess. We usually wait until it's all over our error. Look how we treated Abe and the others.

It would have been nice if Roy could have seen this record-breaking promotion today. Only been here long enough to have seen the crowd . . . I know he would have been the expression. He would have seen the happy ball park.

**Knights Romp;  
Kutis Sidelines  
Hoffmeisters**

1941  
The Mathews-Dickey Knights boosted their record to 2-0 in the Heine Meine Semipro League's double elimination playoffs with a 10-7 victory over the Braves, 1-1, at MeineField Sunday. In the second game Kutis eliminated the Hoffmeisters, 2-1.

The Braves are slated to meet Kutis Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at Meine Field. The survivor will oppose the Knights next Sunday.

Herman Shelton paced the Knights with three hits and Curt Edwards had a homer in the fifth. Flennoy Hopton and Ed McClendon homered for the Braves.

Kutis scored its winning run in the ninth when Tim Summers tripled and Mike Villa, running for Summers, came in.



ELSTON HOWARD

champion New York Yankees starting catcher. Howard is easily the best catcher in all of baseball. He was the all-star receiver for the American League in its' recent losing out against the Nat-



**Could It Happen This Year ?**  
 Baseball is now only three short months away, but the Hot Stove League fans never tire of talking about their favorite pastime during these cold winter nights. We are now upon the threshold of a new year. What it will have in store for us in big league baseball, I know not. The one thing we do know is that war or no war, baseball will be played around this old smoky town among the sandloters in some fashion or form. This column always has been a firm believer in keeping fighting the old "76 Him C. Bar" when it comes from group bawling Negroes. Thus a day we still find racial discrimination in some Mundy Sports. We wonder if the Municipal baseball athletic association will open the door to our local ball players this year.

Let's get behind this movement this year. This should be considered with sincere regard for the interest of all local fans and hundreds of young Negro boys who aspire to a better place to play other than the crowded (short right field) Tandy Park. The Tandy league, not so long after World War I decided to entertain many thousands of fans in the Ville every Sunday. They organized with the purpose of developing young players. How well they succeeded may be judged from the fact that over six went to organized ball and over a hundred played in the Negro Big Leagues, were developed while playing in the Old Ville ball yard.

Two of the top Negro players in U.S. majors had in the past played with a Tandy park team. Write or Call Fo. 6304-4574 Enright—Normal "Tweed" Webb.

Hubert Williams,  
 Leon Wheeler  
 Tandy League Ace

Baseball is not five months away, but "Hot Stove" fans never tire of talking about their favorite pastime. I am sorry if you are not a baseball fan because this column wouldn't be of interest to you. Smiles.... As a matter of fact, we keep the old hot stove "Cherry Red" all though the cold winter days and nights.

Among the more promising of the younger players in the Tandy's league are two boys whose records indicate unusual talent. Leon Wheeler, whom this writer will nick name "Siswe", batted .436 last season for the Bramas Oilers in ten games. His work around first base was so impressive that big league scouts will keep an eye on him next year. He was followed by Hubert Williams, classy outfielder for the Foster Tigers, with a .432 batting mark in 12 games. So there are your 1947 number one and two batting leaders in more than nine games. However, Ben Smith batted .625 in only six games, while Nathaniel Crump with .434 and Leonard Hunt's .405 they appeared in six games. I am sure Williams and Wheeler are an excellent chance of being good in the Negro big after a few more years Tandy loop....

**THEOLIC "FIREBALL" SMITH**  
 Hats off to the leading Mexican League hurler, who is a home town boy known as Theolic Smith. Smith hung up his twenty-second victory as the Mexican League season ended last month. "Fireball" will be home for the holidays and will stay with his cousin Mrs. Maggie Kelley at 4139 Delmar Blvd. Write or call Normal Tweed Webb. Fo. 6304-4574 right.

## Browns' Midget— and It's for Keeps

Eddie Gaedel's major league baseball career ended yesterday when the American League banned the use of midgets. Will Harridge, president of the league, ruled that the Browns could not use the 3-foot, 7-inch midget in future games.

Gaedel, a 50-pounder, was used by the Browns as a pinch hitter last Sunday in the second game of a double-header with the Detroit Tigers. He drew a pass and was immediately withdrawn for a pinch runner.

Harridge did not approve of

## FUND ESTABLISHED FOR "JELLY" STONE

A fund for Lewis "Jelly" Stone, a former popular baseball player with the Broomer Tailors and Pullman Nine in the Tandy League during the 20s was established last week. The Old Time Negro Baseball Players Association in handling it.

"Jelly" has been ill and on disability since April 21. He was a cab driver for more than 40 years. Normal

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"Tweed" Webb, Black Baseball Historian and spokesman for the Old Timers said contributions can be sent to Mrs. Marie Stone, 3865 Evans Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63113.



## Three Most Improved Young Players 1951

The most improved young players of last year in the 1950 Tandy Baseball League were Robert Labadie, Percy Edwards and Horace Jefferson, all of whom in 1949 batted under .275. However, last season, Labadie of the Scullin Steel Nine was waging war with Horace Jeffers of the Giants for first base honors, but the young player who made a greater improvement in one season was Percy Edwards, who led the most hits department, polled 23 with a .418 mark, in 1949 hit only .215. Shortstop Percy Edwards, a fine, rangy boy, who this writer regards as very promising, can also play third and second.

Horace Jefferson, one of the best clutch hitters in the league serving his third year with Gibbie Meeks' Giants, led in runs batted in with 28. Jefferson posted a .400 batting mark last year and in 1949 hit only .273. Jeff is a long ball hitter. High

MICKEY TABORN

years, we have seen one youngster come along in great style behind the bat. Earl Taborn, who got his start with Ben Williams' Blue Sox, has shown all the signs of approaching stardom.

## CALL HIM "MICKEY"

To dismiss the given names of our youthful subject and call him by his new baseball tag, "Mickey" Taborn is catching for the newly Cosmopolitan Insurance team. Experience, knowledge of the hitters and their weaknesses, and the little tricks of the catching trade are all Taborn needs now. From what we saw, "Mickey" has been hitting and throwing and working behind the bat as if nothing could long detain him from joining the galaxy of other local big league stars.

Withal, Mickey Taborn is a great hustler, rather than frail, and if he isn't of the bulging muscle build, he is strong.

As to his throwing, the writer doesn't know of any other Tandy catcher who can shoot the ball to the bases faster. However, not to make this an

# Branch Russell, Pioneer Baseball Great, Dies

NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB

friend to the mound city youth association program, baseball in particular and sports in general has lost a great leader.

However, I knew this was coming, but I still can't believe it. He and I in 1946 took part in opening day ceremonies of the newly Rube Foster League. I shall always cherish this as a baseball reporter when President Russell tossed the "first pitch" to this writer. This was the league that New York Yankee Elston Howard got his start in.

### FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services were held for the World War I veteran last

Monday night at Samaritan Methodist Church, 4234 Washington Blvd. Scores of baseball celebrities, many other dignitaries and ex-Compton Market "Barn Yard" baseball fans attended services.

The remains laid in state at Wade's undertaking parlor all day Monday. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery last Tuesday morning.

During the winter, Branch Russell was honored with a big testimonial dinner. He was lauded by community leaders, Mr. John D. Buckner, executive secretary of the Tandy Athletic association, spoke of his outstanding services

to local baseball and sports in general.

### INSIDE STORY

Branch Russell, born in Winchester, Mass., became a member of the famous St. Louis Stars, after he had completed a seven-year hitch in the Army where he gained quite a reputation as a "Track" star. Just before getting his discharge in 1922, Russell played in a game against a team managed by Casey Stengel in a small town in Arizona.

Stengel liked Russell's style of play and recommended him to the Kansas City Monarchs. Shortly after Russell arrived in Kansas City the Monarchs traded him to the Stars for pitcher Bill Drake. Those who played with the first Stars beside Russell were: Dan Kennard, Turle McAdoo, Eddie Holt, Joe Hewitt, George Scales, Dudley, John Rucker Blackwell and George Meyer. Such players as cool Papa Bell, Quincy Troupe, Charles Zomphier and Aid Young came later.

Drape the flag of baseball at half mast again... another of the games illustrious pioneers has been called out by the great umpire.

Branch Russell, former St. Louis Stars' outfielder and team's captain and supervisor in the Department of Parks and Recreation, is dead!

Russell died as he lived, playing game to the end... never giving up until the battle was over. Associated in some way with baseball and sports for more than 30 years, a man with an imagination second to none, and a true

## World Series Facts, Figures

(The following statistics were taken from the World Series Record Book, with the permission of The Sporting News. Copies of the book can be obtained at The Sporting News, 2018 Washington boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., 63166, at \$2 each.)

Year	Results	Attend.	Receipts	Winner Share	Loser Share
1903	Boston (A) 5, Pittsburgh (N) 3	100,429	\$32,612	\$1182	\$1316
1904	No series played.				
1905	New York (N) 4, Philadelphia (A) 4	91,723	\$28,436	\$1042	\$832
1906	Chicago (A) 4, Chicago (N) 2	99,345	\$33,401	\$1874	\$1439
1907	Chicago (N) 4, Detroit (A) 0	78,068	\$101,738	\$2142	\$1945
1908	Chicago (N) 4, Detroit (A) 1	62,232	\$94,975	\$1317	\$870
1909	Pittsburgh (N) 4, Detroit (A) 3	145,295	\$185,302	\$1825	\$1274
1910	Phila. (A) 4, Chicago (N) 3	124,122	\$173,980	\$2062	\$1375
1911	Phila. (A) 4, New York (N) 2	170,851	\$342,364	\$3654	\$2436
1912	Boston (A) 4, New York (N) 3	252,037	\$490,833	\$4024	\$2566
1913	Phila. (A) 4, New York (N) 1	151,000	\$325,960	\$3246	\$2164
1914	Boston (N) 4, Phila. (A) 0	111,009	\$27,579	\$2812	\$2031
1915	Boston (A) 4, Phila. (N) 1	143,351	\$32,391	\$3910	\$2834
1916	Boston (A) 4, Brooklyn (N) 2	186,654	\$32,690	\$3669	\$2442
1917	Chicago (A) 4, New York (N) 2	128,483	\$179,619	\$1102	\$671
1918	Boston (A) 4, Chicago (N) 3	236,928	\$722,414	\$5207	\$3254
1919	Cincinnati (N) 5, Brooklyn (N) 2	178,737	\$214,882	\$4198	\$2416
1920	New York (N) 5, New York (A) 3	269,976	\$900,233	\$5265	\$3510
1921	New York (N) 4, New York (A) 0	185,347	\$605,475	\$4545	\$2842
1922	New York (N) 4, New York (A) 2	301,430	\$1,063,815	\$6143	\$4112
1923	New York (A) 4, New York (N) 2	283,665	\$1,093,104	\$5959	\$3920
1924	Washington (A) 4, New York (N) 3	282,848	\$1,182,854	\$5332	\$3734
1925	Pittsburgh (N) 4, New York (A) 3	328,051	\$1,207,864	\$6584	\$3417
1926	St. Louis (N) 4, Pittsburgh (N) 0	201,705	\$783,217	\$5782	\$3085
1927	New York (A) 4, St. Louis (N) 0	199,490	\$777,390	\$5813	\$4181
1928	New York (A) 4, St. Louis (N) 1	190,490	\$659,494	\$5620	\$5782
1929	Phila. (A) 4, Chicago (N) 2	212,619	\$953,772	\$5038	\$3536
1930	Phila. (A) 4, St. Louis (N) 3	231,567	\$1,030,723	\$4467	\$3023
1931	St. Louis (N) 4, Chicago (N) 0	191,998	\$713,377	\$5231	\$4244
1932	New York (A) 4, Washington (A) 1	163,076	\$679,365	\$4356	\$3019
1933	New York (A) 4, Chicago (N) 2	321,510	\$1,128,995	\$3389	\$3354
1934	St. Louis (N) 4, Detroit (A) 2	286,672	\$1,173,704	\$6544	\$4195
1935	Detroit (A) 4, Chicago (N) 2	302,934	\$1,304,399	\$6430	\$4655
1936	New York (A) 4, New York (N) 1	238,142	\$1,085,994	\$6471	\$4489
1937	New York (A) 4, New York (N) 0	200,833	\$851,166	\$5782	\$4674
1938	New York (A) 4, Cincinnati (N) 0	183,849	\$845,829	\$5541	\$4195
1939	New York (A) 4, Detroit (A) 3	281,627	\$1,322,328	\$5943	\$4829
1940	Cincinnati (N) 4, Detroit (A) 1	235,773	\$1,107,762	\$6192	\$3351
1941	St. Louis (N) 4, New York (A) 1	277,312	\$1,205,784	\$6139	\$4321
1942	St. Louis (N) 4, St. Louis (A) 1	206,708	\$1,006,122	\$4626	\$2743
1943	St. Louis (N) 4, St. Louis (A) 2	333,457	\$1,592,454	\$6443	\$3920
1944	Detroit (A) 4, Chicago (N) 3	250,071	\$1,202,900	\$3742	\$2140
1945	St. Louis (N) 4, Boston (A) 3	389,763	\$2,021,348	\$5850	\$4081
1946	New York (A) 4, Brooklyn (N) 3	358,362	\$1,923,683	\$6772	\$4570
1947	New York (A) 4, Boston (N) 2	236,716	\$1,479,627	\$5662	\$4272
1948	Cleveland (A) 4, Brooklyn (N) 0	196,009	\$1,928,669	\$5737	\$4081
1949	New York (A) 4, Phila. (N) 2	341,977	\$2,708,457	\$6446	\$4951
1950	New York (A) 4, New York (N) 3	340,706	\$2,747,753	\$5982	\$4200
1951	New York (A) 4, Brooklyn (N) 2	307,350	\$2,979,269	\$8280	\$6178
1952	New York (A) 4, Brooklyn (N) 0	251,507	\$2,741,203	\$11,147	\$6712
1953	New York (N) 4, Cleveland (A) 3	362,310	\$3,512,816	\$9768	\$5598
1954	Brooklyn (N) 4, New York (A) 3	345,903	\$3,333,254	\$8714	\$6934
1955	New York (N) 4, Brooklyn (N) 3	394,712	\$5,475,978	\$8924	\$5606
1956	New York (N) 4, New York (A) 3	393,909	\$5,397,223	\$8759	\$5896
1957	Milwaukee (N) 4, Milwaukee (N) 2	420,784	\$5,628,809	\$11,231	\$7275
1958	New York (A) 4, Milwaukee (N) 3	349,813	\$5,480,627	\$8417	\$5214
1959	Los Angeles (N) 4, Chicago (N) 1	223,247	\$4,730,059	\$7389	\$5356
1960	Pittsburgh (N) 4, New York (A) 1	276,864	\$4,128,891	\$6882	\$7291
1961	New York (A) 4, Cincinnati (N) 3	217,279	\$5,485,189	\$12,794	\$7874
1962	New York (A) 4, San Fran. (N) 3	321,807	\$5,743,187	\$8622	\$5209
1963	Los Angeles (N) 4, New York (A) 3	364,326	\$6,475,051	\$10,297	\$6633
1964	St. Louis (N) 4, Minnesota (A) 0	220,791	\$5,547,142	\$11,683	\$8189
1965	Los Angeles (N) 4, Minnesota (A) 0				
1966	San Fran. (A) 4, Los Angeles (N) 0				



—By a Post-Dispatch Photographer.

## Bright Start, Sad Finish

When JOHNNY HITE crossed the plate on his first-inning home run for the East St. Louis Giants, it looked as though his team might give the Hoffmeisters a good battle. But the St. Louis team piled up 17 runs to win the Muny Senior playoff game at Fairground Park, 17-3. Catcher is GENE MOORE.

## Robert Palm dead: ex-baseball player

Funeral services for Robert Palm, a former catcher with the Cleveland Buckeyes and the Brooklyn Brown Dodgers of the old Negro National League, will be held at the Prince of Peace Baptist Church, 2711 Dayton Ave., Friday at 8 p.m.

Palm died of a heart attack Saturday, July 17, 1976. He was 61.

From 1934 through 1945, Palm managed and played on several area semi-pro teams. He was employed as an investigator for the Legal Aid Society.

The body will be at the Ellis Funeral Home, 1905 Union Blvd., after 3 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Palm is survived by his wife, Minnie Marie, sons Rodney, Tyrone and Robert and daughters Irene and Jacquelyn.

JOE ESSEN 196

JOE ESSEN, 61, died of a heart attack Saturday, July 17, 1976. He was 61.

Essen, a former pitcher-outfielder with the strong Union Electric team during the roaring 20's, passed away at the Barnes Hospital after a lingering illness.

Joe knew people from all walks of life. Ethel Wolf, politicians, baseball players, and Jefferson Market street ruffians. The late Bogticles Robinson, Louis Armstrong and Cab Calloway were his favorites.

Many local fans remember Essen as the announcer of all Negro pro ball games at Sportman's Park. After 25 years on the job, Essen retired in 1930 as official announcer of the Negro Baseball League.

As an official scorer, it had the pleasure of having worked with Essen down into the year. Thirty-eight years ago when the Browns lost the pennant to the Yankees by a single game, Union Electric had one of the best ball clubs in town with such players as the late Bud Terry, Leroy Hunt, Billy Waters, Rafter Harrison, Ben Glass, Charles Moss and later on Dean Terry, Howard, and Joe Essen.

It's too bad we had to wait so long to give Joe the pat on the back he deserved, but that's life I guess. We usually wait until it is all over before we realize our mistake.

FOR LOCAL BASEBALL WRITERS TO 4574 ENRIGHT or 6460 W. 7-9304. NORMAL TWEED WEBB.





**REVIEW OF 1950 LOCAL BASEBALL**

The local baseball season of 1950 was unusual in many ways. There were two East-West games and many new players on different teams throughout the city. Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella, and Dan Bankhead attended Old Timers Day at Tandy Park, big baseball parade and three more boys from this area went into organized baseball.

A Scullin Steel player caused a change in new ground rules at the old Ville ball yard, by hitting a disputed home run. Waldorf Cleaners forfeited three ball games to set a league record at Tandy. First baseball clinic draws over 150 at Tandy Center in March, every team in the city was represented. The biggest surprise of the year was turned in by manager Theoles Lyles, young fighting Missouri Valley Dodgers who lost the second half by only one game. On June 11, the young Dodgers, defeated the Giants 17-9 for their first victory in the span of two years, and then went on to play brilliant ball with a crop of new players headed by Leo Brinkley, Darrell Clay, Henry Young, and Samuel Robinson. After 33 years on the job Joseph Essens announced his retirement as official announcer of the Tandy League.

Another of the game's pioneers was called out by the Great Umpire, the one and only Henry Chief Cooper, barber by trade and one time old St. Louis Stars park umpire. Gone but not forgotten. The National Umpires association had another five yrs. Chas Zomphier was appointed commissioner, on August 9. The Kansas City Monarchs nipped the Clowns 3-1 at Belleville in a great game. There were no big league colored games at Sportsman Park last season.

More than 1,000 fans jammed Park for the 18th annual West game and saw the pound the East 18-1 in the game. Over in Lincoln park St. Louis the west came to take the second game, Dan Wilson, Willie Bowens, Ed Crump, Emmett Wilroy Edwards and Darrell tarred for the West. Goal Goose Tatum Anderson Layman Randel stood out the East.

Kinloch Grays were rated as 1 semi pros around these the Grays beat such great teams as Evansville, Ind., the Giants, and Greenville, Wendelin Giants. The team built around such well known stars as Marshall Riddle, Dan Young, Albert Moore, and Sutherland, and Roscoe

August. Luke Easter night was a huge success at Sportsman Park. Luke was a flop in the first game. Between games Luke told this writer he was trying to hit a home run for the home town crowd and was off timing. The second game for big Easter was a different story as he got three singles, a walk and drove in three runs. Little old Young Roscoe of station WTMV was the master of ceremonies and turned in his usually fine job. On July 16 the Tandy AA and Old Timers were joint sponsors in conducting the old timers day.

On Tandy Park scene Teannie Edward's St. Louis Braves copped the Industrial league honors as they swept both halves, losing only one game on June 25. Gibbie Meeks Giants beat them 18-5 behind the eight hit pitching of lefty Warren Evans. The Braves' outstanding players were Doc Brackens, the league's most valuable player who fanned 100 batters to join the



**Tandy Fans To Miss Joe, 33 Year Man**

After 30 years on the job, Joseph Essens has announced his retirement as official announcer of the Tandy League. Widely known by many people of all walks of life including such greats as Duke Ellington, Jackie Robinson, Count Basie, Joe Louis, Dr. J. B. Martin and Bill DeWitt, president of the St. Louis Browns, Joe is calling it quits. He told this writer last week that he was hanging up his megaphone. He has been a great aid in the success of the Tandy league and has also helped big time promoters put over their dances and ball games. Up to this year he has been continuously in the service of advertising some big event to take place in our smokey town. Many local fans remembered Joe as the announcer of all Negro ball games at Sportsmans park. In 1941 the first all colored game was held in Sportsmans park between the Chicago American Giants and Kansas City Monarchs. The Monarchs won 11-2 before 18,000 fans.

**Essens Was A Star**

Remember back in 1922 when the Browns lost the Pennant to the New York Yankees by a single game? That was 28 years ago — at a time when the Union Electric had the best ball club in town with such players as the late Bud Terry, Leroy Hunt, Bill Waters, Ratler Harrison, John Moss, and Joe Essens (our of-

the outfield and pitched in relief, but as the years rolled by he became better known because of his ability to announce any sporting event. In his 30 years of service with the Tandy Loop Joe has groomed many young ball players for try outs in Negro ball and many of his far in able cl-

class of Eddie Walls and Vincent; others were Willie Wens, Ike Gaston, John H. Ed Robinson, and Thomas C. ton.

William Boswell first year Scullin Steel manager key men were Nathaniel Crump, Paul Edwards, Leslie Buchana, James Williams, and Robert Labadie, classy first sacker who hit a disputed home run to change the rules. On June 18, Labadie's home run beat the Giants 4-3 and July 10 he hit a mighty drive off of Doc Brackens Led by Dan Wilson, Horace Jefferson, Emmett Wilson, Edward Wallace and Dynamite Thurman the Giants have a good hitting club, lacked pitching and Fred Quinn their star shortstop failed to come through, Jesse Hesters Waldorf Cleaners were a big disappointment, they won only three games all season. Ruppert Curry, Roland Everett, Erk Waller, Richard Simmons and Luke Holton turned in a fair season.

In a nip and tuck battle for



**1957 - PALMER HUBBARD**

Among the more promising of the young players in the Negro National League is a quiet Saint Louis boy whose record indicates unusual talent, as the touted Detroit Stars played in Kansas City last week. Palmer Hubbard, who won the 1956 Tandy league batting championship with a .500 average when he played with the Braves, batted .338 last season for the Detroit Stars. His work in right field was so impressive that he may jump up to the minor league before the season is over.

Teannie Edwards Hubbard's ex-sandlot manager and a conservative baseball veteran, when it comes to praising a young fellow, says he feels sure Palmer stands an excellent chance of making good in organized ball.

The former Sumner High football, basketball and baseball star, trackman and Golden Gloves boxing champion, left about two weeks ago to join his team after a minor operation here.

Scouts from several major league teams have been watching Hubbard for the past three years. At the age of 14 in 1951, he starred playing in the Tandy league with Jesse Hester's Waldorf Cleaners. In 1954, he played with Scullin Steel Mules and then the next year Teannie signed him up. During his Sumner High days he made the all public High star team twice and Tandy Stars four times.

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**MULES BEAT GIANTS IN FOUR RUNS IN NINTH INN IN TRIPLE PLAY**

**Siders Triumph On Two Hits Old Aces Pep Up The Loop**

East St. Louis Armour Plant nosed out Emerson Electric in the first game of the Colored Industrial League 1943 dog while the 1942 champions came from behind to defeat the Curtiss Wright Giants in the featured game, 8-7 by scoring runs in the ninth inning.

ing an uphill battle after ss-Wright Giants scored runs in the first inning, the kicking Mules put on their baseball drama by coming behind to give an orphan day crowd of over 10,000 a 8-7 victory and auspicious in the ex-big league semi-pro greats into 3 Muny Baseball Circle.

to Charlie Whiteside's drive into the left corner and park to score the run. Teannie Edwards, hish, Jake Miller and led the Giants attack their big lead while he held the mules in the final inning. Go-ninth frame Doc d only allowed struck out fourteen McDuff went to the of his mules to kick- Robert Palm's two and Red Gonder's solid way for the then things le Doc Brack- and got wild by fields, he hit big trying to pitch to him and also lackman. Whiteside for Matley and the

The Scullins put and had the Tandy H. Dickey made a big catch of Teannie for his third hit and a triple play with second and third-lds to Gonder.

man pitched good mules behind some but had to have in McClan in the Doc Brackens fan-batters with some and head work.

**THIS TEAM**

**MUNY BOX SCORES**

FIRST GAME 1943

Armour Plant		Emerson Electric	
ABR	RHE	ABR	RHE
Moore, H	1 2 1 0	Robnett, c	3 1 1 0
Ship, ss	3 0 1 1	Holloway, ss	3 1 1 1
Sanders, 1b	3 0 0 0	Wells, 3b	3 0 0 0
Moody, 2b	3 1 0 0	Clark, 1b	3 1 0 1
H. Baker, cf	3 0 0 1	Davis, if	3 0 0 0
Duff, c	3 1 0 0	Brown, 2b	2 0 1 1
McMinn, 3b	3 1 0 0	Reed, of	2 0 1 1
Lowry, rf	3 0 0 0	Perkins, c	1 0 0 0
Fry, p	1 1 0 0	Burnett, c	1 0 0 0
		Harris, 1b	0 0 0 0
		Baker, p	2 1 2 0
Totals	23 8 5 2	Totals	23 4 5 4

ARMOUR ..... 2 0 0 0 2 1-5  
EMERSON ..... 0 0 0 0 0 4-4  
SUMMARIES: Two base hits, Baker. Double plays, Sanders, unassisted.

**SECOND GAME**

Curtiss-Wright		Scullin Steel	
ABR	RHE	ABR	RHE
Chism, H	4 2 2 0	Fields, 2b	3 1 0 2
Miller, 3b	1 1 2 1	Griggs, ss	4 1 1 1
Pearson, cf	5 1 2 0	W. Thurman, 1b	3 0 0 0
Whitney, of	4 0 0 0	Dickey, of	5 0 2 0
Palm, 2b	5 0 1 2	J. Black, rf	3 1 1 0
Vincent, 1b	3 0 1 0	Jackson, 1b	3 0 0 0
First, 1b	2 0 0 1	Matley, if	1 0 0 0
Chatter, ss	3 0 0 1	Gonder, 3b	4 1 2 0
G. Brackens	2 0 0 0	Twine, c	1 1 0 1
Edwards, c	3 2 2 1	D. Thurman	1 1 0 0
D. ...	5 1 1 0	D. Blackburn	3 0 0 2
		McClan, p	1 1 0 0
		Johnson	1 0 0 0
		McCliffey	1 0 0 0
		xxxWhiteside	1 0 1 0
Totals	40 7 17 0	Totals	38 7 7 5

xxBatted for Teannie in 8th inning.  
xxBatted for Griggs in 9th inning.  
xxBatted for Matley in 9th inning.  
CURTISS WRIGHT ..... 300 100 010-7  
SCULLIN STEEL ..... 003 100 001-8  
SUMMARIES: Two base hits, Baker. Triple play, Dickey-Fields-Gonder. Umpires: Baker, Hollands, Morrison. Two outs when winning run was scored.

**STANDING OF TEAMS**

SCULLIN	1	0	1000
ARMOUR	1	0	1000
CURTISS	0	2	0000
EMERSON	0	2	0000

SCHEDULE - MW 30  
3:30 p.m. - Curtiss vs Emerson.  
1 p.m. - Scullin vs Armour



**MR. AUSTIN WRIGHT**

Friday Evening, December 29, 1972 — 7:00 p.m.  
Union Memorial Methodist Church

# 1971 SECOND WEEK OF PLAY IN PHL BASEBALL LOOP

By Morris Henderson

The second big weekend of play in the Public High School Baseball League gets underway with a brace of live varsity and a similar number of B games on Tuesday (April 27) and concludes with an equal number Friday afternoon. All league games start at 4:00 p.m. Roosevelt opened the season last week with a 5-0 mark in non-conference activity.

Tuesday offerings send Soldan against McKinley at Enright middle Campus, Vashon entertains potent Roosevelt at Fairgrounds Park No. 1, Cleveland tangles with Beaumont on the Dutchmen campus, tough Southwest...probably the class of the circuit, battles Sumner at Sublette Park and Northwest takes on Central at Davis Park "B" games involving the same teams will be occurring on dif-

ferent sites. Friday's setto pits Roosevelt against Soldan at Cleveland; Cleveland invading McKinley at Cherokee Park No. 1; Vashon tangling with Southwest at Fairground Park No 1; Northwest and Beaumont going head and head at Davis Park and Sumner battling Central at Penrose Park.

Again, C games involving the same opponents will be occurring.

Confidence does not generally reign supreme among the league coaches.

Last season co-champions, Vashon and Northwest are both loudly proclaiming a rebuilding year.

Bob Robben at Northwest readily admits that his Blue-devils are hurting for pitching and for defense. The blue and grey has flexed their muscles offensively but it boils down as to whether the offense can make up for other glaring weaknesses.

Three solid returnees all-league outfielder Keith Coleman, heavy hitting Clarence Walker and Dennis Bevel...who started as sophomore then went to California is now back hale and hearty..gives rise to some confidence.

The pitching will present a seldom-seen senior from last season, Pete Mamellian a junior who is playing his first year of baseball, Ralph Spann and a sophomore with enormous promise, Carl Roberts. Roberts, a 6-2, 175 pounder is still growing. How fast he matures could hold the key to North west' hopes. "He would seem to be a year away but you can never tell..." Robben said hopefully.

Tom Stevison, who brought Vashon home for their first slice of the championship pie last season is faced with a major rehauling job as well. Gone is that "middle" fort-

ified by bonus baby James (Mickey) West and sure-handed John Phillips.

Among the scant number of returnees are Jackson Burchett 9"our best hitter"), Donnie Stevens, Hastings Barber and Roosevelt Willis.

The team will probably rise or fall on the strength of its pitching and a pair of right-handers are on hand Les Major..a fireballer and Aonald Claxton, who throws tentalizing curves.

The team lost five in a row in pre-conference activity. Stevison plainly hasn't given up hope but....

The best pitcher in the league could well be the best football quarterback in the metro area, Beaumont's Roy Branch. "he is a darn good boy," said Moses Jones who stepped aside as head coach in favor of Robert (Chee-Chee) Brown. Brown could not be reached to draw a better line on the Blue jackets.

Sumner enjoyed a banner year also...staying in the race until the final game of the season. James Blaylock has lost his one-man gang, towering Curtis DeBoe but remains optimistic. In southpaw Darryl Hoskins, who migrated to these shores from the south, he feels that he has a replacement. John Leroy, the number two man on the hurling corp last season should benefit from the added experience.

The big man in the maroon and white camp is the all-league captain, Julius Collins who has returned to the outfield with Bob Seawood looking extremely good at the hot corner. Julius Collins who has returned to the outfield with Bob Seawood looking extremely good at the hot corner. Julius little brother, Steve is firmly entrenched as the first baseman. Alvin Brown comeback for another season as a starter.

Ricky Thomas and Derrick H are likely to divide the chore

The centerfielder is Lucio Holton a senior. James Collier, a junior has the rightfield slot nailed down. Athird Collins, Kevin (who is a cousin the other two) is likely to g in his licks.

"We didn't play many pre season games...we didn't la season either", Blaylock to THE AMERICAN. "I am confident that we will do well regardless. Sometimes a bunch of pre-season games can have a demoralizing effect upon the team...particularly if things don't go as well as planned" I said.

In any event, another PH season is underway and thrill and spills seems to be very much in order.



...Roy Branch "PHL's top pitcher?"



...Julius Collins "one of PHL talents?"



1989  
Sizing Up Doby: Trying on a Detroit Tiger uniform, outfielder Larry Doby is measured for size by new teammates Frank Lary (l.) and Eddie Yost after he was traded to Tigers from the Cleveland Indians for Tito Francona. Doby joined his fourth team in the majors.

Knights trailed 4-2 in the fourth inning, loaded the bases on three straight infield errors, then Harry Haskins' double put the champions in the lead. Frank Robinson homered in the sixth. A. O. Smiths' righthander Ed Petty blasted one of Gene's hanging curves for a 2-run homer. For local baseball, write to 4574 Enright or call FO, 7-6304 - Normal "Tweed" Webb.

NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB  
1963  
OLD TIMERS SEE KNIGHTS WIN FIRST HALF

The 41 year old Tandy League's Old Timers Day and a number of attractions - The Knights-Browns fight, was dramatically unfolded before a noisy crowd. The crowd saw The Knights lose their sharp look in the 5th, but win 11-10, hard-fought game spiced with rhubarbs and what have you.

Inspired by the presence of some of the greatest baseball stars of yesteryear who gathered at the Old Ville ballyard, the unbeaten team clinched the first-half season title with a 6-0 record.

In ceremonies at home-plate prior to the second game, Normal "Tweed" Webb introduced each player and gave his background information. "Tweed" also served as master of ceremonies. He rated "Cool Papa" Bell as one of the greatest centerfielders of all time. John Brown was called the greatest Tandy Leaguer and Eddie Wall the best left-fielder. Bill Drake and John Green were praised as outstanding pitchers.

Other Old Timers present were slugger Hubert Dickey, Tom Brooks, Terry Butler, Major Porter, Jessie Shook, Beverly McNeal, Lefty Pollard, William Perkins, Walter Heard, Fred Slaughter, Curtis Mitchell, Eugene Miller and Herman Belger.

Some were tall and thin, others were short and fat, quite a few were gray, some were a bit bald, yet they all walked around Tandy Park with a sparkle in the eye that brought back memories of other thrilling dayss. For these were some of the greatest players ever produced around St. Louis.

Getting back to the ballgame. The Knights scored 2 unearned runs after one was out in the last inning after trailing 10-9 in a see-saw battle with the lead changing six times. Leroy Lampkins, who relieved starter Bill Fox, got Barry Shelton on a fly ball to right field. First-sacker Nat Culbert's high pop fly was missed by shortstop Charles Henley. Frank Dickens doubled to left center, driving in Colbert. Charles Laird followed with a fly ball which centerfielder Bobby Hall failed to hold after a hard run, scoring Laird with the winning run.

However, in a losing cause-Hall was the Browns' batting star with a triple, a double and a single. Browns' leftfielder James Keys made a sensational running catch to rob catcher Atkins of a 3-run homer in the sixth.

The Ravens and A. O. Smiths battle to a 6-6 tie. The Smiths' stars were Ed Petty, Kin Griggs and Al Lee. The Ravens' standouts were Syl Reed and Walter White.

Veteran Gene Smith, who once pitched a no-hit game for the New York Black Yankees, hurled The Knights to a 14-4 victory over A. O. Smiths last Friday night at Fairground Park. The



**SAN FRANCISCO.** If a Hollywood script writer were doing the story, Willie Mays would hit a home run in his first visit to Candlestick Park as a member of the New York Mets.

Mays wrote the story himself. He smashed a 400-foot homer to account for the winning runs as the New York Mets defeated the San Francisco Giants, 3-1, last night.

Mays, the Mr. Giant who went to the Mets in a trade earlier this season, hit the homer off losing pitcher Jim Barr to highlight a three-run inning for New York.

"It was nice but nothing like the first time I played in New York," Mays said. Mays also had hit a homer against Frisco in his first start as a Met.

The crowd of 18,117 went wild when he hit the homer last night.

Mays trotted around the bases for the 650th time of his major league career. It was also his fifth game-winning hit this season more than any Met.

**IT STOVE LEAGUE 1943  
BY OTHER QUESTIONS**

THE most frequently asked question that is coming to this desk concerns that Tandy league and colored big league try-outs this year. Our readers want to know, (A) will the Negroes get try-outs in the majors?; (B) How can the Tandy League operate with most of the best ball players in the armed forces? To our way of thinking, there has been a lot of misguided information about these try-outs. Those mentioned for try-outs find another baseball season to begin soon and the sport writers who started all this stuff is some where hiding.

From our observation, made trying to get information on this subject, we find no one seems to know what happened with the CLUB OWNERS. Commissioner Judge Landis made a statement last summer saying "There was no rule, formal or informal, or any understanding unwritten, subterranean or subanything, against hiring of Negroes." He said the possibility of Negroes playing in the major leagues was up to the CLUB OWNERS. "A manager can have one to 25 Negroes if he cares to," Landis said. Personally, we did not think much of those CLUB OWNERS, promising Negroes try-outs while it was written all over their faces NO TRY-OUTS for NEGROES. Not ALL

**Open Season Sunday, May 1946**

The first half of the split season in the Negro American League will get under way on Sunday, May 5. The Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago American Giants will pry off the Chicago lid at Comiskey Park on that day while the Birmingham Black Barons move into Cleveland for a double-header with the world champion Buckeyes and the Clowns travel to Memphis.

The two-day schedule meeting was held at the Hotel Grand on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25 and 26.

Efforts of W. S. Welsh, former manager of the Birmingham Black Barons, to get a franchise in either Detroit or Cincinnati failed when Welsh couldn't guarantee he had the use of the park in either city.

**Dog Fight At Tandy**

Judging by early spring training indications, the "Ville" section fans will see some mighty fine ball teams this season. Although St. Looey lost quite a few players to Uncle Sam's armed forces and more are expected to be called, the Colored Industrial League clubs are confident they will put four strong teams on the field next week. President Pierre Alt, swell fellow of the Burkart Panthers, said that every effort will be made to provide a winning team and he is optimistic about his new manager, Walter Francis, who he believes will bring home the bacon. Of all the baseball players in the Tandy loop this year, none can offer a more interesting case history than this grand old-timer who used to fool the best of 'em with his dinky-dinks (pitching). Yes, Walter Francis, one of the greatest in Tandy history, goes on back beyond the 20-year span. Francis had a slow ball you couldn't hit solid with two lanks. Here's hoping you success, Walter, old boy!

**Cosmopolitans Are "Dark Horse" Team**

The dark horse is the newly Cosmopolitan Ins., which will be managed by Tom Brooks. The team has come up with a great fast infield, good hitter, a few ex-big league stars and if their pitching measures up, they might land on top. Brooks had done a good job in building a fast team. Most of the Tandy experts think it's Scullin team again, but not by a runaway. In fact, Scullins are going to have to prove their class all over again in a ding-dong Tandy league race somewhat similar to the hard fought campaign of 1940.

**"String Bean" Cooper**

At an age when most hurlers are entering the twilight of their careers, lanky "String bean" Cooper, formerly of the St. Louis Giants and their no. 2 ace, is finally coming into his own as

a pitcher. For about ten years after fair pitching blossoms that never bloomed until last year, Cooper, nearing 29, is at last attaining the greatness predicted for him back in 1932.

When Cooper, a green youth, lined the Harper-Potter Roof-

However, the owners were willing to give Welsh an associate franchise providing Welsh would agree not to take any players who were the property of the league clubs at the close of the 1945 season.

**TOM HAYES JR.**, owner of the Birmingham franchise, agreed to give Welsh the use of "Groundhog" Thompson who is said to be the property of Abe Saperstein. Saperstein is supposed to have bought Thompson from the Southern league New Orleans club. This was Welsh's version. Thompson played for the Black Barons near the end of the season, hurling for the club in Yankee Stadium, New York City, again in Chicago and after the season on the Pacific Coast.

When it came to giving up Piper Davis, Hayes balked. Davis, the property of the Black Barons, is now with the Harlem Globetrotters cage team on the coast.

Welsh hadn't decided whether he would elect to form a team and accept the associate membership thus being able to fill in dates with league clubs or to play as independent club and grab whatever players he could get. He was warned that if he moles a player under contract or who still the property of a league that no league team be allowed to play Welsh's. The club owners reminded Welsh that there was a rule that any player or players not reporting to their clubs by May 1 faced a five-year suspension.

The application of Gus Greenlee, owner of a club in the United States League and President John Shackleford was turned down because neither of them could guarantee that they had the use of Briggs Stadium in Detroit and the other park mentioned was too far out and not finished.

A mutual agreement between the Negro American and the Negro Southern league respecting players contracts and territorial rights was approved.

**PRESIDENT MARTIN** advised the six club owners and the three managers present that he intends to slap heavy fines on any ball player who puts his hands on or strikes an umpire. To the umpires he passed out typewritten instructions which also made the manager responsible for his club both on the field and off the field.

Owners present were J. B. Martin, Chicago American Giants; Tom Baird, Kansas City Monarchs; Dr. W. S. and Dr. B. B. Martin, Memphis Red Sox; Syd Pollock, Indianapolis - Cincinnati Clowns, Ernie Wright, Cleveland Buckeyes, and Tom Hayes Jr., Birmingham Black Barons.

Business managers were Wilbur Hayes, Cleveland Buckeyes, and R. S. Simmons, Chicago American Giants. Club managers were Tommy Sampson, Birmingham Black Barons; Jim Taylor, Chicago American Giants, and Jelle...



AT THIS WRITING I AM AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. NATHAN COLBERT AT 3921 N. TAYLOR AVENUE, where their son Nathan Jr. was staying during the Houston Astros series here against our "Red Birds." Neat, yet casual, in a sport shirt and slacks, we found the former Tandy star of the Matthew Dickey Knights smiling from ear to ear. Now 6-2 and weighting 200 pounds.

During the three days he relaxes at the family reunion with friends, I asked Colbert what has been his greatest thrill so far in his young career as a Pro.

"Tweed, I guess on July 3, when I singled with the bases loaded driving in 2 runs against the Cincinnati Red. However, I felt pretty good getting my first hit in the big league on July 1," said Colbert.

"Perhaps," he continued, "I really want to play regular and if Manager Walker gives me half a chance, I will make it. Colbert was used only as a pinch hitter twice during the series, he fanned on both occasions. He will make it though."

In the Semi-Pro Loop, John Bernard's 2 run double, a double by Jim Murell scoring Bernard and Charlie Coe's single, which brought home Murell, capped a 4 run eight winning uprising that carried Matthews-Dickey Knights to a 7-5 victory over L & P Sales last Saturday.

The passing of Eddie Wall has caused regret and sorrow throughout our greater St. Louis area and among sandlot baseball players and fans since last July 4. His name shall always parade through this column. My long time friend and teammate, the lean southpaw-with a crackling fast ball, set a Tandy League record on July 4, 1923, with the Famous Broomer Tailors by striking out 22 Scullin Steel batters.

He was a good natured fellow.

His ready smile and the jaunty manner in which he wore his baseball cap and dropped his pants led to his nickname of smiling "Sack."

This writer had the pleasure just 2 months before his death to visit with him at Homer G. Phillips Hos-

# HOT STOVE LEAGUE



1967  
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AT THIS WRITING I AM AT EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH, 3520 North Newsteadavenue attending the funeral services for another ex-star of the Tandy Baseball League called out by the Great Empire!

During the eulogy Rev. P.J. Taylor, said "a good man is gone." We must remember that although a good man is gone, a good man is reborn.

Quite true, as we listened last Friday night as a good natured clean living friend had left us.

Raymond Kelly, 3117 New Ashland, once associated with Tandy baseball and other semi-pro teams died early Tuesday morning October 10, at Park Lane Hospital after three days of illness. He was 70 years old.

A coach manager and pitcher on such team as Bergs Market, Coronado Stars and St. Lou's Cubs during the early thirties.

Remains laid in State at Herman J. Smith Funeral Home all day Friday as his sudden death was a shock to us all. Burial was in Washington Park Cemetary last Saturday morning

Yes, a good man is gone. Such people as Kelly will always parade through this column.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Beside his widow M

kelly, he leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Branham of Chicago, Illinois and four grand children.

Local baseball's second loss on the same day was that of Robert Shoulders, 4576 Enright avenue, who died at Bethesda Hospital.

Mr. Shoulders was not a ball player. His contribution was that of a great baseball fan. Baseball was his hobby. He had remarkable memory on players.

For local baseball write to 4574 Enright avenue, or call FO. 7-6304 Normal "Tweed" Webb.



CARL S. FARBUSH

1967

## Final Rites For Paul S. Farbush Friday, June 9

Paul S. Farbush, veteran of World Wars I and II, widely known by thousand of school children as the fireman who talked to us in school about fire prevention, passed last Sunday.

Farbush had a full and adventurous life during his earlier years starting as an elevator operator at Stix Baer Fuller department store and in later years after a colorful and daring tour of duty with the United States army, joined the St. Louis Fire Department being among the first group of Negroes hired in that city department filled in St. Louis. Both, in the Army and with the Fire Department, Farbush earned honors and decorations for his feats of bravery.

Farbush's desire for knowledge adventure and service to his country carried him to all sections of the world.

While serving in France with the Army, Farbush was decorated with the Croix De Guerre for bravery.

His tour of duty with the United States Coast Guards extended his travels and broadened his knowledge of world affairs and habits of people of different nation's.

Rosary services will be held Thursday evening at Cunningham and Moore's Mortuary, 2405 Marcus Avenue.

The funeral mass will be at 9 o'clock, Friday morning, June 9, at St. Marks, Academy and Page avenues.

Burial will be held in the National Cemetery with all of the arrangements being handled by Cunningham and Moore, Funeral Direc-

# Tandy League Monarchs Opens Apr. 25 James W

The Tandy Industrial baseball league drew up a 16 game Sunday schedule for its six teams. Three games each Sunday will be played beginning April 25 with the first game called at 11:00 A.M. second at 1:30 P.M. and third at 4:00 P.M.

The Scullin Steel Company is defending champions with the other teams in the league being the runners up St. Louis Dodgers, 18th Ward Democrats, McDonnell Aircraft, Missouri Portland Cement and Newcomer Waldorf Cleaners.

## Dodgers Win Over Indians

The St. Louis Dodgers behind the stupendous hurling of Eugene Smith baffled the St. Louis Indians bat last Sunday in a very interested practice game. Smith is one of the city's best pitchers.

Manager Bob Palm has signed Samuel Jackson, big right hander with a good fast ball and a baffling curve ball. Jackson is rated along with Gene Smith and Doc Bracken. Hester a good with a good throwing arm will be ready to receive the pitches of Jackson Sunday when the Hustling Indians play the McDonald Stars at Compton and Market St. Game time 2 p.m. Manager Bob Palm picked his tribe for the coming season, and will drill them hard until opening date. Would like to have another practice game before league season starts call Je.5-1697.

A run down on the players shows the American league the Cleveland Indians will have Larry Doby, Harry Simpson, Al Smith, Dave Pope, Luke Easter, Dave Hoskins, and Jose Santiago, Washington Senators will have Angel Scull, Juan Dells, and Julio Becquer; Philadelphia Athletics will have Vic Powers and Robert Trice; Chicago White Sox will have Minnie Minozo, Bob Boyd and Connie Johnson; Baltimore Orioles will have Jehosie Heard; all fighting for regular jobs on the team.

The National league teams shape up this way. Brooklyn with Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Don Newcome, Junior Gilliam, Joe Black, and Sandy Amoros; New York Giants with

Monte Irvin, Willie Mays, Hank Thompson, and Ruben Gomez; Pittsburgh Pirates with Sammy Jethroe, Milwaukee with Bill Bruton, Jim Pendelton, Henry Arron, Charley White and George Crowe;

Chicago Cubs with Ernie Banks, Gene Baker and Luis Marques; Cincinnati Red Legs will have Nino Escalera, Bill Powell, and Charles Marmby. WHILE THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WILL

### HAVE TOM ALSTON.

The Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees will be fighting to keep the championships that they won last season in their respective leagues.

No contract trouble was experienced by the Kansas Monarchs as all of the regulars are in the fold in the spring training camp at Newport News, Va. The famed Monarchs open the season against the Indianapolis Clowns Sunday, April 18 in Newport News.

Among the regulars signed includes eight pitchers, five infielders, three flychasers and one catcher, Tom Cooper, who played all positions well, retired.

The pitchers are Berto Nunez, Dick Phillips, James Gilmore, Conrad Flores, William (Lefty) Bell, Bob Mitchell, Earnest Webster and Ned Kennedy. The infielders are Hank Baylis, Dick Thompson, Sherwood Brewer, Frank Herrera and Miss Toni Stone. The outfielders are Enrique Maroto, Jimmy Walls and Doc Horn and Armenteros catcher.

Several rookies are hoping to land berths on the 1954 club, which promises to be just as entertaining as those in the past.

Manager Buck O'Neil is looking forward to another successful season and he may press himself into service at first base if the occasion calls for it. The genial skipper has developed many young players who are now into the majors and minors.

Miss Toni Stone became a member of the Monarchs this year and she will be the keystone sack in virtually every game this summer.

The first girl in professional baseball, Miss Stone created a lot of interest last season when she drew large crowds everywhere she played last season as a member of the Indianapolis Clowns.

Comedian Ed Hamman's handling of a baseball game during his comedy have not equaled.

This is the biggest and most dramatic event in the Negro sports world since the first game in 1933, spectators have paid out \$382,000, and 434,000 have witnessed the classics. No other sporting event promoted by Negroes can equal that record. The East-West classic developed from a mere idea conceived by Gus Greenlee, Tom Wilson, Roy Sparrow, John Clark, Bill Nunn, Ches Washington, Frank Young, and others. They put the "oomph" in the first big game, and since then it has grown into a gigantic business proposition. No other sports event attracts such a crowd. Not even a Joe Louis fight has more magnificence than the East-West game. In 1943 the attendance record was set when 51,000 saw the game. It is doubtful that the record will be broken here Sunday, but another big crowd will surely be on hand. Last year the game attracted 35,000. Due to faulty seating arrangements, another 15,000 fans were turned away at the gate. If the officials at Comiskey Park will handle the crowd this year as they did in 1944, it is possible that 50,000 will see this game.

The teams enter the game Sunday evenly matched. If there is any edge, it probably belongs to the East. The National Leaguers have hitting power, a good defense, and some very good pitching. The West will once again be confronted with that powerful attack that the East always brings along. Whether or not the American Leaguers can come up again with good pitching remains to be seen. The West has won three games in succession and seven of the previous thirteen contests. The West has been a running, jumping, spirited team for the past three years. But the East has a line-up of young players this time. The National Leaguers have what it takes to win... but will they?

### What a Difference a Year Makes!

Two of the stars who were in last year's classic will be missing Sunday. Their success in a new domain, however, indicates that the gems of Negro baseball have the ability to sparkle in the higher realm of organized baseball. Last year this time Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella were named on the East-West roster. Jackie played with the West and Roy with the East. Robinson's batting average at that time with the Kansas City Monarchs was .333 and Campanella was slugging away at a .345 clip. The West came out of last year's fray the victor by a 9 to 6 score. Campanella banged out two lusty hits in five trips to the plate for the East. Robinson played shortstop for the West. Although he failed to get a safe hit in five trips, he did a great job in the field and was the key man in the American league infield.

Now these two ex-East-West stars are sparkling elsewhere. Robinson is the sensation of the International League. Playing second base for Montreal, he's hitting .375 and doing a great job at the keystone corner. Campanella is hitting .362 for Nashua in the New England league and is considered the best catcher in the circuit.

Last year this time, both Robinson and Campanella were just two real good Negro ball players. They played in the East-West game and then returned to their respective teams in the Negro National and American leagues. No one in that crowd of 35,000 fans who saw them play at Comiskey Park in the 1945 "Dream Game" ever thought Jackie or Roy would ever be in organized baseball and have a chance to crash the major leagues. Nor did the players themselves.

But today they're playing on crack teams in two good leagues and going great.

### WILL THERE BE OTHERS?

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella will not be in Sunday's big East-West game. They have moved upstairs and have their sights set on the Brooklyn Dodgers and the major leagues.

Who knows how Fate will treat the stars in this year's "Dream Game?" Will others—like Robinson and Campanella—emerge from the classic and be signed by a major league organization? Will one or more of them have to miss next year's East-West game because they're performing in the big leagues?

No one knows... it could happen.

The case of Robinson and Campanella proves what can happen in the span of a year. Last year they played in the East-West game and today they are knocking on the door of the majors.

Who will it be after Sunday's big game in Chicago?

## OLD-TIMER'S REVERIE 1932

I remember, I remember when Matty's fadeaway went sliding past the swinging bats, at Chance's Cubs held sway. When Cobb was in his glory, and Waddell was in his prime, and Alexander pitched to spots no bigger than a dime. I remember Walsh's spitter, and Johnson's fireball, and Jackson's bat a-swinging for a triple to the wall. When Eddie Plank was mighty and the Yankees had their woes. And Wagner, in the pinches, made his wonder stops and throws. I recall the potent batting and the fielding skill and grace of Lajoie the famous when he reigned at second-base. And from the dimmer distance I can hear the fielder's plaint when little Willie Keeler used to hit 'em where they ain't. I remember, I remember when Mack was in his youth, and Crawford wore a home run crown before the days of Ruth. I recall the poor old umpires that John McGraw would goad. And I still can see him strutting there along the Glory Road. Oh, there've been a lot of changes at the hand of Father Time, since the day when lads like Burkett and Cy Young were in their prime. The stands are steel-and-concrete, where they used to be of wood. The players get more money than the older players could. The games get more publicity. Star players get more fame. The ballyard mobs are bigger. But it's still the same old game.



1954  
YOU NEVER CAN TELL ABOUT A ROOKIE

This is the story of a Negro ball player who overnight became the talk of the town. It is the dramatic story of a youngster who believed in himself through his college days whose minor league manager encouraged him and that he had the stuff to make the grade this spring the Cardinals.

Thomas Alston is about to test theme among the local hot stove fans, Hot Stove League bating season all wishing Negro star on the Red Sox is so hot that the argument whether he'll cover first base the Cardinals this year is tactically settled in the minds of the general major league comment.

Alston who has had less than two full seasons of professional ball experience, came out of the minor leagues as a slugger, the San Diego Padres first sacker kept hitting fences last season in 10 games in which he worked connected for 26 home runs. part of 52 had 14 circuit hits. This all adds up to power.

As a result of his short time to organize ball he joined the short group class of the short route to the big league. For a dash of distinction Thomas is the first Negro to make good with so much experience. When Jack Robir Campanella, Jehroe and Larry by broke in they all had a background in the Negro league.

It all adds up to — You never can tell about a rookie. If Alston makes the grade this year, it will be seen. Regardless of his fate, he will still get plenty of time to ripen in AAA ball.

Red Bird fans are used to strapping first sackers from Jim Mize down through Steve Bilko. But if Alston makes good they will pop their eyes at the glimpse of Thomas Alston, a giant rookie who is rugged, and has a rip roaring reputation in the department of hits. He's a quick jump from Class AAA ball inside a half of a year and a big jump to the majors with so little experience. It's never been done before. Here's hoping that this youngster with a lot of competitive power, will be with Our Cardinals of 1954.

Write to 4574 Enright or P.O. 6304 — Normal Webb

# Jackie Robinson

1972

*The man who broke the color line in baseball  
dies a few days after a last 'magnificent moment'*

By WILL GRIMSLEY

Associated Press

Special Correspondent

NEW YORK.—The man came up, thrust a ball toward Jackie Robinson and said, "You sign this for me, please, Mr. Robinson?"

Jackie blinked. "I'm sorry," he apologized, "I can't see. I'm not sure to mess up the other names I have on it."

"There are no other names," the man said. "I only want yours."

JACKIE TOOK THE BASEBALL and stakingly scrawled his name.

It was at the second game of the 1972 World Series in Cincinnati—Sunday, Oct. 1—and Jackie's last moment of baseball glory. Yet an aura of tragedy hung like a dark veil over the occasion.

"I'm blind in this eye," he said, pointing to his right eye, "and I can barely see out the other one. It's difficult for me to

watch a game now. I don't even see where the ball is. I don't react at all."

The scene was the subterranean catacombs of Riverfront Stadium. Jackie had flown out to be honored by baseball on the 25th anniversary of the year that he broke in with the old Brooklyn Dodgers—the first modern black ever to wear a major league uniform.

No one could have imagined then that less than two weeks later, at the age of 53, this great pioneer and Hall of Famer would be dead.

IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT moment for Jackie. Close to his side, as if fearing to move too far away, was his wife, Rachel. His daughter, Sharon, and son, David, were close by.

There were Pee Wee Reese, the former Dodger captain, and Joe Black, the ex-Dodger relief pitcher, now a massive man of 300 pounds, and Larry Doby, the first modern black to play in the American League.

"It was nice of ol' Pee Wee to come this far just for me," Jackie kept repeating, over and over.

His once raven black hair now was a crown of stubby silver. He maintained his strong, athletic build but he walked haltingly, unsteadily on legs that once kept enemy batteries in a state of apoplexy because of their blinding speed.

"I WISH MR. RICKEY could be here," Jackie said. He never forgot the professorial old Mahatma of the Dodgers who defied baseball tradition by bringing a Negro into big league baseball. Rickey died in December 1965, at the age of 83.

**'I need more than a great ball player. I need a man who can fly the flag of his race, who can turn the other cheek.'**

Moments later Robinson was led to home plate before a standing room crowd of 53,224 to receive baseball's official salute from Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

President Nixon sent a telegram praising Jackie for his contributions to baseball and for his work in preventing drug abuse. Some of Jackie's soul went out when his son, Jackie Jr., a rehabilitated addict, died in an automobile accident.

"I am extremely proud and pleased," Jackie said, "but I will be more pleased the day I can look over at third base and see a black man as manager."

IN THE YEARS THAT followed his dramatic playing career with the Dodgers, Jackie had lost sight of the fact that managers no longer manage from the third base line.

Robinson, hand-picked by Rickey to break the color line in baseball, remained a credit to the sport although he never hesitated



Jackie Robinson—baseball immortal

about being militantly controversial where the social status of his race was concerned.

Jackie recalled recently, at a New York luncheon honoring him on the 25th anniversary of his introduction to big league baseball, how he was chosen as the man to crack the color barrier.

Clyde Sukeforth, the old Brooklyn catcher and later scout, was dispatched to Chicago to bring Robinson in to see the "Old Man" Rickey.

IT WAS AUGUST 1945, in the unostentatious upstairs offices of the Brooklyn president at Ebbets Field.

The crochety old Dodger boss, wire-rimmed glasses resting on a bulbous nose beneath awesome eyebrows, looked Jackie

squarely in the eyes and said:

"I need more than a great ball player. I need a man who can fly the flag of his race, who can turn the other cheek. If I get a firebrand who blows his top and comes up swinging after a collision at second base, it could set the cause back 20 years."

Jackie recalled that he shifted uncomfortably in his seat — stunned a bit by the frank challenge thrown at him.

"You'll have to decide that yourself, Mr. Rickey," Jackie replied in a low but unwavering voice. "I think I can play baseball in the minors. I think I can play baseball in the majors."

Later Robinson was dismissed and Rickey called Sukeforth into his office.

"He's our boy," Rickey said.



More than a great baseball player, Jackie Robinson excelled as an athlete at UCLA. Here he shows the form that won him all-conference honors as a tailback in 1940. He was also a star in basketball and track.

—A.P. Wirephotos



**BILL HARRIS DIES;**  
**NO RELATIVES**  
 William (Bill) Harris, 52 of 4125 West Belle, a good-natured ex-Tandy League star who lived baseball, was found dead last Wednesday morning at his home. Sometimes a brilliant athlete soars like a fiery skyrocket and spreads his name in glittering letters across sportdom's lofty skies and fades from the sports world into oblivion, but not so with my friend Bill, because his name will still parade through this column as I talk and write about the greats of yesteryear. Tuesday night, funeral services were held for the veteran player at Wade Funeral Home. With no



Writer's Note; many thanks for the interest in "Hot Stove League" shown among the men at Missouri State Penitentiary down thru the years. We're sorry however, that we can't fulfill some requests for more write ups on sandlot baseball around this area. In regards to the letter sent in by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Harry Henderson of the Metropolitan Umpires Association will get in touch with him later. Dear Mr. Webb: I do appreciate your taking time out to place this letter in your 'Hot Stove League' column. Thank you. Sir, I'm writing for information on how to obtain employment in officiating baseball and softball? I'm looking forward to a parole in the very near future. As a matter of fact all I need now is a job and a place of residence, before I'm released. Mr. Bill Clark president of Mo. Valley A.A.U. of Columbia and president of the Columbia Baseball league has been my instructor in umpiring for the last three years, and has rated me as the best umpire up here. I have passed all umpiring tests and would be an licensed umpire if it was allowed here. Mr. Bill Clark and Mr. Morris William will give me letters of recommendation upon my release. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

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 ceased, ur... Albert Gran-  
 berry, a... with a big  
 heart, took... everything  
 Granberry was a former Tandy  
 League manager and sponsored  
 many baseball teams in the past.  
 Such ex-greats as pitcher Bev-  
 erly McNeal, first sacker Sylves-  
 ter Mitchell and pitcher James  
 (Stringbean) Cooper paid their  
 final respects as yours truly  
 brought along a few clippings  
 and box scores of the highlights  
 from Bill Harris' Tandy League  
 record from 1934 through 1943.  
 It was in 1934, then a young kid  
 named Bill Harris started on the  
 20th Ward Democrats with such  
 other fine players as Lewis Bell,  
 Willie Smith, Walter Herd, Red  
 Nelson, William Grady, Walter  
 Francis, Church Sidner, Sam Bu-  
 chanan and "Home Run" Jones.  
 Bill was the team captain.  
 In 1934, Harris was chosen for  
 right field on the Tandy League  
 All-Star team because of his out-  
 standing display of offensive and  
 defensive play with a .420 bat-  
 ting average.  
 In 1943 Bill managed the Cur-  
 tis Wright Giants, one of the  
 strongest teams in the Tandy  
 Leagues history with such super  
 stars as: Big Luke Easter, Doc  
 Bracken, John Chism, Ely Chism,

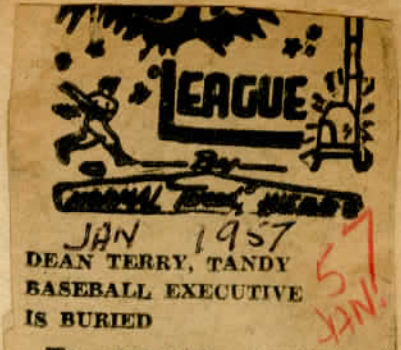
Jesse Askews, Bob Palm, Jelly  
 Taylor, Carl Whitney and Pur-  
 cell.  
 For local baseball write to 4574  
 Enright or call FO. 7-6304. Nor-  
 mal "Tweed" Webb.

# A SPORTS EDITORIAL 1948

**By R. S. SIMMONS**  
 Business Manager  
 Chicago American Giants

I am thinking in terms of the  
 feature of Negro Baseball and most  
 especially Negro Organized Base-  
 ball, and as I see it today I am  
 forced to say to you, "Don't Kill  
 the Goose that lays the Golden  
 Eggs." I am placing Negro Base-  
 ball as the "Goose," our Players  
 as the "Golden Eggs."  
 The Goose could not survive if  
 it did not get the proper nourish-  
 ment, therefore, there would not  
 be any Golden Eggs. I am sur-  
 you will agree with me when I  
 say, Negro Baseball, like the Goose,  
 can't survive without the proper  
 support at the ball parks as well  
 as moral support.  
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had given regular nourishment  
 the Negro Baseball Goose, all of  
 a sudden, began giving that same  
 nourishment to those who secured  
 the first Negro Golden Egg Player,  
 leaving the Old Baseball Goose to  
 survive the best way it can. As  
 other team owners took on more  
 Golden Egg Players, the more  
 nourishment they received and are  
 still receiving from those who once  
 gave nourishment to the Old Base-  
 ball Goose who was producing the  
 Golden Eggs.  
 Negro Baseball simply can't sur-  
 vive without the proper support,  
 and if Negro Baseball DIES, there  
 are no other means to prepare  
 Negro Ball Players for the Major  
 Leagues. It will be a final, only to  
 those who are now in the Major  
 Negro baseball men are trying  
 to keep the Old Goose alive, who  
 the nourishment now being given  
 by you, when you attend these  
 games. If your supporting nourish-  
 ment is out down, the Goose is  
 sure to get weaker, and if more  
 nourishment is not forthcoming  
 the Negro Baseball Goose will su-  
 ly DIE, and Negro Baseball Gold  
 Egg Players will cease to be pro-  
 duced.  
 Again I say "Don't Kill the Goose  
 that lays the Golden Egg."



The ex-master sergeant of  
 World War I, Dean Terry who  
 lived at 4129 Kennerly avenue  
 and worked at the record center  
 is dead. Dean 56 years old died  
 of a heart ailment last Saturday  
 night, playing the game to the  
 end, never giving up until the  
 battle was over. Associated in  
 some way with baseball for more  
 than 42 years a man with a  
 imagination second to none, was  
 elected chairman of the council  
 for the Tandy athletic associa-  
 tion in 1954.  
 He played in the first game  
 ever played in the Tandy leagu  
 on April 15, 1923 with the famo  
 ous old Union Electrics unde  
 the management of Mr. William  
 Bradford. The nine featured one  
 of the strongest clubs around  
 these parts and their roster wa  
 made up of mostly relatives. In  
 the line up were such outstand  
 ing stars as John Moss, Bee Moss  
 Charlie Moss, Bud Terry, Hunt  
 Butler, Joe Essen, Leroy Hunt,  
 Arthur Hawkins, Ratler Harrison  
 George Staton and Bill Water

On July 20, 1934 he signed his  
 first pro contract with the Den-  
 ver White Elephants and engaged  
 in many battles against Old Sat-  
 chel Paiges' nine. Dean Terry  
 whom most people refer to when  
 they have a knotty baseball prob-  
 lem was the walking dictionary.  
 In 1949 he won \$100 on a loca  
 radio baseball quiz program. Th  
 writer had the pleasure just  
 few weeks before his death  
 spending an half hour chatta  
 with Dean on old time baseba  
 in St. Louis. It was one of th  
 most enjoyable meetings we  
 spent as ghosts of the dista  
 past came to life and trotte  
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 more time.  
 Born 20 years too soon, D  
 could have made the big show.  
 was a first baseman and pite  
 of note and could play ev  
 other position on the field as w  
 Funeral services were held for  
 the veteran baseball player last  
 Wednesday

- ARTHUR KENNEDY — Director of Welfare for St. Louis
- THOMAS E. BROOKS — Captain of St. Louis Metropolitan Police
- ROBERT TRICE — Commissioner of The Mathew-Dickie Boys Club
- MARTIN MATHEW — Co-Founder of The Mathew-Dickie Boys Club
- ROBERT A. MUELLER — Co-Ordinator, St. Louis Human Develop-  
 ment Corporation
- NORMAL C. WEBB — Official Score Keeper of The Tandy League  
 and Historian
- WILLIAM M. McROBERTS — Neighborhood Worker, St. Louis  
 Human Development Corporation
- ROBERT DEAN, Jr. — YMCA
- RICHARD FOWLER — Manager of The St. Louis Orioles



# Hot Stove League <sup>1941</sup>

By Normal (Tweed) Webb

## 1941's BASEBALL SURPRISES

Although the near-80-degree temperature suggests anything but baseball practice, all local managers are already planning for spring training. At this writing I think the downtown MUNY league might come through. However, since everyone is holding their hands waiting for the other fellow to move, I will start the ball to rolling and call a get-together meeting for next week.

"This may be March (what do you mean may be?) but from this long range I can see the Titanium Giants as the greatest team around this old burg. Unless some sepi club comes up with unexpected reinforcements during the winter, there'll be no serious competition for the Titanium Giants.

I started out to give you merely the No. 1 team in St. Louis for 1941, namely the Giants. But I'm tempted now to move a little farther out on the limb and give you the No. 1 team at Tandy Park. The Scullin Steels, there's my pick. Manager McDuff McCrary had his club going along at fine speed in the late stages of the hectic 1940 race. He seems to have found several outstanding star players for 1941. If he can steady his pitching staff, the Steel workers may crop that flag.

Some observers believe that Harper-Potter Roofers, under the managership of Lewis (Jelly) Stone will repeat, and demonstrate their undoubted superiority to the other teams. Other teams in the league had their troubles last season in some form or another. Manager Fisher's WADE undertakers displayed a snappy young ball club in the first part of the season, but were almost at the post, as were the hard hitting Cottrell's 20th Ward Democrats.

The hustling Scullin Steels, made the favorites of the experts in the spring, developed sensational sprints during the second half of the race, but the page proved too hot for them to maintain. However, the miles endeavored to keep up with the front-runners and surprised many by their weak hitting team, but batting lumps finally took their toll and, like the Wades and Democrats, the Scullins eventually were compelled to fall behind. The 1941 season is just around the corner—it's a man's guess who'll come out on top. There will be a lot of new faces on every club, and that means bigger interest. But the wise fan has been watching and studying the signs and it he's smart he'll be able to say when the season rolls around, I told you so!

and everybody in stolen bases (61). Simmons drove in the most runs (97) and had the most homeruns. (17).

Bob Gibson won the most games (19-11), had over 200 strikeouts for a record eight consecutive years ( had 207) and paced the team in ERA 2.46 (M.H.)



### DON'T OVERDO IT!

Bring on the "Bums" flu or no flu you can bet all the tea in China the Cardinals will really battle the Dodgers this week end. Maybe it is the presence of Colored stars that shoots fighting injections into the Red Birds.

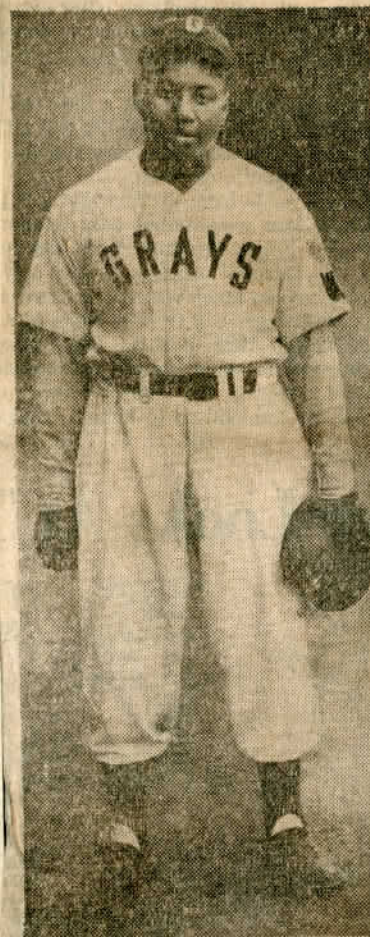
After a hard series with the fighting Phillies, they are about to face Preacher Roe or Big Don Newcombe, two of baseball's greatest pitchers and a hot Brooklyn club inspired by a ball of fire, Jackie Robinson. In cold figures the St. Louis Team is in for two defeats. But as I said before, sick or well, the Cards always give the Bums a hard series, anytime and anywhere. Yes Grandma, Auntie, Little Brother, and even Little Sister will all be at Sportman's Park just this week-end, pulling for the colored players.

Fans, let's pull for the Dodgers in a sporting way, don't overdo it. Remember Robinson is no Superman. He's just a good athlete among other great stars like Duke Snider, Carl Furillo, Gil Hodges, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella. He's better than average, but human, and subject to the ability to flop like anyone else. It isn't any good for Jackie Robinson or for the Dodgers when every time he comes to bat he has got to hit or steal a base, or when he puts the ball in his hands he's got to throw somebody out or perform a triple play. And it isn't doing Jackie a bit of good for the fans to tear the roof down for him when he comes to bat or trots off of the field. Jackie is only human. Remember we now have 14 Negroes in Major league baseball and let's take them in stride. In closing I am a 100 per cent Brooklyn fan.

a 24-16 mark for the otherwise hapless Cleveland Indians to pace the junior circuit in both categories.

The St. Louis Cardinals team batting average of .260 was, surprisingly, secondbest in the National League (The Pittsburgh Pirates .274 was tops). The Redbirds was eighth in runs scored (568 to leading Houston's 708); They were second to the Pirates in total hits (1384 to 1505); a pathetic twelfth absolute last) in homeruns (70 to the Giants 150) and was eighth in runs-batted-in.

Individually, Lou Brock hit 310 to pace the Redbird hitters. Catcher Ted Simmons was the only other .300 hitter (batting .305). Lou led the team in runs scored (81); total hits (193)



**JOSH GIBSON** of the Home-stead Grays was a fabled power hitter.

# BILLY WILLIAMS HAS BIG SEASON, WINS BATTING TITLE

THURS. OCT. 1972

With the attention riveted toward the World Series which little attention has been paid to the marvelous season but together by veteran Chicago Cub outfielder Billy Williams. That is par for the course. A consistier .300 hitter, Williams have never attracted the ink that some less talented performers have commanded.

Official statistics released by Major League Baseball headquarters during the interlude between the close of the season and the then upcoming playoffs attest to the multi talents of Williams. His .333 batting average set the pace not only for the National League but for the major leagues!

Williams led the circuit in total hits (191), his 37 homeruns was one less than Nate Colbert (San Diego) and three less than Johnny Bench (Cincinnati). He drove in 122 runs, just three less than division champion Cincy's Bench amassed.

In the American League Rod Carew of Minnesota hit .318 to win the batting championship. Dick Allen, Chicago Whitesox powerplant, went two legs up on his quest for the triple crown, leading the cir-



Billy Williams

cuit in homeruns (37) and runs-batted-in (113). His 308 batting average qualified him for a finish in the top three in that category.

Steve Carlton, St. Louis Cardinal castoff led the way for the hurlers. His 1.97 earned run average for the last place Philadelphia Phillies and his imposing 27-10 record was tops. Gaylord Perry, a San Francisco castoff, posted a 1.92 era and

# Writers to honor Cool Papa Bell 1972

By JACK HERMAN

James Bell, nicknamed Cool Papa in the old Negro Baseball League, will receive the Brian P. Burnes Nostalgia Award at the St. Louis baseball writers' dinner Jan. 22 at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn.

Now 69 years of age and a watchman at St. Louis City Hall, Bell played until he was 43, when he hit .407 for the Kansas City Monarchs. However, it was as a phenomenal base-runner that he earned his reputation.

Mac Carey, Hall of Fame base-stealing champion, said years ago: "I thought I was a base-runner, but Bell was positively great. I remember when some of us barnstormed against a Negro team. He stole second, third and home on three pitches — and against a helluva fine catcher, Steve O'Neill."

Tickets for the Grand Ball Room banquet, at \$17.50 each, can be obtained by sending check or money order to St.

Louis BBWAA, P.O. Box 605, St. Louis 63188. They're available as Christmas gift certificates.

Bell, a skinny 6-foot-2 outfielder who also played for the old St. Louis Stars, will join an impressive group of honorees at the head table.

Also to be honored are Casey Stengel, Joe Garagiola, Yogi Berra, Charlie O. Finley, Steve Carlton and Billy Williams.

Cardinal stars Ted Simmons and Lou Brock, home-town native Nate Colbert and Pitcher Scipio Spinks of the Cardinals will also receive awards.

# Willie Adams Hurls Tandy League Victory for Dodgers

By Normal "Tweed" Webb

Inspired by the presence of many well known ex-baseball players of Greater St. Louis (read Hot Stove League), Lefty Willie Adams hurled a five hitter as the Dodgers handed Braves its first defeat of the season with a 13-3 victory and moved within two games of first place in the Tandy League.

Fears that the Braves were going to make a runaway of the pennant race were blasted, with Harry Haskins, hustling Marion Tillard, Willie Brown and Charles Radford suppling basehts like dynamite, and hitting starter James Pembrocks and reliefer Virgil Franklin all over the park.

After speeding to 10 straight victories and having plenty of fun, Manager Teannie Edwards' classy nine was out played for the first time. We saw shortstop Haskins and firstsacker Tillard collect six of the Dodgers' 14 hits and star in the field.

This Friday night at Fairground Park, Manager Bob Palm's Yankees will try and keep the Braves on the losing end. Southpaw Tony Stephenson will be on the Mound Game time is 8 p. m.

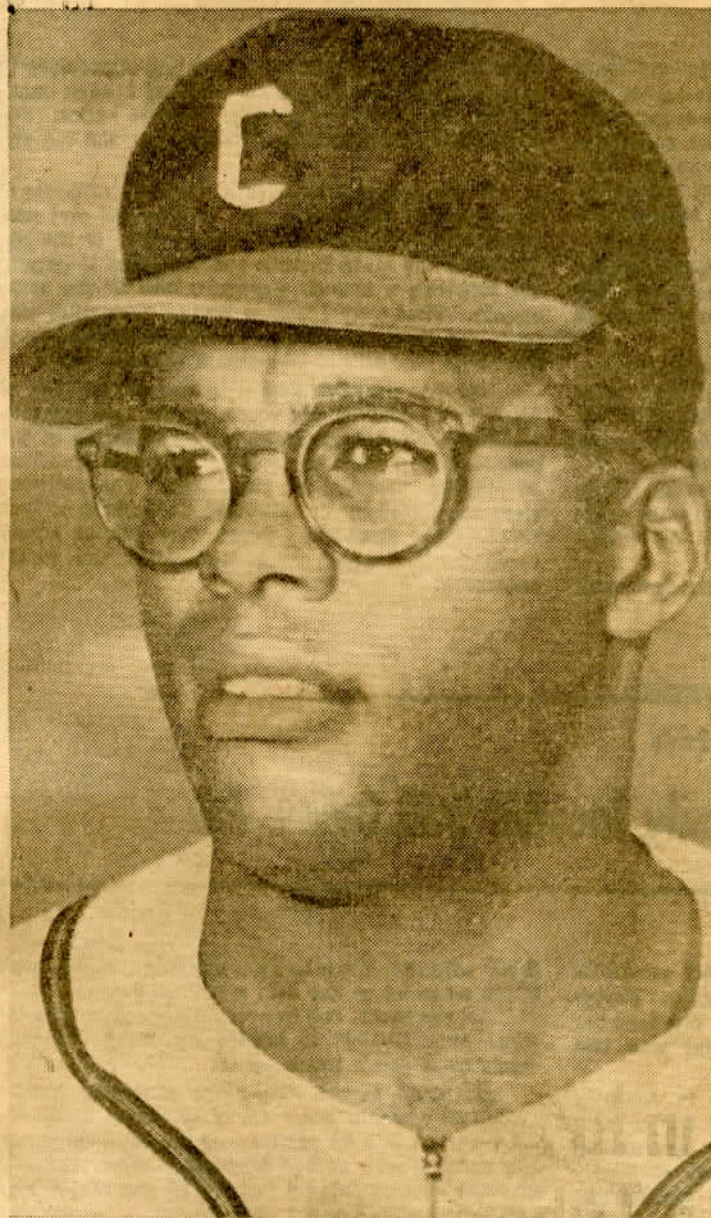
This Sunday in the 1 p. m. contest, Brame Sinclair Stars oppose Braves. In the night cap, Yankees play Dodgers.

**King's Sensational Running Catch**  
Manager Teannie Edwards' sharp-fielding outfielders, who can run, hit, and think, stole the spotlight last Friday night at Fairground Park to give the Braves a 7-4 victory over the Dodgers.

Left fielder Charles King and centerfielder Charles Williams ripped off two "circus" catches to save seven runs. However, the game-saver gem came up in the ninth inning, with the score 7-3, one man out with the bases loaded. King's sensational running catch against the 400 ft. left field screen robbed Harry Haskins of a grand slammer. Then in the sixth with two men on, Haskins' three-run homer bid was caught in deep dead center by Williams.

Haskins two balls were the hardest drives during the game and he wound up with two sacrifice flies instead of seven RBIs

JULY 20 1958



GEORGE CROWE, Redleg First Baseman, helped defeat the Cardinals with timely blows in an important game, last week.

for the day.

Gilford Gleghorn, who was given a 7-1 lead going into the 9th, got wild and was removed from the box with three men on. Up until this point Gleghorn scattered eight hits, including five in-field hits. Reliever Doc Bracken was also wild and walked in two

Yankees, 12-9.

The Brame Sinclair Stars provided a six-run third inning as a 10 run cushion for young right-hander Willis Murray, who was kaymed in the seventh, as Bob Palm's gang picked up five runs. Rliefer Joe Rushing came in to cut off their rally.

## F. Robinson Slugs 500th; Orioles Split

SEPT. 13-1971  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Frank Robinson of Baltimore became the 11th player in major league history to hit 500 home runs, drilling a pair as the Orioles split a Monday twi-night doubleheader with Detroit, winning 9-1, then losing 10-5.

Robinson's momentous 500th, a shot into the left field seats with Bogg Powell aboard in the ninth, came too late to save the Orioles in the nightcap.

But his 499th, a three-run blast in the first inning of the opener, provided Dave McNally with his 19th victory of the year and 13th in a row.

### FIRST GAME

DETROIT				BALTIMORE			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Stanley cf	4	1	2	Blair cf	3	3	2
Taylor 2b	4	0	0	Belinger ss	4	0	1
Kaline rf	3	0	1	Rettemd lf	2	3	1
Perrnski p	0	0	0	Roban rf	4	2	2
Price ph	3	0	0	Shopy lf	1	0	1
Frehan c	2	0	0	F. Robinson 3b	5	1	1
Denehy p	0	0	0	JPowell 1b	2	0	0
Gilbrth p	0	0	0	DJanson 2b	3	0	1
Lane rf	1	0	1	Eichehm c	5	0	0
Cash 1b	3	0	0	McNally p	3	0	0
Rodrgz 3b	4	0	0				
Brown lf	2	0	0				
Brinkman ss	3	0	1				
Kilkenny p	1	0	0				
Selbach p	0	0	0				
Hosley c	2	0	0				

Total	30	1	5	Total	32	9	9
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BALTIMORE	302	012	105	—	9		
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2B—Blair, Rettemund, HR—F. Robinson (24), B. Robinson (16), Stanley (5), SB—Belinger 2.							
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Kilkenny (L, 4-5)	2 2/3	4	5	5	4	1	
McNally	2 1/3	1	1	1	4	1	
Selbach	2 1/3	1	1	1	4	2	
Denehy	2 1/3	1	2	2	3	2	
Gilbrth	2 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	
Perrnski	2	3	1	1	0	3	
McNally (W, 19-4)	9	5	1	1	3	4	
T—2:46.							

### SECOND GAME

DETROIT				BALTIMORE			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
MAHffe 2b	6	0	1	Buford lf	2	0	2
ARodrgz 3b	6	2	2	Motton lf	3	2	2
GErown lf	5	1	2	Rttmnd cf	4	0	2
Lane lf	0	0	0	Powell 1b	5	1	1
Cash 1b	5	3	2	Rbnan rf	4	1	1
Frehan c	5	2	3	Hndricks c	2	0	0
Nrthrp rf	1	0	0	Eichehm c	2	0	0
Stanley cf	3	2	2	BRnan 3b	3	1	1
Brnkman ss	5	0	3	Jnan 2b	4	0	1
Niekro p	0	0	0	Blnger ss	4	0	0
Schrmn p	4	0	1	Dobson p	1	0	0
				Jackson p	0	0	0
				Dukes p	1	0	0
				Boswell p	1	0	0
				Blair ph	1	0	0

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BALTIMORE	001	000	013	—	5		
RBI—McAuffe, G. Brown 2, Frehan, Stanley 2, Brinkman 2, Scherman, Powell 2, F. Robinson 2, Johnson, E. Johnson, LOB—Detroit 10, Baltimore 9.							
2B—Cash, Buford 2, Brinkman, Rettemund, Rodriguez, B. Robinson, Motton, HR—G. Brown (10), F. Robinson (25).							
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Niekro	1 1/3	1	0	0	2	0	
Scherman (W, 10-5)	8 2/3	9	5	5	2	3	
P. Dobson	2 2/3	8	6	3	0	4	
(L, 17-8)	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	1	
Jackson	2 2/3	4	2	2	0	1	
Dukes	4 1/3	3	2	2	2	4	
Boswell	4 1/3	3	2	2	2	4	
Hndricks, T—3:03, A—13:29.							



Since I announced my retirement after 44 years of affiliation with the Tandy Baseball League last month, I have received quite a few phone calls and nice letters from fans. Many of them are from ball players who wrote to thank me for some nice things that I said about them and families of deceased players.

Recently I am in receipt of two fine letters which I am filling away among my most valuable possessions, one is from Mr. Richard A. Jackson, former St. Louis ARGUS Sports Editor and now living in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and the other one is from the publisher of a small county newspaper.

Dear Tweed:

Congratulations on your retirement and best of good wishes for your future happiness.

Your record of long contributions to the youth of St. Louis in its way ranks along with the inspiration given by the late William "Pop" Beckett and Rev. James E. Cook.

You shall be remembered long after your retirement.

Your former associate,  
Richard A. Jackson  
322 Marion Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Webb:

I am sorry to learn of your retirement as official scorer of the Tandy Baseball League. Our mutual friend, Robert "Bob" Palm, manager of the East St. Louis Colt 45's tells me that you have done a wonderful job over the years in various capacities, and I am sure your interest and good work has helped many a young person develop into a good citizen. This should be most gratifying to you and your family. You will recall that Bob Palm introduced me to you this past summer while we were attending a night game at Fairground Park and you were the official scorekeeper. You and I had a nice chat and I was impressed with your intelligence and ability to know inside baseball and with you as a man. I hope the years are kind to you.

Sincerely,  
Carl F. Baum

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# TWEED WEBB REMINISCES ABOUT JACKIE ROBINSON

"JIM CROW DIES AT SECOND"

By Morris Henderson

"As I fight back tears, words are inadequate to express my feelings over the sad news I heard several days ago (October 24th) concerning the sudden death of Jackie Robinson. It took me at least three days to compose myself so that I could respond to your request for a historical writeup." The words were those of veteran black baseball historian Normal (Tweed) Webb.

While major segments of the nation mourned the passing of the silver-haired man who shattered modern day baseball's unwritten color bar, it was only natural that we seek out the man who has followed baseball since he was a little tot around Simmons Elementary School. He is rich in baseball tradition. As a player, he was known for his sportsmanship, his hustling ability and his overall skill. For 37 years he wrote 'The Hot Stove League' for the St. Louis Argus. It was reprints of that series that served as a major portion of this article. In addition,

Tweed served as 17 years as official scorer for the black big leagues; 44 years as a Tandy League official. . . in varied capacities. . . and though now a 'retired' sign painter he remains active at Scruggs Memorial C.M.E. Church and the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club, among others. Tweed has seen most of them.

Of Jackie: ". . . I regret the passing of my longtime idol. It is a severe blow to the baseball world. He was truly a great man! He was dynamic, forceful. . ." Webb said.

"He had the ABC's of Sports," Tweed continued and explained: He instilled those qualities into other black athletes . . . who still reap the dividends. . ."

Back on April 11, 1947 he wrote that "Jack Roosevelt Robinson, a former United Army binson, a former United Army Lieutenant. . . joyously affixes his signature to a Brooklyn dodger Contract," Webb used the occasion to correct an assertion that is still being repeated. Pointing out that Negroes Major League, Jackie was the first in modern history!

In 1953 he revealed a little known fact, that Robinson was boxer! He had first indicated it

in his column in 12 years earlier. These were the words the disclosure was cloaked in: ". . . Jackie Robinson, fleet-footed 180 pound Negro half-back with UCLA is touted as a successor to Joe Louis--if the grid star would turn to the boxing game. . . he shows all the natural qualifications of a fighter in the gymnasium workouts. He has other plans however. . ." And indeed he did.

It was on April 21, 1946 that he coined the famed headline 'Jim-crow Dies at Second'. The column dealt with Jackie's entrance into organized baseball: ". . . 25,000 fans settled back in their seats, ready for the ball game as the Jersey Giants jogged out to their positions. Robinson was the second batter. As he strolled to the plate the crowd gave him an enthusiastic reception although there were a few catcalls. . . We went out short to first. In the third he blasted a 335 foot homerun with two mates aboard. . ." Tweed's boxcore reveals that he went 4 for 5, scored 4 runs. . .

April 11, 1947 he was to record the fact that "Jackie carries the race on his shoulder," His major league debut was at first base in an ex-

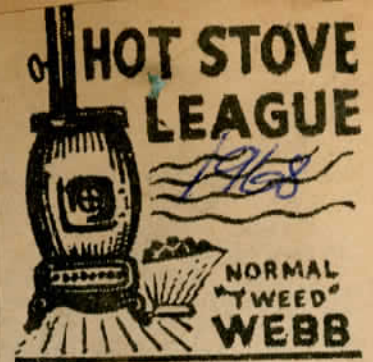
hibition against the New York Yankees. He drove in three runs.

May 8, 1947 the dailies shouted the headlines: "Breadon Averts Cards Strike over Jackie's Playing!" It was a dark day for baseball and for this town. National League President Ford Frick had to intervene, as the St. Louis Cardinals threatened not to play if the Dodgers fielded the black athlete. Frick was quoted as saying that Beardon had come to New York and informed him that he understood that there was a movement underfoot to strike in protest. The Cardinal owner was later to deny that the team was threatening to do so. . . but later events proved Frick correct.

Robby went on to win the league's batting crown, its Most Valuable Player Award, make six appearance on the all-star team, play in world serie's and enter baseball's immortality. . . The Hall of Fame!

Yes, Jim Crow did die at second when baseball relented and allowed a black into their closed ranks. Jackie did, indeed have the A-B-C's of sports; he overcome obstacles and blazed the trail for the Willie Mays, Henry Aarons, Don Newcombes, Roy Campanellas and hundreds of blacks to flow in.

"It is a very sad, sad day." Webb said as television beamed portions of his funeral last Friday evening.



Visitation Park was the site of over 500 little league baseball fans cheering on every pitch during the last inning, braving the intense heat (90) which descended upon the city last Wednesday and watched the 1938 opener of the Lou Brock Boy's Club's Midget Division battle in a "red hot" Tweed's game of the week.

David Bevel, the Brave's Manager who originated the idea of the Lou Brock Boys Club and as a reward he has burned the job treasurer since it was organized in 1965, then had hopes of some day getting his just rewards. That is, to have his two sons playing on his team. Of course, I am asking about Dexter and Desmond - two fine ball players today.

The Braves scored 8 runs in the first 4 innings and took advantage of 4 pass balls and went on to defeat Skipper Robert Ward's Saints, 8-6, in a wild finish. What a ball game!

After playing first base for 4 innings, Melvin Ward, son of the manager and Yeatman School South paw then shut out the winners the rest of the way hurling brilliantly in a losing course. He fanned 6 batters and allowed no hits.

This 13 year old hurler was one of the most promising of the youngsters I saw, as the two teams bounced with injury and much talent.

Braves' Larry McFadden of Stowe School, pitched 3 hit balls for 4 innings including Larry Harper's two singles and Wynn Davis' ace. Bevel's other star was Anthony First, Cupples School, left fielder, he collected 2 of the Braves' 5 hits.

The highlight of the day came when the Saints trailing, 8-1, Joe Young, Enright School slugging out fielder hit a three-run-triple in the last inning off of reliner, Joe Profit, but the 5 run rally fell 2 runs short as the fans went wild.

Plate umpire Marshall Rogers of Summer High School called the balls and strikes like a pro. Paxton was on first base. In this Sunday's Tweed Game of the Week, we will cover a Tandy League Contest. For local baseball write, 4574 Enright Avenue, or call FO. 7-6304, Normal "Tweed" Webb.

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## "Cool Papa" Bell To Enter Baseball's Hall Of Fame Under New Alignment

By NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB 1971

James "Cool Papa" Bell, former centerfielder of the old St. Louis stars, who is expected to be one of the relatively early inductees into the HALL OF FAME under organized baseball's NEW alignment, will be the first player to enter the newly St. Louis Hall of Fame sponsored by the Mathews Dickey Boy's Club.

The Boy's Club will induct Bell into its Hall of Fame at its annual Banquet next winter. He was selected recently by an eight member committee.

"We will honor St. Louis area Black Athletes in all sports," Members will not be confined to baseball greats nor will being an Alumnus of the Mathews-Dickey organization be a Criteria," Normal (Tweed) Webb chairman of the Hall of Fame, committee and long time historian, said.

Committee members, besides Webb, are Police Captain Tom Brooks; Al Wallace, Editor of the St. Louis ARGUS; Morris Henderson, Sports Editor; St. Louis American; Roscoe McCrary, St. Louis Sentinel; Ben Thomas, Evening Whirl; Harry Haskins, stand out Tandy League Star and Robert Trice, President of the Boy's Club.

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## ne Is Where the Steal Is

ALMER HUBBARD of the Dodgers scores a run in the first inning of the Muny League's annual all-star game last night. Hubbard stole home safely as catcher Al Nelson was late. Getting a good look at the play is BUD BROWN. The North scored five times in the first frame and

### Muny All-Star

NORTH		SOUTH	
AB.	R.	AB.	R.
Fobise cf	3	1	0
S. Brown	2	1	0
W. Cook ss	2	0	0
Nelson ss	2	0	0
B. Brown lf	2	2	2
C. Jones lf	2	0	0
King lf	1	1	1
Hubbard rf	5	2	2
Wells 1b	2	0	0
Henderson 1b	2	0	0
Tillard 1b	1	0	0
Potter 2b	1	1	1
Bowen 2b	1	1	1
Lewis 3b	2	0	0
Smith ss	2	1	1
Stephenson c	2	1	1
Radford c	1	0	0
Wolfork p	1	0	0
Knuckles p	1	0	0
Clay p	1	0	0
Roberts p	0	0	0
Garth p	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>
Innings	1	2	3
North	0	0	0
South	5	0	4

## Tandy Honors Cool Papa And Others

St. Louis baseball players of the past will be honored at Tandy Park this afternoon, as the rest of the area amateur teams resume flag chases after a week of all-star play.

Between games of today's Tandy Park schedule, former players in professional, semi-pro and amateur leagues dating back about 44 years, will gather for ceremonies.

Those expected include "Cool Papa" Bell, John Green, Quincy Troupe, Herman Belger, Sam Brown, Luther Lane, John Brown, Terry Butler, "Red" DeBerry, Eddie Wall, Tom Brooks, Oddie Davis, Major Porter and Irving Vincent.

In the first game at Tandy Park, the Ravens will play the A. O. Smiths. The Knights will

## Top South In Muny

The North, pulling out all the stops in the first three innings defeated the South, 10-4, in the annual Muny League All-Star baseball game last night at Busch Stadium.

A five-run first inning — on run scoring on a triple steal — put the North ahead to stay, and four more runs in the third inning clinched it.

Palmer Hubbard of the Dodgers stole home in that triple steal in the first. Hubbard also added a pair of hits to the North's cause. Booker Brown of the Diamonds also had a pair of hits as the North cracked out 12 to the South's six, including a long home run by Gil Wayne of the Orioles in the ninth inning.

Pitching	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Wolfork (W)	3	1	0	0	1	1
Knuckles	1	0	0	0	2	6
Clay	2	2	3	3	2	3
Roberts	1	0	0	0	0	1
Garth	1	2	1	1	0	0
Cannimore (L)	2 1/2	7	8	5	1	4
Foster	3 2/3	1	1	0	3	1
Timmons	2	4	0	0	0	1
Beck	1	0	0	0	1	0

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## ALERT RUNNER STEALS 2 BASES ON SAME PLAY

COLUMBUS, OHIO (AP)—Outfielder Rex Johnston of Columbus stole two bases here in the first inning of Thursday's game of the National League doubleheader at Atlanta.

Johnston stole two bases on one play in the fifth inning. He was caught by pitcher and Orlando McFarlane on third. The two executed a double steal. Johnston was already to second when catcher Bill Lefebvre threw to shortstop Jerry Buchek. Buchek threw back to the plate, but McFarlane beat the throw and Johnston raced on to third.

Giants rumors began to circulate as the boos of the crowd echoed through the stadium that he had bravely trickled down his cheeks at the end of his career at first base. There was something fatal about the look of the Giants manager as the Negro left the club. The grizzled old timer a crowd that had sent this lad, this fine player to the bench with his heart aching.

John McGraw was one of the greatest managers in baseball in his day. He made his debut with the New York Yankees and didn't resign until 1932. McGraw once said that LeRoy Pate was the greatest pitcher in baseball.

## HOPEFUL TRYOUTS CARDINALS

1947  
The St. Louis Cardinals hope were among the 500 or more youths who reported for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team tryouts at Sportsman's Park Monday. About fifteen had survived the cut and went into the third day's test Wednesday. Among the survivors were:

Joshua Sutherland, Leonard Hunt, Leon Wheeler, Richard Simmons, L. Z. Adams, Anthony Joyce, John Robinson, Hubert Williams, Quincy Smith, Osborne Thomas.



Many thanks for your interest in Hot Stove League, you continue to follow Greater St. Louis and Sandlot Baseball via St. Louis' only all-year round baseball column.

We received four letters this week, however space only permits us to mention two.

Did Elston Howard, New York Yankee Coach ever play in the Tandy League?

I can't remember him as a sandlotter.

Please name the local balck players that made it to the big league.

Frank Thompson, 3152 Hall St. Elston Howard, one of baseball's all time great catchers who spent 14 years in the Major leagues most of which being spent with the Yankees, to be exact played 121/2 years.

He was acquired by Boston in August, 1967, in time to help the Red Sox win the American League Championship.

In 1946, this writer gave Howard his first write-up when he broke into baseball with manager Teannie Edwards' Blue Sox as a catcher at the age of 16, in the newly Rube Foster League at Grand and Market.

The Vashon High School graduate was a great all-round athlete, lettering in 4 sports - including football (end), basketball (Forward), baseball (catcher) and track (shot put and discus).

He never did play in the Tandy League.

Many fans thought Howard started his baseball career at Tandy.

St. Louis sent eight black stars to the Big League which included: Big Luke Easter, Sam Jethro, Al Smith, Ted Savage, Jim Pendelton, Elston Howard, Quincy Troupe, (1952), and Nathan Colbert, formerly of Houston Astros, now with the San Diego new expansion team.

Dear Tweed:  
I want to thank you for the write up about me.

We are inviting you to our Big League Baseball Scouts Annual Dinner Meeting at Warwick Hotel soon.

Tweed, I told the Minnesota Twins front office to play former Tandy League's Ezell Carter in shortstop.

If given the chance he will make it to the Big League soon.

Always your pal,  
Al Nicolai

For local sandlot baseball, write to 4574 Enright, or call FO. 7-6304.

in 1968, disclosed late this summer that his eyesight was failing.

An outspoken man, Robinson made a plea for a black manager in the majors when he was honored before a game in the just-completed World Series.

Robinson had been scheduled to appear in Washington today as a speaker at a symposium on drug abuse. Sponsors of the event said Robinson had called last night to report that he was hemorrhaging fro the eyes and his doctors said he should not travel.

After a season at Montreal in the International League, the 5-foot-11 1/2 Robinson hit .297 as Brooklyn's first baseman and helped the Dodgers reach the 1947 World Series. He was named the National League's rookie of the year.

Robinson played 10 years for Brooklyn, mostly as a second baseman, and had a career batting average of .311. He played in six World Series.

On Dec. 13, 1956, the Dodgers traded him to the New York Giants for pitcher Dick Littlefield and a reported \$35,000. But Robby never played for the Giants. On Jan. 5, 1957, he announced his retirement as a player just a few weeks before his thirty-eighth birthday.

He was named to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1962.

After his retirement, the distinguished, silver-haired black man became involved in various businesses and was active in civil rights and politics.

In recent years, his life was marked by tradgedy and other troubles. A son, Jack Jr., was a drug addict and died in an auto accident at age 24. Robinson, who had suffered a heart attack

When Jackie signed his contract with the Montreal farm club, Oct. 23, 1945, thereby making Robinson the first Negro to play in organized baseball, Jackie admitted he was somewhat uneasy.

"I do not want to be where I'm not wanted," he said.

Robinson was the man. He endured verbal abuse and a loosely organized attempt to keep him out of the game.

Robinson was born in Cairo, Ga., in 1919 and moved to California with his family a year

later. The young Robinson began making his mark as an athlete at Pasadena Junior College, becoming the first man to win letters in baseball, basketball, football and track. He then went to UCLA where he re-

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## TANDY BASEBALL LEAGUE MANAGING GENIUS:

# TEANNIE EDWARDS AILING, HOSPITALIZED

by Morris Henderson

1971

Frank (Teannie) Edwards is a legend in amateur baseball circles. He was a splendid baseball player and became synonymous with managerial genius.

Edwards, a fixture around Tandy Park during the league's hey-days is ailing, trying to shake of the effects of a stroke. He is hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital, Room 4309.

We visited with him briefly the other day. . . the black genius of managing. He was glad to see us. He is pleased to see all of his boys.

His contact with baseball dates back to the twenties, when as a member of an aggregation called the Tennessee Rats, they traveled the length and breadth of this country, playing 130-150 games a season. . . an unheard of total in these days!

Later he put in a tour of duty with the St. Louis Stars, the Cincinnati Tyers and the Homestead Grays. He played with some of the giants of black baseball: Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Raymond Browne. . . Once he told Normal (Tweed) Webb, well-known historian that "Gibson was the greatest hitter that I have ever seen. . ."

His career was dotted with aiding underprivileged youth. It was once estimated that he spent over \$10,000 of his personal funds to help youngsters. It was not uncommon for him to dig out the cost of uniforms, baseballs and entrance fees (sponsors were. . . as they are now. . . few and far between).

It was as a manager that he enjoyed some of his most

brilliant success. He never had a losing season, Tweed's records verify. Overall, through ten years of coaching in the Tandy Loop, then the mecca of amateur baseball, his teams won 135 games while dropping but 25!

From 1950-61 he managed the St. Louis Braves (nine years) and the Scullin Steel Mules (for the residue). He won nine championships with the Braves and one with the Mules. 1961 his last year as manager, was a highlight in his career, with his team racing through a sixteen game schedule undefeated.

He became a part time scout for the Cincinnati Reds the following year.

It was while a scout for the Kansas City Monarchs that he sent Al Smith and Elston Howard to them and literally launched them to stardom in the major leagues. Before that, he had played a pivotal role in that development. Another erstwhile member of his managing genius was the immortal Dock Bracken, "one of the greatest pitchers ever developed here," Teannie once said. "He was truly Teannie's meal ticket," Webb injected.

Some of his players insist that he was a stormy but extremely energetic man who battled for his players on the diamond and with them off of it. His familiar chant "Where was that ball?" rung out over Tandy Park for over a decade.

He was adept as a bench jockey. He learned his baseball at the grassroots. . . the sandlots and around Compton Hill.

Webb sums up his career



Teannie Edwards  
... back in 1959

best: ". . . stormy, master-mind. . . his career encompassed greatness on the field, his courage and vision made him one of the greatest skippers in semi-pro ball around these parts. . ."

At one time or the other he had under wings, besides the forementioned greats, Luke Easter, Johnny Moore, the Chism brothers, Sam Jethroe, Quincy Troupe, Marshall Riddles and Don Wilson.

He lays flat on his back at St. Luke's now. . . with his faithful little wife often his only companion.

A get well card from some of the thousands who marvelled at his unparalleled talents on the diamonds would mean ever so much.

### Grateful for Award

To the Editor: 1969  
To all my friends of the St. Louis Metropolitan area who have so graciously showered me with congratulations on my selections as one of the 10 "Women of Achievement" for 1965, my sincere and humble thanks!

To Richard H. Amberg, publisher of The St. Louis Globe-Democrat and sponsor for the award, my deepest gratitude.

To Mrs. Nina Bigley, who submitted my qualifications for the award, my profound affection for the untiring efforts in the arrangements and plans which she so successfully executed.

To be of service to this community has been a most rewarding and gratifying experience and with God's help, I hope to be able to double my efforts.

ALEX JOHNSON, OF, 6-foot, 205 pounds, 24 years old—May be fastest in majors at getting from home plate to first base. . . Came to Cardinals from Philadelphia in Bill White trade of 1966. . . Has been platooned in right field with Roger Maris most of season. . . Had three singles and drove in two runs in first major-league game—against Cardinals in 1964. . . Married.



1961

AL JACKSON, P, 5-foot-11, 165 pounds, 31 years old—Delayed Cards' pennant-clinching until final day in 1964 when he pitched New York Mets to 1-0 victory over Bob Gibson. . . After coming to Redbirds with third baseman Charley Smith in swap for Ken Boyer, won 13 games in '66, but lost 15 despite 2.51 earned-run average. . . Last of 13 children and ninth boy in family. . . Born Christmas day. . . Signed originally by Pittsburgh and beat Cincinnati in only decision for Pirates (1961) before being drafted by Mets in expansion pool. . . Married, has two children.



1967

LARRY JASTER, P, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds.

### A STAR IS BORN

Despite the handicap of being with a team which languished in the second division, first baseman George Crowe of the Hartford Chiefs has been named the most valuable player in the Eastern Baseball League of 1950 in a poll of league sports writers last month. He has been in organized ball only a year and was signed to the Boston Braves' farm team last winter.

However, you'd never know it by his poise and coolness. He also won the Class A circuit's batting championship. What year player could do more? Crowe is the first Negro player to win the batting title. He hit .353, ltd the loop in runs with 122, hits with 185 and doubles with 43. He also clouted 24 home runs and drove in 122 runs.

Local Boys in E. L.

Fred Thomas, the league's first Negro player was released by Wilkes Barre July 22, 1948, just 17 days after he made his debut. Alphonse Smith, Kirkwood, Mo., boy and "Sweet Water" Clifton of basketball fame are still with the Barons. In 1949, the Eastern league had such Negro stars as Harry Simpson, and Lefty Roy Welmaker (20 game winners) who are now playing in the Coast League. Young lefty Ed (Whitely) Ford New York Yankees sensational 1950 World Series hero was also a star in the loop with Binghamton. Chas. Hall, Webster boy, played with Elmira this year.

Three Runners On Same Bag  
In a game last year between Hartford and Williamsport, three runners met at second base, but not one was retired. Hartford was unable to retire a single player when a runner was on second base and one on first. At the time a batter hit to deep center-field, the runner on second thought the ball would be caught and held second base. The first base runner ran to second, found the runner still there and when he turned to go back to first the batter was at his heels. The ball was not caught and the throw to the infield was poor, permitting the runners to make third and first leaving the bases full.

The next batter hit into a double play. At Hartford before 9000 fans it was in this game that George Crowe's 400 ft. homer accounted for the only run of the game as Hartford edged Williamsport 1-0 July 29.

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Baseball-Playing Smith Family

Your roving baseball reporter saw many local ball players at the Riley-Famechon fight and this week some are still trying to piece together TV, radio and on the scene version of the close bout. This writer called it a draw.

This week let's talk about the five Smith protneers who all at one time played in the Tandy Park league. It runs in the family, . . . ne, Quincy, Benjamin, Leon and William, all members of the playing Smith family. Among her famous sons are Gene and Quincy who are still playing good ball in the Negro big league. However, another, Ben, won fame at Tandy Park and was more popular than all of the rest of his brothers put together. He had vey little big league experience, but was considered a master ball player. Brooklyn's Dan Bankhead and Ben are good friends. Ben Smith was the fast ball pitcher and classy first sacker for the Harper Potter Roofers about ten years ago. By the way, Ben still is playing today and doing a fine job with Gibbie Meeks' St. Louis Giants. In 1949 Ben was among the first seven Tandy hitters with a .578 batting mark. Then there are two other brothers, Leon and Bill who also turned in fine records at the old ville ball yard. Both were out of the game last year and went no farther than sandlot ball. In 1941, Gene hurled no-hit ball for the New York Black Yankees and also played three years with the Homestead Grays. He played in four Chicago East-West games. Last season he pitched for the Chicago American Giants. Centerfielder Quincy in 1946 chalked up a .320 mark in the big league. In an interview with Quincy sometime ago, he said: "My greatest thrill in baseball was when I won the batting championship and the most valuable player award in the Tandy loop in 1942 while with Tom Brooks' Cosmopolitan Stars, just before I turned pro."

The Smith Brothers were standouts in softball and baseball among such greats of the Tandy League as John Green, Marshall Riddle, Earl Taborn, Les Pearson and Dean Terry. So you see the Smith Brothers are real ball-players, it runs in the family.

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# CRUSADING SPORTS SCRIBE, WENDELL SMITH, BURIED

By Morris Henderson

Some weeks after the shock ing demise of Jackie Robinson the heralded trailblazer who helped throw open the baseball floodgates, the sports world mourned the passing of Wendell Smith, a sportswriter, sports-caster extraordinary who had led the campaign which brought all of it about.

Smith, then sports editor of 'The Pittsburgh Courier; had struck out in attempts to get Jackie and others accepted first by the Boston Redsox. He succeeded in getting the club to acquiesce to a tryout. . .the results of which exceeded his most optimistic projections, but it was to no avail because the Bosox never followed through.

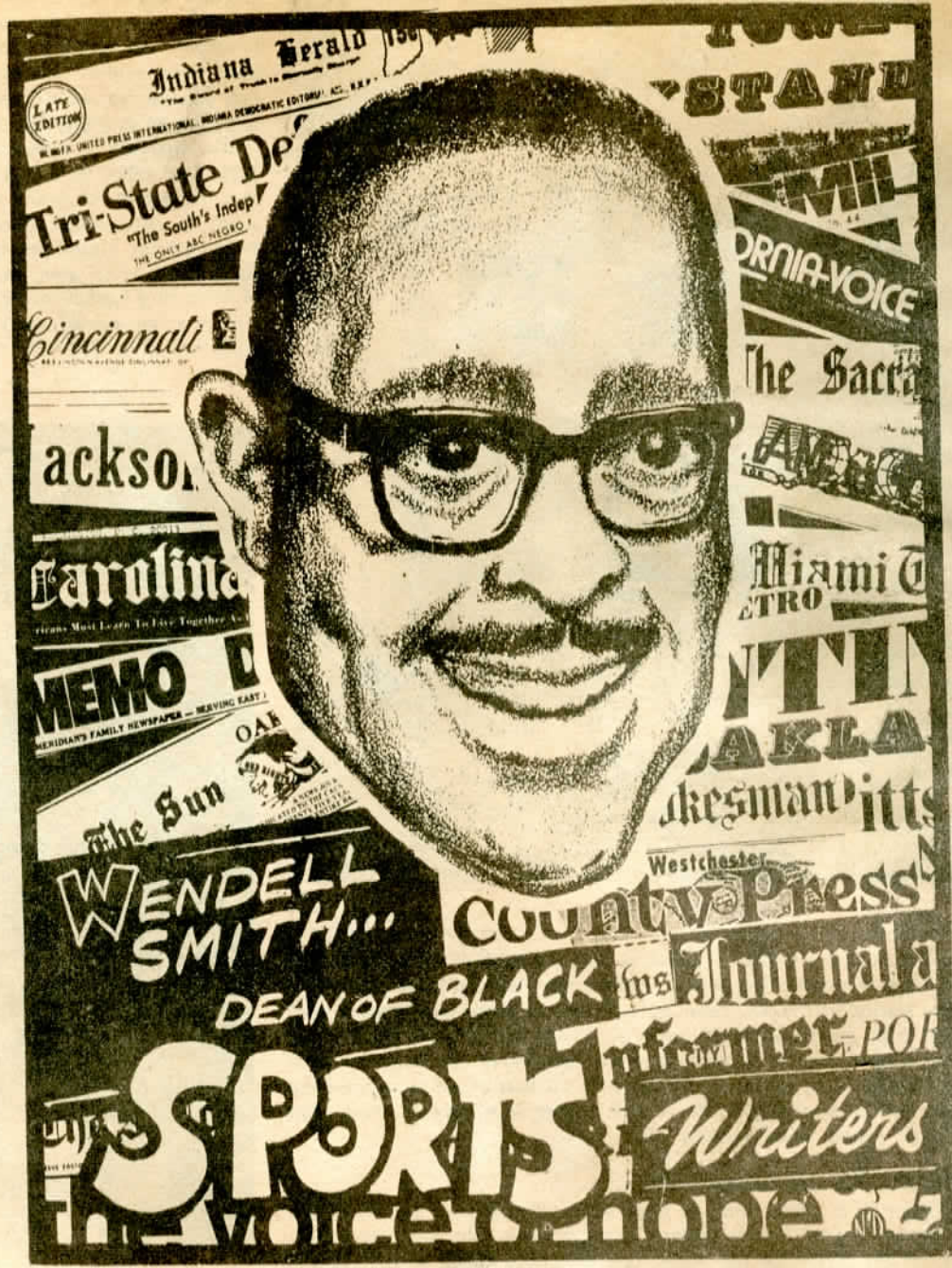
Wendell never stopped his campaign. When the late Branch Rickey contacted him and told of plans to form a Brown Brooklyn Dodgers', it turned out to be the parent Dodgers and Robinson, a UCLA grad and a multi-sports star took from there.

He has been battling cancer succumbing to the dread disease recently.

Smith had migrated to Chicago, where he died. He was sportswriter for the daily Chicago Sun-Times and handled sports over Radio WGN and television (WMMB). In fact he scored a television first for a black writer in 1963 when he inked a three year contract for the CBS Stadium. The end came for the 58 year older on November 26th. He was buried on the 29th.

"I first met Smith in 1942 We covered the Negro East-West baseball game at Comiskey Park," recalls Normal (Tweed) Webb, black baseball historian who served for seven-teen years as the official scorer for the Negro big leagues here.

Their paths crossed again the following year at a similar classic some 52,000 fans jammed Comiskey Park on Chicago's southside . . .the greatest



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crowd to ever witness a Negro baseball game. . .for that one. "He was congenial. . .an outstanding leader in everything connected with good clean athletics," Webb said. "I cannot say enough about him and his great contribution toward the advancement of Negroes in or-

ganized sports. The greatest tribute I can pay is to say that 'A leader has gone', he added.

Smith was a native of Detroit and a graduate of West Virginia State College.

Besides his relentless campaign against baseball. Jim Crow

Smith covered the World Olympics in London, was on the scene for many of Joe Louis famous bouts and became an authority on golf, baseball and track.

He is survived by his wife, the former Wynonella Hicks and son

## Young Mike Jones

A 15-year-old lad had major league circles buzzing here this week. He is six feet, 170-pound Mike Jones who has pitched 14 hitless games this season out in Webster Groves where he plays ball under Irvin Lortz.

The lad is also credited with hitting a ball 447 feet in Brentwood Park where his talents have been on exhibition. Ten scouts were present at Sherman Park earlier this week to watch young Mike's performances. They were in agreement that eventually he will be in the major leagues. Young Mike is one of nine children and reports have it that he has helped out in financial returns

for the family. His father is a laborer in a local industry. Because of this, Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick has declared him a "hardship case" which makes him eligible for signing August 31.

Baseball has come a long way since Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson back in the forties. As one local sportswriter put it a few days ago, the last decade of baseball belongs to the Negro athlete. It has been that record, sparked by Mr. Rickey's courageous move, that gives hope and encouragement to the Mike Joneses. Whether or not young Mike makes the grade is unimportant when viewed in the light that he is qualified—the way is indeed open.

## East-West All-Star Game at Tandy Today

The East-West all-star game in the Tandy Industrial-Luke Easter Baseball Leagues is scheduled at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Tandy Park.

The teams are tied at 10 victories apiece in the annual contest. Since 1947 the West has won six straight to pull ahead in the event. The East won five in a row starting in 1939.

The West is made up of players from Scullin, McDonnell, Missouri Portland, Waldorf and Eighteenth Ward Democrats, all in the Tandy League. Clubs in the Luke Easter loop which will represent the East include Monarchs, Giants, Cubs, Trotters and Cats. Sam Jethroe, Al Smith (now with Cleveland), Jim Pendleton, Easter and



## THE BIG HAND TO FRANK AVERY

Because he came back from exile and embarked on one of the most remarkable pitching feats Tandy League baseball has known.

Because he has a fighting, unselfish heart as big as his body; because he was selected on the all star team, pitching for a low team.

Because he accomplished these things despite the handicap imposed upon him by a polio left leg. This week, the Hot Stove League is pleased to give its 1965 come back outstanding performance, the big hand-to Frank Avery.

Frank Avery, 4248 W Cote Brilliante, age 35 righthander (manager Charles Fayne's Browns in the Tandy League, gave us a thrill we shall long remember. Just think of it, down through his sandlot baseball career, a polio victim is still pitching good baseball. Despite his handicap, he has the "do or die" spirit.

Frank started his career with the 10th district nine in the juvenile league in 1948, and pitched for Summer High school during the four years, displaying sportsmanship and a good curve ball.

The handicap player pitched with such good teams as Giants, Scullin Steel, Mules and Braves. On May 30, he pitched a 5 hitter beating the Dodgers 5-4 at Tandy Park., also drove in the winning run with a single.

Matthew-Dickey Boys Club little league ball has many advantages over sandlot ball in other local areas. The youngsters are taught the fundamentals and many finer points of the game. But, most of all, they are taught sportsmanship.

Right here in our town, we have a well organized little program without politics. Our youngsters are taught how to play the game well and also in football, basketball and soccer.

Quincy Troupe (Cardinal) have played in previous All-Star games.

At noon the old-timers play their annual five-inning star game. Former Negro league stars who will play include Teannie Edwards, Tom I Normal Webb, Bill Drake Brown, Cool Papa Be Walls, Dean Terry, Zomphier and Home Brown.

## 35th Anniversary

# Khoury Dinner 1971 Awards Made

By BILL KERCH

The late George M. Khoury, founder of the leagues that bear his name, would truly have enjoyed the organization's 35th annual anniversary dinner-dance held Sunday night in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. It was a lot of fun.

It also was a step closer to the experiences behind the plate, the dream Khoury had envisioned of building a stadium, which his son, George G. Khoury, hopes will be completed in the near future.

Maurice Karner, international president of the Khoury Leagues told some 600 at the affair that the organization had purchased 48 acres of land for \$68,000. Plans are being laid for the Stadium.

Little plastic bags of dirt from the land were on each table. The bags had a picture of Khoury and were inscribed: "A share of the land acquired, as a reward of the past and the hope of the future."

Among those who received special awards were Mrs. Opal Bryant, as "Mother of the Year"; Eugene Slay as "Man of the Year"; Steve Frank as "Pro Soccer Player of the Year"; first baseman Nate Colbert of the San Diego Padres as "Major Leaguer of the Year," and 16 Meritorious Service recipients.

Rob Bussan, executive...

- KHOURY LEAGUE AWARDS**  
**MAJOR LEAGUER OF YEAR:** Nate Colbert  
**PRO SOCCER PLAYER OF YEAR:** Steve Frank  
**MOTHER OF YEAR:** Mrs. Opal Bryant  
**MAN OF YEAR:** Eugene Slay  
**MERITORIOUS SERVICE:** Pearl Bachman, Sedalia, Mo.; James Bauer, Arnold, Mo.; Jack Clark, Overland; Robert Evrard, Kirkwood; Cletus Hoerner, Belleville; Dave Klasinger, Bowling Green, Mo.; Rev. Herbert Kouff, Aviston, Ill.; Richard Mawdsley, Crestwood; Larry Patterson, Ferguson; Eryn Panhorst, Eads; Pinebluffs Local 562; Milton Roth, Concord Village; Earl Steiner, Highland, Ill.; Donald St. George, Overland; St. Louis Junior Ad. Club; Alvin Wormsley, Vandalia, Mo.



LEON HOWARD DIES

At this writing, I am at Washington Tabernacla Bapt. Church attending the funeral services for Leon T. Howard of 4646 Cottage avenue. Scores of his friends are here.

Mr. Howard, a long-time friend and former teammate, died suddenly last Wednesday morning following a heart attack in his back yard. He was a licensed watchman at Homer G. Phillips Hospital.

Leon played left field for a variety of great semi-pro teams, including the E. St. Louis Giants, Corp. City Stars, St. Louis Cuba and Mound City Stars. He started his baseball career with the St. Louis Pirates Kid Team in 1919. He later played in the Tandy League with Missouri Press Brick and Scullin Steel Mules.

It had been my pleasure to speak to him in front of his home last Tuesday evening. He died the following morning. He was well-liked by his neighbors, always willing to help them in any way.

May we quote this verse written by Emily Dickinson toward a fitting tribute to the part he has played in the community:

"If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
 I shall not have lived in vain;  
 If I can ease, or help one  
 fainting robin, unto his  
 nest again,  
 I shall not have lived in vain."

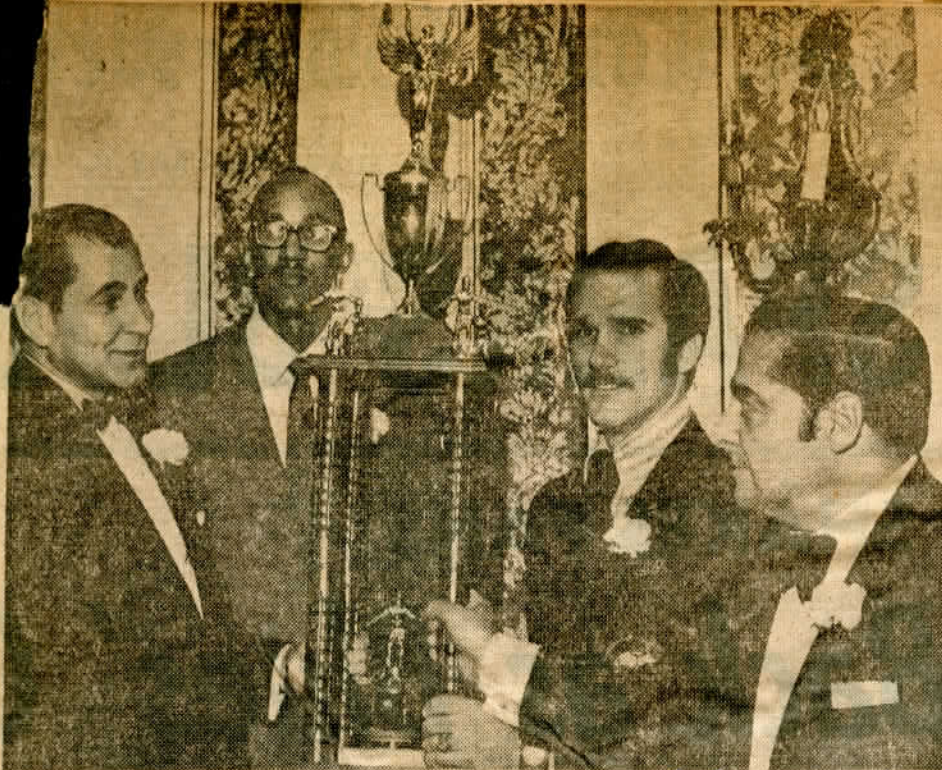
Remains laid in state at Gates Funeral Home all day Saturday as his sudden death was a shock to us all. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery last Monday.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Geraldine Howard, he leaves three brothers: well-known Mario (Barney) Howard, William and Ollie.

OLD JUPE PLUVIUS, who made a shambles of the greatest 16-team St. Louis Tandy traveling League last Sunday, may resent this Sunday long enough to permit sandlotter to open in full bloom this season.

This promises to be one of the most interesting seasons from the opening "Play Ball!" of Charles Zomphier's National Umpires. Action starts Friday, April 30, when the Security Fire Door Tigers battle the newcomer Vikings in an 8 p.m. tilt.

AROUND THE circuit this Sunday, there will be 3 double-headers at the same number of parks. Over in Brooklyn, Ill., the Alton Aces will take on the Hometimers Robins in the 4 p.m. feature; the Securitys meet the Rockets in the 12:45 curtain



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George G. Khoury poses with the recipients of awards at the Khoury Association dinner-dance Sunday night at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. From the left, are Khoury, Jim Colbert, who was receiving an award for his brother, Nate, who was selected the Major League Baseball Player of the Year; Steve Frank of the Stars, Professional Soccer Man of the Year, and Gene Slay, selected Man of the Year, Globe-D

## TANDY LEAGUE GREATS



NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB, baseball reporter for The Argus, played host to many of the great local baseball players who gathered at Tandy Park for the annual "Old Timers Day." Webb originated the Old Timers tradition in 1935. Greats of yesteryear shown here are:

Hubert Dickey, Fred Slaughter, "Cool Papa" Bell, Jerry Butler, Normal "Tweed" Webb, Beverly McNeal, (second row), Eugene Miller, Curtis Mitchell, Bell Drake, Jesse Shook, John Green and Al Jones.



# Cool Papa Bell

Former St. Louis baseball star in the Negro Leagues may some day get due credit in the Hall of Fame but right now he's content to be a night watchman at City Hall and reminisce about the old days

By IRVIN MUCHNICK

Rocky Bridges, a former pitcher of mediocre talent and various employment in both the major and minor leagues, once euphemistically described his off-season job as that of a sanitation engineer. "I dig sewers," he explained.

Such is the prevailing thought upon encountering James (Cool Papa) Bell, a former star in baseball's Negro Leagues before Jackie Robinson broke the tacit color barrier in 1946. He is now 69 years old, is Cool Papa, and he's a night watchman at St. Louis City Hall. No, not a security officer. A night watchman.

The face is a little lined and the eyes are a bit pouchy, but Bell, a handsome man, still has his hair. He could pass for 49 as he sits through the 11-to-7 shift and tells the stories — some true, some apochryphal — which make up the folklore of our national past-time. The swivel chair in which he leans forward for emphasis creaks in a deserted and appropriately darkened hallway.

**HOW DOES A grown man get a nickname like "Cool Papa"?**

"It happened in 1922," recounts Bell, an authority on the subject. "I was just starting with the St. Louis Stars. They put me out there to pitch and they thought I'd be afraid of the crowd. But I wasn't nervous, so they said I was taking it cool.

"The manager of the Stars, Bill Gatewood, said that wasn't a good enough nickname, they had to add something. Somebody added 'Papa' and I was 'Cool Papa.'"

The greatest tragedy of the separate-but-equal status of professional baseball for so many years has been the credibility gap, which historians are closing with only limited success. Records of the Negro Leagues were slipshod or nonexistent.

"Sometimes the newspaper would carry the box scores," says Bell who lives with his wife, Clara, in a North St. Louis flat. "And, sometimes we'd keep our own score-sheets. But it's hard to put everything together now."

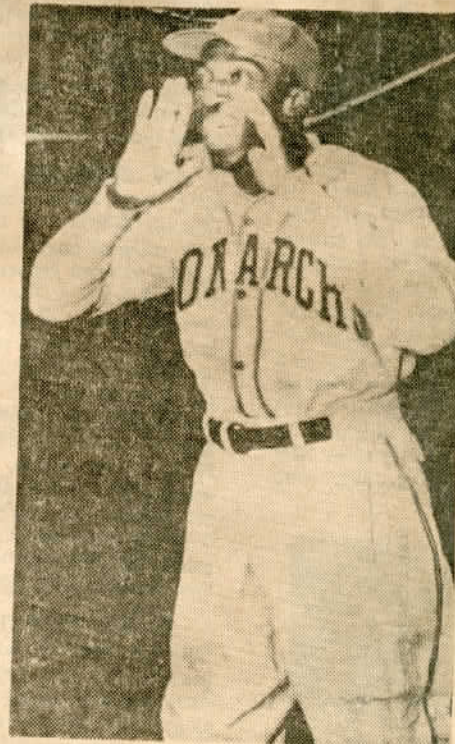
THE GAP CAN work both ways, and the Negro League stars often are made out to be larger than life. There is the nonsense, for example, about Josh Gibson hitting 85 home runs a year. Maybe — in 200 games. Perhaps Satchel Paige did pitch and win 100 games a year — but if he pitched every day he couldn't have been facing major league caliber hitting.

The point is that this statistical overreaction can be as demeaning to the principals as the segregation was before. Time distorts facts and truths become half-truths.

Babe Ruth hit 714 homers in his career. Cy Young won 511 games. Their legends are confined to incidents, like the time Ruth may or may not have called his shot before belting a long one off Charley Root in the 1923 World Series.

Paige, on the other hand, emerges half as a great pitcher and half as a most peculiar American folk hero.

"The smallest target I ever threwed over," he bragged, "was the top offa Coke Cola bottle."



At left is Cool Papa in his watchman's uniform and at right, in his best managerial form with the Kansas City Monarchs' farm club. Among the stars he discovered as manager was Elston Howard and Ernie Banks.

should affectionately be called "disorganized baseball." Bell is best known as a fleet-footed outfielder. The backlog — or blacklog — is tremendous, but someday he will receive well-deserved election into the Hall of Fame, joining contemporaries Paige, Gibson and Buck Leonard. After all, he circled the bases in 12 seconds and never hit less than .308, that's when I was sick in 1945." Another student of black baseball history, John Holway, determined that Bell batted .373 in exhibition games against major leaguers.

**"But I wasn't nervous, so they said I was taking it cool."**

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**"Never hit less than .308, that's when I was sick in 1945."**

COOL PAPA played nearly 30 years. "When I quit it was because it got to the point where baseball was a job. I wasn't getting any fun.

"We traveled everywhere in a bus. We'd arrive in Philadelphia, play a night game, then in the bus and drive all night to Washington, grab an hour of rest and then play a doubleheader. Yeah, it was FUN.

"My highest salary was \$450 a month — for five months. The most I ever heard of was the \$1,000 a month Josh Gibson was getting in '48 when my legs started to

AFTER THE DEMISE of the Stars, Bell's career resembled a dotted line across the map of North America: Detroit Senators; Homestead Grays; eight weeks in the Dominican Republic ("It was kind of a political affair. There were three teams down there, and we won the championship for the dictator, General Trujillo"); Mexico ("I hit .437, an all-time record in the Mexican League"); Chicago American Giants; back to the Homestead Grays; and finally, player-manager of a Kansas City Monarch satellite team.

"I could have played in the major leagues with the Browns. They weren't drawing any people and they were signing up guys just for publicity. I was doing some part-time scouting for the Browns and they wanted me to play — Satchel told them I was better than anybody they had. But I never got a chance to talk to the owner ... can't think of his name ..."

Bill Veeck, perchance?

"Yeah, Bill Veeck."

WHILE MANAGING the Monarch farm club, Bell developed a number of players who would later burst into stardom in the major leagues. Among them were St. Louis' Elston Howard, the New York Yankees' first black, and Ernie Banks, the irrepressible Mr. Cub. Bell passed his top men to the Monarchs' manager, John O'Neill, and O'Neill received the credit for an eventual scouting job with the Cubs.

"But I discovered them," Cool Papa says without rancor.

Cool Papa says everything with a grin. He is a man who played a hard game



Do You Know 1957

That Rev. James E. Cook, pastor of Antioch Baptist church, was president of the Tandy baseball league around 1926.

That principal Clarence E. Hunter, of Banneker grade school, was a fine third baseman during his baseball days.

That Comer L. Cox, who made his name in baseball history at Sumner High and Fisk College, Pullman's at Tandy park and in the pro circles with the Cleveland Stars and Nashville Elite Giants, is now executive secretary of the Booker T. Washington Center in Erie, Penn.

That Jordan Chambers of the People's Burial League and by profession, used to be a baseball manager.

That Earl Cook, head usher at Pleasant Green Baptist church, was an outstanding second baseman in semi-pro ranks.

That artist Voris Dickerson, former Sumner high and Iowa college football star, played shortstop in the Tandy League around 1926.

That Paul Farbusch, ex-fireman, played third base in semi-pro and Tandy league teams in the roaring '20's.

That President Mitchell Light, of the 20th Century social club, played in the Tandy League from 1923-1926.

That Cornel "Red" DeBerry, outstanding pitcher and outfielder of the famous Broomer Tailor is now a first class Landscaper and Gardener out in Webster Grove.

That Edward Dixon, one of the most colorful first basemen in the Tandy League, is now a bartender in a first class hotel out in Denver. Now he is a big fellow of 175 lbs.

That Ely Chism, John Hundley and Adolph Fisher, are top bowlers at the Bowl-O-Crat, were former baseball players. Chism and Hundley played in the Negro baseball league.

That Lefty Irving Vincent, former mail clerk, was often recognized as one of the best amateur pitchers produced in St. Louis around 1926. He compiled a remarkable record as follows: won 12, lost 10, pitched a no-hitter, six shut-outs and struck out 170 batters.

That Lester Pearson, ex-baseball star and Sumner High all-around athlete, is now a resident of Los Angeles.

That Bill Drake, famous old St. Louis Stars pitcher, born in Sedalia, Missouri, is often seen around Vandeventer and Finney avenues.

That Leslie Lindsay, former pool shooting shark and infielder, has been a chauffeur for the past 18 years?

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Negro Stars Keeping 1950 Sox on Tees

In talking to colored players, the "we'll try anything once" Chicago White Sox are looking forward to big turnouts this season, and newly-installed manager Paul Richards will try to make pennant contenders out of last year's seventh placers. I suppose the owners were thinking about a certain Sunday turnout on May 15, 1949, when Larry Doby and the Cleveland Indians played a doubleheader before 53,325 eye-popping fans, biggest baseball turn-out in Chicago history. Last year the club made a demand for good, young players in building the White Sox for the future. The Sox owner said: "Whether they're white or black makes no difference. If Boyd or Hairston make good they'll come up." He went on further and said: "We will not sign a Negro just for the sake of helping the gate. That would be cheap and phony." In his most recent outburst of putting "we'll try anything, once" in operation, the high-g geared general manager, Frank Lan, should be congratulated on the employment of many race men and women around his park, including colored trainers, ground keepers, vendors, park helpers and baseball scouts.

If Negro scout John Donaldson was serious in saying that Bob Boyd right now is better than first baseman Gordon Goldsberry or Eddie Robinson and that he will outdo Larry Doby and Jackie Robinson in the major league, he surely isn't saying much for himself as a baseball scout. For of all Boyd will have to be a super-man to outdo Larry or Jackie. I know great interest will be given Boyd by the White Sox, whose home grounds are in the middle of a Negro (South Side) community, where a Negro in their line-up would be a great drawing card at Comiskey Park. Negro fans always did support the White Sox in great numbers. The White Sox are badly in need of a hard-hitting first baseman and will most likely string along with Goldsberry, youngster who divided last season between the Sox and Oakland and Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league. However, I think the club will carry Boyd and play him in different spots. Gene Hairston, Negro catcher, formerly of the Indianapolis Clowns, is also in the Sox camp.

Gibson, Campinello, Dandridge, Bankhead, Hughes, Hilton Smith, and many more greats. Watch for this game soon.

CARL WHITNEY

That Carl Whitney boy is doing all right. That's mighty good news to the home town folks who are pulling their hearts out for old Carl Whitney to make good with the New York Black Yankees this season. Our Carl, the slugging outfielder and first baseman, has caught the fancy of the Harlem fans by his hustling style of play. He is off to a fine start in his first major league year. Carl Whitney known as a hard playing ball player around this town in his St. Louis Giants days is really living up to this writer's predictions.



EVERYBODY HAS THEIR FAVORITE

THE RABID baseball fan's life begins this week. So it's "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" that they are singing. It's the beginning of a red hot pennant race in both leagues. To me, there is no sweeter sound than the crack of the bat against the old horsehide; no prettier picture than a pitcher burning in his fast one and no greater joy than to be at a good ball game. Spring is the sudden sprouting of small boys in rural fields and dusty city lots, arguing over safe or out. Spring is the return of brilliant constellations, when Robinson Doby, Ralph Kiner and Musial starting rising in the sky. When I was a little kid my favorite ball player was "Babe" Ruth... George Herman Ruth was the greatest figure in the history of the game. Still the unsurpassed holder of dozens of records, his home run hitting changed the entire sport and gave modern baseball its present appeal.

Many colored fans throughout the city adore the Cardinals because they have a good team. Naturally, most colored fans pull for the teams that have their race stars on them. Last Friday, while roving about town I heard the following conversation: Johnny Martin, a truck driver for a super market on Grand is a passionate colored baseball fan. He spends most of his waking hours and many of his sleeping hours urging the Brooklyn Dodgers on toward the National League pennant. Johnny's boss, a smiling Italian, good-natured fellow, is an uncompromising admirer of the St. Louis Cardinals and their big batting star, Stan Musial. Everyday, despite a busy store, they argue bitterly about the merits and shortcomings of the two teams.

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Newcombe, Campanella To Nashua 1946

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Roy Campanella, the best hitting catcher in Negro baseball, and husky Donald Newcombe, young righthanded pitcher, are the newest Negro players in organized baseball. They were both assigned to the Nashua, New Hampshire, member of the New England League, last week by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Campanella is the better known of the two, having played the past six years with the Baltimore Elite Giants of the Negro National League. One of the most consistent hitters in the game, Campanella has spent most of his time the past two years playing the outfield for Baltimore. But he was a catcher originally and will play that position for the Nashua nine this summer. He is 25 years of age.

Newcombe is a 22-year-old pitcher and regarded by many as the most promising hurler in Negro baseball. While pitching for the Newark Eagles last season he won eight and lost three in Negro National League competition. A native of Elizabeth, N. J., Newcombe has a blazing fast ball and sharp curve.

DISCOVERED BY SUKEFORTH

Both Campanella and Newcombe are the discoveries of Clyde Sukeforth, ex-big league star and now the No. 1 scout of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He is also the scout that "tracked down" Jackie Robinson and Johnny Wright of the Montreal Royals for the Brooklyn organization last year.

Campanella slugged the ball at a .371 pace in the Negro National league last season and during the past winter played in Caracas, Venezuela, with Jackie Robinson. He was signed by the Dodger organization before he left for South America, but the story was "smothered" until last week.

Clyde Sukeforth, here in Daytona Beach helping to supervise the camp drills of the Montreal Royals, thinks both Campanella and Newcombe will eventually move up in the Brooklyn organization.

"Campanella is a good receiver and impresses me as a capable hitter. There is no reason why he should not make good in the New England League. If he proves he has the stuff, he will be promoted to one of our Class 'A' of 'AA' Clubs."

The Brooklyn scout also thinks Newcombe will do all right in the Class "B" loop with Nashua.

"He has all the makings of a great pitcher," Sukeforth said. "He is young, has a good fast ball and sharp breaking curve ball. All he needs is a little experience."

Sukeforth said he saw both Newcombe and Campanella perform last season while playing at the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds.

Branch Rickey, originally had decided to place his latest Negro "rookies" with Danville of the Three-Eye League. For some unknown reason, however, he changed his mind in favor of Nashua.

CAMPANELLA'S BATTING RECORD  
AB. R. H. 2B 3B HR RBI SB. A+  
151 34 56 21 4 1 29 4 57

NEWCOMBE'S PITCHING RECORD  
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BANK THE 61st BALL

Ran across an interesting item last Saturday in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, "The Mirror of Public Opinion" column, which is both timely and inspiring. It concerns Baseball's role in integration, that should be an interesting and exemplary article to all readers, it went on to tell how Negro players help the gates in the Texas league and how George Trautman, president of the Cotton State League, ruled that no player could be barred from organized baseball because of color, race or creed—very good reading.

Not since the days of the immortal Babe Ruth have Windy City fans been as enthusiastic about a slugger's prospect as they are about young Ernie Banks. Ernie tags a ball with all the old time authority of yesterday's fence busters even before setting a new major league record for home runs hit by a shortstop.

Stan Hack, Banks' manager who in seasons past liked to go to bat when a hit meant the ball game gets a kick now watching his 24 year old shortstop develop under his teaching. Hack along with other experts tabs Banks as a coming challenger for Babe's record of 60 home runs.

There are baseball fans around Chicago who are proud to tell you "I remember seeing Arky Vaughan in the first game he ever played at Wrigley field, others are properly chesty about having seen Old Luke Appling make his debut at Comiskey park two fine hitting shortstops.

Now Chicago fans have two of the best shortstops in the business, in Banks and Chico Carrasquell, both can make that difficult play far to the right behind the third baseman (in the hole) and make the clothes line throw to first in time to get the surprised batter.

But for a boy to step in among seasoned big leaguers and do the job Banks has done in such a short time without minor league experience stamps him as a young man with a big future in the national game.

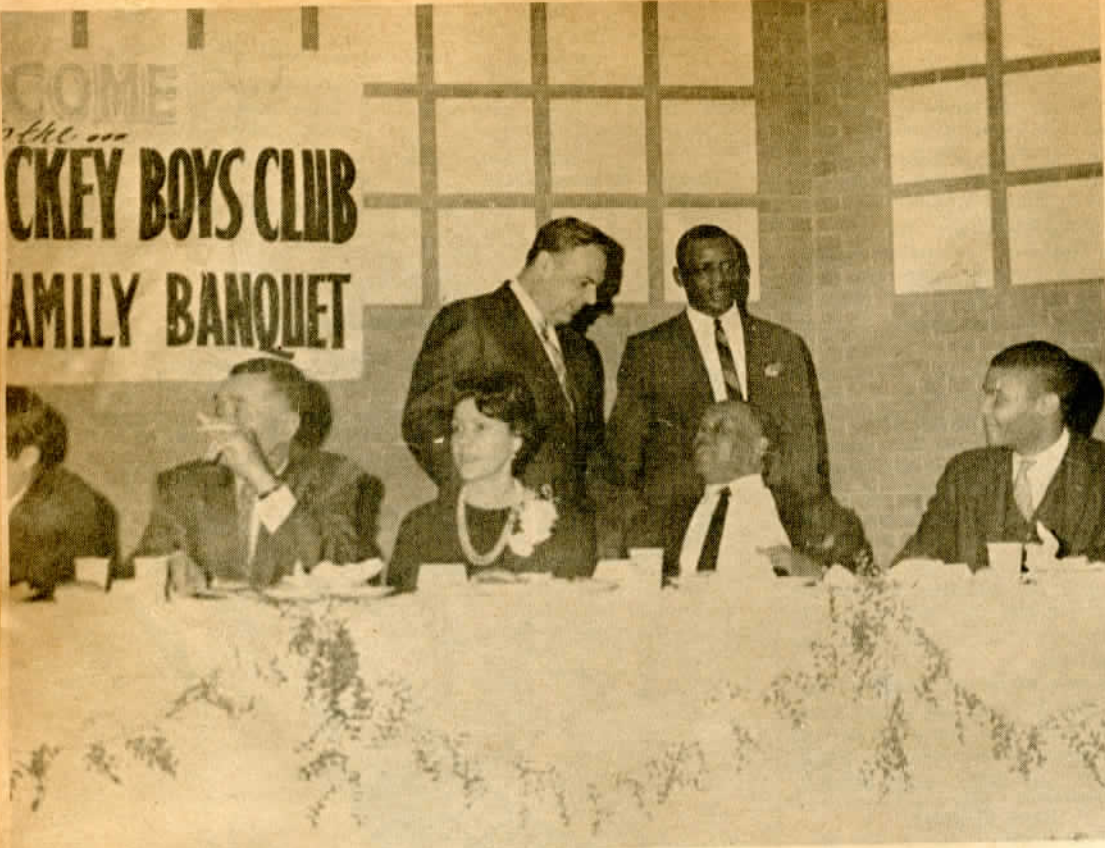
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FAMILY BANQUET



# Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club's Benefit Dinner Resplendent With Dignitaries And Awards

One thousand enthusiastic guests packed the UAW Hall on Goodfellow Avenue last week for the 6th Annual Benefit Family Dinner of the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club, honoring various sports celebrities, community personalities and deserving boys who were being rewarded for their talents in furthering the purpose and aims of the club's credo.

The huge audience expressed tremendous appreciation and humility to those honored guests as they rose to accept individual awards for meritorious service to the Mathew-Dickey program.

Mrs. T. D. McNeal served as Honorary Chairman of the Dinner.

Mr. Richard H. Amberg, Publisher, Globe Democrat, in delivering the principle address, praised Martin Mathews and Hubert "Dickey" Ballentine for their untiring efforts in building the bases of a good community by turning young men into the hope of society and challenged them to continue to be a bulwark against despair, crime and frustration among our younger generation.

Mr. Amberg headed a distinguished list of honored guests, who received awards for their contributions to the community in general and the Boy's Club in particular, that included State Senator T. D. McNeal, Captain Tom Brooks, Me-

ropolitan Police Department, City Public Welfare Director, Arthur Kennedy, Normal "Tweed" Webb, St. Louis Argus Sports columnist, Taylor Fields, Missouri University student and Frank Joyner, Sumner High School faculty member.

Krim Ballentine, Director of Public Relations, presented Honorary Life Memberships to Robert B. Morrow, President of Burkhart Manufacturing Company, Bob Russell of Russell's Sporting Goods, Rev. Earl Nance, Pastor of Mt. Carmel Church and Captain Tom Brooks, St. Louis Police Department.

Several hundred guest made financial contributions to the Boy's Club after having listened to several speakers point out the urgent need for the stability of the organization's influence in our community.

Over 150 boys were honored for their leadership among their group. Each expressed a desire to see every boy in the area become a member.

Mrs. Rosa Trice supervised the banquet arrangements.



**SPECIAL GUESTS:** celebrities from all segments of the community were evident at the Mathew-Dickey dinner. In the upper right corner picture Krim Ballentine is shown standing with Mayor Al Cervantes as the Mayor tells a tall tale to Captain Tom Brooks seated. Other honored guests include C. Morrow of the Burkhart Mfg. Company, State Senator T.D. McNeal,

Mrs. T.D. McNeal, Honorary Chairman, Captain Brooks and P. Fulton Urban League Executive. In the bottom left photo, Co-founders, Martin Mathews and Hubert "Dickey" Ballentine, acknowledges the applause of the enthusiastic audience after presenting an award to Mrs. Lowell.

## BRAMES OILERS—

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teams playing sloppy ball on the field in spots. Brames used three pitchers; however, James "Fireman" Cole went to the front for the Yanks and was touched for 13 hits, good for 26 bases.

**Wheeler Yank's Hero** 1947  
Leon Wheeler sprinkled himself with star dust for the losers by hitting a home run and two singles, drove in five runs and scored four himself. While the Yanks' battery, Cole and West, split six hits between them, third baseman (half pint) Merrell handled nine chances at third in big league fashion. At the ceremonies honoring Brames Oilers, a trophy perpetuating the memorable 1946 Tandy Champions was presented to Tom Brooks and owner Bill Brames (a swell fellow), whose team only lost one game all season in the Tandy Loop. John Buckner, Branch Russell and Normal "Tweed" Webb, league officials, took part in the ceremony.

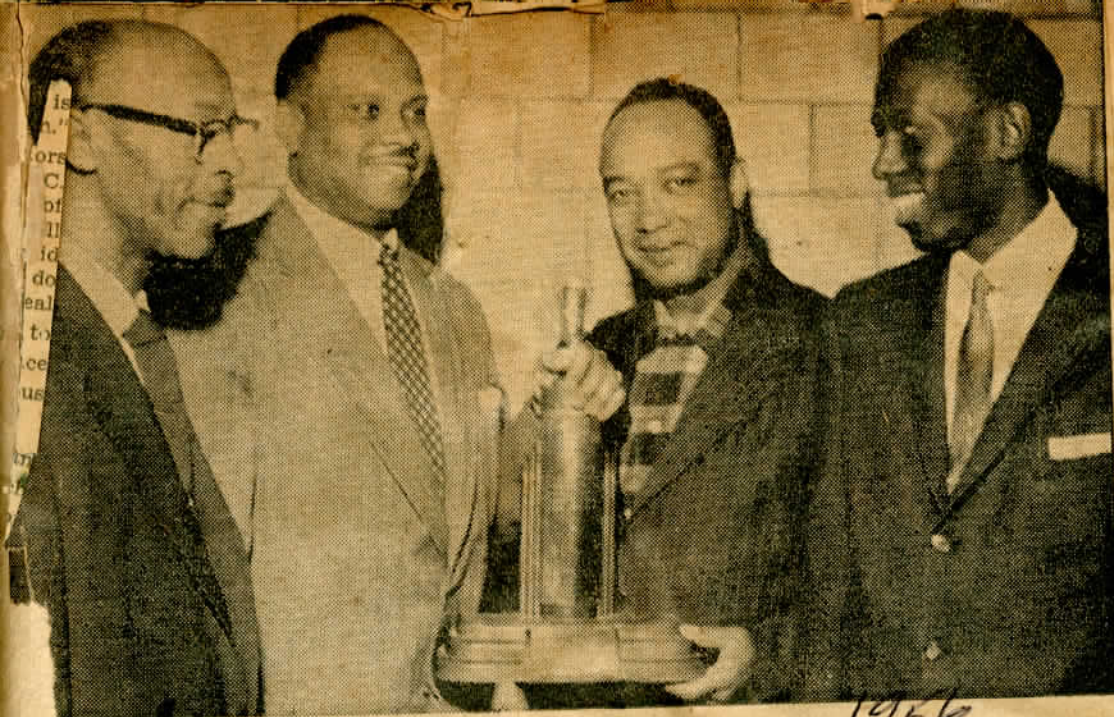
Veterans Harry Hollands, Rabbit Wells and Sam Westbrook were the umpires. So, in closing we saw the great James Cole, the "Fireman" who failed to put out the fire but well came back in the second game

## OLD TIMERS CLUB

At the Tandy Center every Wednesday evening, where you meet such well known characters in the Old Timers Baseball Players and Fans Association meeting such as Charles Zomphier, president; Alinzo Hereford, vice president; Luther Lane, Dean Terry, Walter Francis, William Boswell, Lewis Williams, William Waters, Richmond Smith, Willie Coker and James Pope.

The object of the club is to recreate a better relationship among former baseball players, boost, aid and assist young, promising and aggressive players of today. The membership is open to any old time player or fan who wishes to cooperate. It is a non-profit organization. Words are inadequate to express how I regret that my GI schooling will not permit me to attend the weekly meetings. However, I will join them the way I have.

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TO RIGHT: Branch Russell, supervisor of Municipal Recreation; Lt. Thomas E. Brooks, vice president of Tandy Athletic Assn.; Frank Edwards, manager of St. Louis Braves, Tandy's Manager of the Year; and Clarence Cook, player, St. Louis Dodgers, Tandy's Rookie of the Year.

## Gleghorn, Edwards, Cook Win Tandy Baseball Awards

By NORMAL WEBB  
 Gilford Gleghorn, quick and durable pitcher of the Braves, was named the Tandy leagues Most Valuable Player for 1956 in one of the most one sided votings in the 34 year history by the managers and this writer.

The story of Gleghorn's brilliant performance was the highlight of local baseball last year. One of the versatile players developed in some years, he pitched the Braves to the pennant, played part-time in right field and batted .441 fourth best in the league. He also was one of the leading pitchers with an 8-2 record and single handed beat the Giants in the City Championship playoffs. Moreover he was a great source of moral strength when the Braves seemingly overwhelming big lead began to wither away in the face of the Scullin Steels amazing stretch drive.

Teannie Edwards, sole owner of the Braves was named the manager of the year. He has five championships to his credit since 1950. Up to date his Braves have won four flags and in 1953 he led Scullin to their seventh title.

Veteran Edwards better known "Teannie" has infused a New York Yankee type of spirit into his teams. The first thing he

tells them, is you work hard at this game and you'll win something, above all remember there is no fun in losing.

Clarence Cook of the Dodgers and one of the most promising youngsters from Summer high school won the Rookie of the year award. Read Hot Stove league on the story of Cook.

These three Tandy stars received all of the Ballots in the voting.

1956  
**Robins Win Title**  
 The Brooklyn Robins won the championship of the Muncy Baseball Association's Metropolitan League by outlasting the Dodgers, 15-14, yesterday at Brooklyn, Ill.



Red Quinn handles himself like a veteran, however like all the rest he must improve his hitting. Quinn has the power in his well-built, 170 pounds, five feet, eight-inch frame. His fielding is great for a sandlotter. He's likeable and the record book shows he has that spark to be rated among the best in the loop.

Write or call FO. 6304-4374 Enright—Normal "Tweed" Webb.



### DOWN MEMORY LANE IN T. L. MOST VALUABLE

Reflecting over the 14 most valuable players that have been selected in the past at Tandy Park is a pleasant reminiscence. It started back in 1940 when the Argus Sports writers made the first pick and during the war there was no selections by the group.

Last season one of the most colorful players turned out to be a pitcher who was called in from the bench as a pinch hitter and also played part time in right field. Gilford Gleghorn of the Braves batted .441 and was sensational in the city play offs.

Consistency it is said is the hall mark of a successful player therefore it was inevitable that Bob Everett and Harry Haskins of the Scullin nine have eventually distinguished themselves as the most valuable players since 1952. However last year hustling Haskins had a poor season while Big Everett and his big bat add the final garnishment to a team's reputation for consistency down through the years. Six times a Scullin player has won the Argus award.

Previous winners of the Tandy league most valuable players are John Green, 1940; John Brown, 1941; Quincy Smith, 1942; William Pickett, 1946; Nathaniel Crump, 1947; Lionel Horton, 1948; Richard Fowler, 1949; Doc Bracken, 1950; Kirkwood Mitchell, 1951; Doc Bracken, 1952; Harry Haskins, 1953; Bob Everett, 1954; Harry Haskins, 1955; Gilford Gleghorn, 1956.

Down thru the years some of these names do not appear in the National Umpires and Tandy AA most valuable selections.

Write or call Normal Webb—A Enright — FO. 7-63040.

### ROGERS and HARRIS, BURKART and HARRIS.

1946  
 made the next two hitters pop out to end the game. Pullmans 8, Old Timers 7.

Chip Lane was the batting star of the day as he pounded out three hits in five trips to the plate. "Strong Arm" Thompson was still the ball hawk that he was years ago. The Pullmans kept their good record by beefing all day, of course it wouldn't be the Pullmans if they didn't.

The first game of this series was played some six years ago but the President of the league says that it will be an annual game from now on. "To me this was better than sitting in on one of the big time games, and just think it was all for nothing," John Buckner stated.



### Season' Greetings 1959 Dear Santa Claus:

It's been a long time since you have brought me any toys, but I've got a lots of important things to ask you for this Christmas, so please be nice to me, Santa. First, please tell all of my Hot Stove League fans I said hello and that I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year with some great local baseball next season.

Oh Santa! please give Al Smith of the Mmerican League champion White Sox a 1960 Cadillac for a great season with the "hitless wonders." Don't forget to give my boys big Luke Easter, James Fendelton and Earl "Mickey" Taborn also something nice for having turned in a fine year in pro-ball.

Then, if it is not too much bother, please Santa, bring along another Cadillac for Elston Howard of the New York Yankees.

Naturally Santa Claus, little by little, day by day, we are getting close to the 1960 baseball season, and please don't forget to bring the Metropolitan and Tandy league some more outstanding youngsters for next spring.

This will be all that I want for Christmas, Santa. Thank you so much, Santa.

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### war in 1915. The 1943 question is "what will happen to Negro war-time baseball?"

1943  
**"LEFTY" ROBERT WHITLOCK**  
 This is a hock of a time of the year to be writing about July 4, but you have to go around fire-cracker day to check up on this "Hot Stove" gossip in the Tandy League.

The Burkart Panthers were rather slow in getting started last season, and in the first half split season only won two games. However, the Burkarts came back in the second half to finish second behind the Scullin Steel nine. You may recall that the Panthers won three of their games in the ninth inning with sensational rallies and also defeated the strong Cosmopolitan Stars to clinch second place.

Their sensational climb was due in no small measure to the about-face of Pitcher Whitlock. They failed to rate Lefty Robert Whitlock high with the other Tandy good pitchers last season, but, in the East-West Classic in the last inning, he showed the local fans the experts made a mistake by not "itching him

# Tardy Race Wide Open

1957  
All four teams are keyed up for the last chance with only five more games remaining in the second half race of the Tandy Industrial league and outstanding teen age players like King, Hubbard, Bradley and Lyles were inspired by 20 year old Willie Mays and played like veterans. We saw the race thrown into a wide open affair last Sunday as the Braves and Dodgers won close ball games to celebrate Joe Essens' Day. With commissioner John D. Buckner acting as the spokesman, Tandy fans, former team mates of the famous Union Electric nine and members of the Tandy Athletic association baseball league gave the former announcer and player, Joe Essens, a large number of gifts.

The man who helped build up the league and gave publicity to many local ball players was introduced and spoke before many old timers with almost tears in his eyes in a short but sweet ceremony which had been designed as his day. He threw out the first ball of the game and it brought back memories of the good old days. There were many of the old ville ball yards former stars on hand for the big day.

## Missouri Valley Strong

Gibbie Meeks belted a single to center with two men on and none out in the ninth inning to give Missouri Valley Dodgers a 7-6 victory over Scullin Steel. Orsatti Pickett was the winner in relief, yielding no hits and striking out five in the last three innings. Luke Holton was the starting pitcher. James Williams, Scullin's ace was the jostling pitcher as he fell apart in the ninth inning. Peanuts Wheeler doubled, pinch hitter John Brooks beat out an infield hit and Gibbie Meeks singled in the winning run. Crump and Mingo led the Scullin's attack.

The Braves spotted the Waldorf cleaners two runs in the first inning and going into the ninth behind 9-7 battled their shovels the winning run across the plate for the Braves. The game was packed with thrill after thrill as the Cleaners outbit the Braves 14-6 including Bradley's double, Beeks three singles and Mitchell's two singles. However, Dan Wilson's big bat and clever baserunning featured the Braves attack. Ivory Brown's error in the ninth pushed across the winning tally for the Braves as Don Wilson raced home.

The umpires were Sam Westbrook, James Whiteside and Al Britton Scott.

The American League's fiery genius and great individualist...that was Tyrus Raymond Cobb of the Detroit Tigers.

Great hitter and base stealer, fleet fielder and opportunist, he was baseball's greatest student, possessed of a keen and nimble mind that was the prime factor in his domination of the game for more than a score of years.

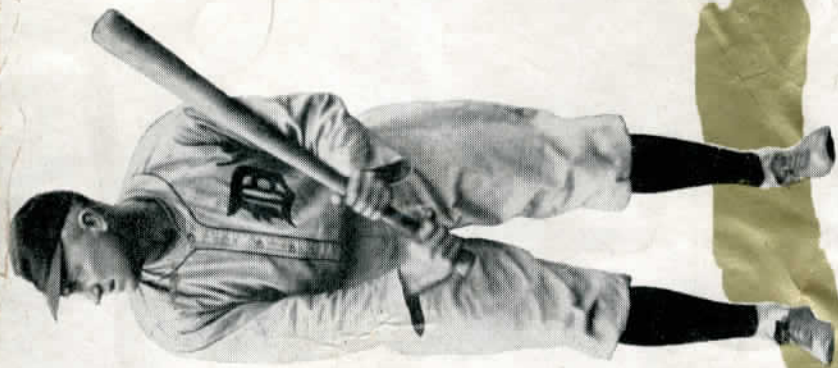
The old argument as to who was greater, Babe Ruth or Ty Cobb, never will end...Comparison pays high tribute to each, but where The Babe was the man with the bludgeon, Ty wielded the rapier, swiftly and cleverly...Daring, imaginative and determined, he upset batteries and infields and even, at times, the fans themselves...Never was there anything orthodox or prosaic about his play, which ended with his name dotting the record books, with his all-time major league batting average of .367 standing unchallenged, with his name enshrined as league batting champion no fewer than 12 years out of 13 campaigns.

The greatest and fiercest competitor that the American League, and possibly all baseball, ever knew, Ty was at his best with the pressure heavily on him...Brilliant always, he had the ability to rise with the odds against him...He hated to lose, he dreaded defeat...Those phobias made him what he was, the spark and flame of the diamond.

A star which always will shine steadily above the American League horizon—That was "The Georgia Peach," Ty Cobb.



Here he comes! Ty roaring into third in 1912 on the famous play that spiked Frank (Home-Run) Baker's forearm and added coals to the red-hot feud between the Tigers and Athletics of those years.



...A .367 lifetime hitter. Twelve times League Batting King.



Young Ty on the day he joined the Detroit club in August, 1905, talking things over with Manager Bill Armour. At left, third baseman Bill Coughlin. Shortly afterward on Aug. 30, in his first game for the Tigers, Ty doubled off New York's great spitballer, Jack Chesbro, for two runs in his first trip to the plate.



Many of our Readers since last Week, who have followed Negro baseball played at Sportsman Park since 1941, have often thought of other big games before the Jackie Robinson' days.

We remember in 1944, the Clowns and Cuban Stars drew a record 31,000 fans.

In 1941, the first all colored game was held when the Chicago American Giants played the Kansas City Monarchs. Over 21,000 fans attended the game won by the Monarchs, 2-1.

In the fall of the same year, Bob Feller and Satchel Paige met before 10,124 fans; the Major League All Stars won, 4-1/2.

In 1942, the New York Black Yankees and the Birmingham Barons drew 10,000.

Two years later we had our record crowds,

In 1946, over 20,000 fans saw the Homestead Grays trounce the Cleveland Buckeyes 12-2. That was the night the game was held up for one hour and 38 minutes due to the heavy downpour of rain.

The late, famous Josh Gibson's 420 foot home run featured the contest. Our own Dan Wilson, had four hits for the Grays.

In 1947, teams including the Clowns, Monarchs, Giants, Grays and Black Barons, drew large crowds on three dates; over 52,000 attended two double headers and a single game.

On July 8, the Monarchs and Chicago American Giants split a twin-bill before 15,000 and the home folks saw Earl (Mickey) Taborn, formerly of the Tandy League catching for the Monarchs.

In 1948, the Monarchs swept both ends of a double header from the Clowns, 4-2 and 9-2, before 15,800 fans. This was the last largest crowd.

However, late in the season the Monarchs defeated the Clowns 9-5 and 9-2, before 7,000 fans. Games that drew less are not listed down through the years.

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**CLARENCE COOK HAS GREAT POTENTIAL**

The biggest vote getter in balloting for a Rookie of the Year award you'd think would be the .375 hitter, or home run hitter or perhaps the 20 game winner. Usually this is true in any baseball league from the majors to the class D league, the rookie who is the choice of most baseball officials or sports writers is the promising hitter or the wall busting slugger or the brilliant pitcher.

But a young man from Theodis Lyles, Dodgers, better known at Sumner high school for his football prowess has provided an exception to the rule in the Tandy league last season.

For Clarence Cook who was supposed to attend the Arkansas State college on a football scholarship was the choice of all managers and this writer after the votes had been counted, and Clarence was hitting only .300. He is a better hitter than his average indicates. Infielder Cook is a wonderful prospect for organized ball, a boy with great potential. However he still needs a good deal of sandlot ball experience but he has everything else, he has a good throwing arm, speed and spirit.

After his first season at the old Ville ball yard hustling Cook said, "I am considering to be a professional baseball player when I finish college." He will major in cabinet making and carpentry. His mother is Mrs. Sammie Cook of 5609 St. Louis ave.

Write or call Normal Webb — 4574



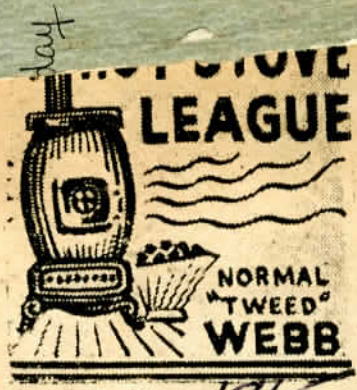
**IT WON'T BE LONG NOW**

Increased Tandy Industrial Baseball league interest among the fans is reflected in the Major league's spring training season, as the months have flown by and everybody is waiting for the opening date which may be around May 9. It was decided at the first preliminary organization meeting on Sunday, February 7, at Tandy Center, that a better brand of ball is promised out at the old ville ball yard this season, and a stimulation of interest is expected to result. When the St. Louis Cardinals hit the road, many local fans will turn to the Munny league games on Sundays. Taking all things into consideration, I believe the Tandy loop will really have something on the ball to show the fans this year.

Tremendous efforts will be put forth toward a general improvement. So, come on over to the old ville ball yard whenever the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants are not in town. The 1954 Tandy Athletic Association senior baseball league officials still remains the same. Otis E. Finley, president; Thomas E. Brooks, vice president, and John D. Buckner, executive secretary.

Words are inadequate to express our deepest sympathy to Bill Kerch, St. Louis Globe-Democrat sports writer, who's mother passed last Friday and was buried this week. Bill Kerch is in charge of all Munny league sports publicity write ups box scores and Minor league doings. In the past, Bill has interviewed many Negro sports figures. Kerch said pitcher Doc Brackens, in his prime, could have made the Major league.

Some baseball fans are kneading the New York Yankees for letting Negro first sacker-outfielder Vic Powers go in a 13 player swap with the A's. The trade saw first sacker Eddie Robinson and leader Harry



**Dear Santa Claus: 1965**

It has been a long time since you brought me any toys, but I have a lot of important things to ask for this Christmas, so please be nice to me and everybody else, Santa.

First, please tell all my Hot Stove League fans I said hello and that I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and some great baseball in the Tandy League next year. Give Nathan Colbert, Frank Pickens and Ezell Carter some swell presents for having turned in a great season in minor league baseball last season. Now Santa, I know you are a busy fellow these days, but please don't forget to bring some money to help the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club in their \$25,000 fund raising drive.

Oh, please Santa, visit Charles Zomphier, Commissioner of the National Umpires' association. He is a shut in. Naturally Santa Claus, we are getting closer and closer to the 1966 baseball season and don't forget to bring some gifts for our tandy league officials, Captain Tom Brooks, president Levert Ranson; executive secretary William Boswell and treasurer Jesse Hester. Oh, Santa I almost forgot the Tandy managers such as Fred Roberts, Harry Haskins, Bobby Hall, Gibbie Meek, Tom Lyles, Ted Barrett, Marion Tillard, William Clay, James Wall, Bob Everett, Roosevelt Robinson, Charles Fayne, Edward Smith, Laverne Mason, Wendell Johnson, Arthur Hawkins, and Robert Fowler.

That will be all for Christmas, Santa. Thank you so very much. Normal "Tweed" Webb 4574 Enright

**in 1946 Classic**

By NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB  
Last Sunday in historic beautiful Fairground Park, a great team from East of Grand boulevard out played a supposed to be power team from the West in The St. Louis Argus 14th Annual East-West classic. A roaring throng of 1,000 (colored and white) fans saw two costly errors that gave the East their two runs, one in the second by Paul Saunders, allowing Buckner to score what proved to be the winning run and in the third pitcher Robert Whitlock's error letting in Banks with the East's second run. The last thing about the West was their pitching, however, it didn't compare with the East's three hurlers. Overloaded with power hitters—Mighty men of swat in the Tandy league who were expected to blast the West to victory with towering drives to distant regions of this spacious Munny ball diamond, failed to hit, lacked spirit to win, and never did try to beat out a bunt, after looking like softball hitters. Manager Chink McDonald had his boys playing heads-up baseball and every move he made was perfect. Here's to a great team and a great manager.

**"Fireman" Cole Tops**  
Let's call pitcher Cole "Fireman" because he can stop a rally—smiles. During the three innings he worked, Cole was great.

He simply rared back and fired that blinding fast ball at the big sluggers from the West and sent them back in order. Carl Whitney's long triple was the only hit he gave up. However, John Green hit a fly ball that second baseman Staton missed after hitting his hand and got a runner. Staton got an error because he did touch the ball and also preventing right fielder Carter from making a play. The combined pitching talents of Cole, Robinson and Stephens was too much for the West. And we don't care who the West had on their bench.

**Ted Robinson Tough**  
If the West thought they were going to fare any better with E. St. Louis Colts' Ted Robinson, who took up where Cole left off, they were sadly mistaken. The smart right hander pitched right in Cole's footsteps as he mowed them down effectively with a good sinker and a fast ball, fanning four batters. He pitched the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. A double left field by Paul Saunders was all the West could accomplish. Had it not been for the exceptional play made by little on the big second baseman, Staton on the famous Black Yanks, Norman Young would have had a hit in the sixth. The infield of Buckner, Staton, Bowers and Chism played sharp and fast. Meantime, while Cole and Robinson were baffling the West sluggers, pitchers Whitlock and Ben Smith, were pitching great ball for the West. Ben Smith didn't allow a hit in the three innings he worked in striking out four batters. Len Wright and Wren were the West's other pitchers doing all right. Marshall Riddles left the game after being hit by a pitched ball.

**Robert Stephens Stars**  
When Robert Stephens took over the pitching in the seventh for East, the West after one man was out, tried to start a rally



Dear Santa Claus:  
The old year is about to go by in these days of the atom bomb are emotions that grip our people—fear of the future. We do not know what lies just ahead, however, Dear Santa Claus, first on the list could you bring Christmas in spirit everyday to our troubled world?

Next on the list: Santa please give Quincy Troupe a Cadillac for a job well done as a scout. Troupe, as you know, is a member of the Cardinal scouting system and undoubtedly has had as varied a career in baseball as any other Negro in the history of the game.

Naturally, Santa Claus, we are getting closer to the 1954 baseball season and don't forget to bring some gifts and more success to three of our greatest local Major League rookies we ever saw while leaving the minors and moving into the big show. They are, Al Smith, Jim Pendleton and Elston Howard.

Oh yes, Santa, please remember Manager Teannie Edwards and all of his Scullin Steel Mules for winning their 1953 title, completing its twentieth season in the Tandy Industrial League under the direction of that swell fellow, John D. Buckner.

Now Santa, I know you are a busy fellow these days, but please don't forget to send the Tom Powell Post American League team some good ball bats next year.

Oh! I almost forgot, Santa: please check this list of names and send the following baseball men a nice tie for me: Branch Russell, Cool Papa Bell, Bill Williams, Monroe Vincent, Theodis Lyles, Pleas Macklin, Charles Alexander, Joe Esen, Charles Zomphier, Richard Fowler and Tom Brooks. This will be all that I want for Christmas. Thank you so much.

Write or call Normal Tweed Webb—4574

**are Hurls No Hitter In Teen Age League**  
July 31, 1951

Young Lucious Ware of the Pollard's Cafe team pitched a near perfect game in the Teen Age league last Saturday as he handcuffed the Boy's A while his team was racking up an 8-0 victory. Ware faced on 22 hitters in the seven inning game as he walked the 21st runner to face him for the only runner of the day for the Boy's A. In pitching his no hit victory, Ware received wonderful support from his team mates they turned in some brilliant fielding behind him.



**MATTHEW - DICKEY BOYS CLUB HONOR AL FLEISHMAN** ... Recognizing the tremendous assistance that he has been to the success of the extensive youth activities in St. Louis and the Matthew-Dickey Boys Club program in particular, at a recent dinner for 200 boys and friends of Matthew-Dickey hosted by Heuser-Busch at Stouffers Riverfront Inn, on behalf of the boys and supporters of the club, Captain Tom Brooks of the Metropolitan Police Force presented Al Fleishman, public relations counselor, with a plaque in recognition of his unselfish dedication and promotion of recreational activities for black boys and girls. Al responds to Captain Brooks remarks in his own witty manner, as Martin Mathew smiles approvingly. Incidentally, Al was Tom's boss when he first started in youth work with the city's recreational department. After dinner the guests journeyed to Busch Memorial Stadium as guests of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals for their encounter with the mean Atlanta Braves.

# Hard to believe, says Colbert *1972*



San Diego's Nate Colbert reads about his exploits over breakfast in Atlanta. Colbert blasted five homers in a doubleheader with the Braves Tuesday night. The five tied a record for a doubleheader held by Stan Musial. Colbert's 13 RBIs broke the major league mark of 11.

—AP Wirephoto

## Nate's family on Cloud Nine

The Nate Colbert Sr. household here still was on Cloud Nine Wednesday.

Nate Colbert Jr., slugging first baseman of the San Diego Padres, and a one-time Cardinal farm hand, staged a tremendous hitting show Tuesday night at Atlanta. The strapping former St. Louisan rocketed five homers—to tie Stan Musial's double-header record—and drove in a record 13 runs.

The news of Colbert's achievement was learned, sister Dorothy said, "while we watched a television program. My father clapped his hands and danced around the room. My mother was screaming — she was so happy."

The elder Colbert, a retired steel worker, still hadn't gained his composure Wednesday. "Wouldn't you be excited?" he replied.

As soon as word spread of the 26-year-old St. Louis native's achievement, the telephone at the 3904 Ashland ave. residence rang constantly. "It was tied up from 10 until 11 o'clock," Dorothy, 24, recalled.

"And early in the morning," she added, "it began ringing again."

Colbert originally was signed by the Cardinals in '64, after graduating from Sumner High School, but was lost in the winter draft of '65 to Houston. Three years later, San Diego selected the 6-foot-2 athlete from Houston. Colbert has been the Padres' leading slugger since their inception.

"Nate is dad's heart," Dorothy said. "He's always been proud of him."

"Dad managed him on the Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club when the Cardinals signed him," she added. "I knew Nate would make it in the big leagues," the elder Colbert maintained. "I remember when George Hasser and Joe Monahan (Cardinal scouts) signed him."

"I heard the Cardinals tried to get him back last winter."

## Outboard races to be held Sunday

The Ray Block Memorial boat races will be held at 1 p.m. at Lookout Point Marina, Portage Des Sioux, Mo., Sunday.

The races are sanctioned by the National Outboard Association and sponsored by the Alton Lake Race Association.

The entries include Lou and Dorothy Cooley, Bill Wiles, Joe Burgess and Harold Simburger.

ATLANTA (AP) — Cincinnati Manager Sparky Anderson once said he believed Nate Colbert of the San Diego Padres would hit 50 home runs in one season.

"I think that was conservative," Anderson said last week when the Padres were in Cincinnati for a series with the Reds.

"If he played in Atlanta, Wrigley Field Chicago, Philadelphia or Montreal, he'd have a helluva shot at the record," said Anderson, who was coaching at San Diego when Colbert broke in as a rookie in 1969.

Sparky's timing could not have been better. Colbert played in Atlanta Stadium Tuesday night and helped rewrite the record book with an incredible display of power.

The right-handed slugger, a native of St. Louis, smashed five home runs in a doubleheader, tying the major league record set in 1954 by his boyhood idol, Stan Musial of the Cardinals. He also drove in 13 runs, breaking by two the major league mark shared by three American Leaguers Earl Averill of Cleveland in 1930, Jim Ta-

bor of Boston in 1939 and Bogg Powell of Baltimore in 1966.

"You know," Colbert said, "I was there when Stan hit those five in old Busch Stadium. I don't remember the exact day, but I know it was a Sunday."

On that day, 18 years ago, Colbert was an eight-year-old who even then found it hard to believe. "Hitting five in one day is unreal," he said.

"Five home runs and 13 RBIs," he said. "That's something I didn't think could be done in the major leagues."

The feat enabled Colbert to vault into the major league lead in both categories, giving him 30 homers, and 82 RBIs this year.

Despite playing his home games in a difficult park to hit home runs — the wall is 17 feet high — Colbert is setting a fast pace in career home runs — better than Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Willie McCovey and Willie Stargell.

With two months remaining in his fourth season, Colbert has 119 home runs. Willie Mays hit 148 in his first four years, Frank Robinson 134, Billy Williams 117, Bench 114, Aaron 110,

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## THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

### What Baseball Pensions are Now

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50	\$240.00	300.00	600.00	700.00	800.00
55	329.45	411.81	823.61	958.61	1090.61
60	447.63	559.54	1119.07	1286.07	1452.07
65	618.04	772.56	1545.11	1745.11	1945.11

### ...and What They Want

45	\$203.98	255.27	510.54	595.95	681.36
50	\$280.80	351.00	702.00	819.00	936.00
55	385.46	481.82	963.62	1121.57	1276.01
60	523.73	654.66	1309.31	1504.70	1698.92
65	723.11	903.90	1807.78	2041.78	2275.78

The chart shows in part what major league baseball players' monthly pension arrangements are now and what they would be if increased by the 17 per cent sought by the players. The pension plan begins at age 45, at which a player with four years service would now receive \$174.34 but would receive \$203.98 under the players' proposal.

# Local Dodgers Among Them

By NORMAL WEBB

Busch Stadium was quiet last Sunday, but only a few minutes' drive away the bat racks were busy and fans were noisy, braving the intense heat and watching the red-hot pennant scramble in the Tandy Baseball League go into its home stretch. Everything happened last Sunday.

We saw Manager Chism's Scullin first place team continue to steamroller its way forward in a bid for the Old Ville ball yard's 1957 title, by defeating the Dodgers, 7 to 3, in their fifth straight win. With only four more Sundays and two night games left on schedule, the second place Manager Teannie Edwards' Braves are expected to spill Scullin for the second time on July 28; however, Sunday the Steelmen will on the last place Waldorf game time at 4 p.m. While Braves and Dodgers are battling other.

Perhaps the biggest ball game of the season will be at Fairgrounds Park on Thursday night, August 8. This game will feature Scullin and the Braves.

At this writing, the Braves are one game behind on the lost side and will have two more chances to stop the pennant-bound Scullin line.

Charles Sidner smashed a terrific home run and Scullin scored three more on singles by Harry Hacking, Louis Burnett, Charlie King and Robert Labadie in the second inning, to give Willie Adams seventh win, at 7-3 victory over the Dodgers.

Now the winning pitcher Scullin, held the Dodgers to hits after taking over in the fourth inning.

How Scullin's performance gave up runs in the William Br... and double... triple and... the Dodgers'... a losing cause...

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Herrod and Amos H... ke out of prolong... lumps with a total... s, including two dou... and eight runs batted in... e Braves's two-game lo... with a 19-3 victory

Manager Eugene Robenette fighting Lees' suffered the humiliating loss of both games, by losing the night cap 11-10. The contest was intensely interesting and hard-fought throughout. In the fifth inning, trailing 10-4, Brames batted around putting over six runs to tie up the ball games as Pitcher Evans doubled, Grady walked, Rogers singled, Simmons walked, Brooks forced Rogers at third, "Turkey" Stanley singled, Big Whiteside singled, L. Hunt doubled. In the last inning Grady reached third base on an error and scored on pitcher Evans' wild pitch to win the game. Third baseman Lester starred at third for the Lees' while his teammates first baseman Clark "Applejack" Hendricks, Dallas Hunt, and pitcher Allen was hitting the old apple. The first game took three hours and the second game was called after 7 o'clock by umpire "Candy" Smith.

The St. Louis National Negro League association will handle the big game at Sportsman's park July 9. Umpires Candy Smith and Charles Zomphier (both games).

Brames 002 500 0105-13 18 3  
Lees 112 010 3000- 8 14 3

TEAM R H E  
Penny, Washington and Clark; Pickett and Nelson.

TEAM R H E  
Dees 013 240-10 13 4  
Bram 121 061-11 10 5

Richardson, Evans and S. Brown; Allen Johnson and Hart. One out when winning run was scored.



## HIGH SCHOOLS DUST

High school baseball being what is, unusual situations are common place, anything can happen, for that reason we can overlook many things because the lights are still green.

There was a little bit of everything tossed into the 1956 open public high league games, were close scores and quite runaway games. While tune struck within 24 when two youngsters suffered broken bones in two games.

There was playing of satisfying games in the Sumner and Central battle that ended in a tie 6-6. There was one surprise play that made the headlines with a picture in a daily paper that brought comments among the prep fans. While Vashon had an open date which it spent in a practice game losing to St. Louis U high 9-1.

Rich Eddens of Washington Team uselessly steals home with the bases loaded against Beaumont with his team trailing. He would have scored any way as the fourth man at bat walked. The 1955 league champions drubbed Tech, 16-4. The point is why

# EXTRA INNINGS

by J. Roy Stockton

SPORTS EDITOR OF THE POST-DISPATCH

## Jackie Learns That He's Just Another Ball Player.

JACKIE ROBINSON, one of the leading candidates this year for the National League's most valuable player award, is learning that he's just another ball player, to be treated exactly as other ball players are treated. No discrimination. No favors.

Jackie is only human and he acted like any ordinary human being at Sportsman's Park yesterday afternoon. Jackie had been leading the National League in batting virtually all season. It appeared that he would be the circuit's champion. He led in so many things that he seemed a standout for most valuable player honors.

Then in the first game of the series with the Cardinals, the Dodger second baseman went hitless in two trips to the plate, while his nearest rival for the batting title, Enos Slaughter, was making two hits, a single and a double.

Jackie went to bat again in the ninth inning in the tense game, still a scoreless tie. Slaughter threw three straight and the crowd groaned. It was to Jackie, a top flight player, would have put the game in jeopardy. But he pulled himself together, over a strike and then grazed another over the plate that Jackie thought had missed. Robinson started for first base and when Umpire Stewart's call of "strike two" summoned him back, Jackie was irked. He walked out of the box and dusted his hands with rosin, then throwing the bag to the ground in an undisguised display of anger.

Lanier then put over a strike that Jackie fouled and then fanned the Dodger batting star with a curve that exploded past his bat. That made it three for zero for Robinson and it was natural that he was a bit vexed.

## BASEBALL LOSES TWO MEN

There were two deaths Sunday which people close to baseball will mourn.



One was that of Eddie Collins, one of the most famous men in all of baseball's history. A man of brilliant ability on the field, of high character on and off the diamond, Collins left a magnificent record of achievement back of him. His record speaks for itself. What there is to be said has been said often and well by others.

Baseball's second loss on Sunday was that of Edwin J. Rickart, who died here in St. Louis at the age of 90.

Mr. Rickart was not a major league ball player and, by his own admission, never played the game beyond the sandlot stage. His contribution was that of a fan. So far as we know, he was St. Louis' oldest baseball fan. He attended games here in the first year that organized baseball was played in St. Louis and had gone countless times each season ever since until the last couple of years.

Baseball was his hobby. He had a remarkable memory and a link to the past was severed in his death.

This writer had the pleasure, just a few months before his death, of spending an afternoon chatting with Mr. Rickart on old-time baseball in St. Louis. It was one of the most enjoyable afternoons we've ever spent as ghosts of the distant past came to life and trotted across memory's diamond one more time.

Yes, the baseball world will mourn the loss of Eddie Collins, but those of us close to baseball, too, will mourn the death of Eddie Rickart. Because, without the loyalty and support, the love of and the enthusiasm for the game of the likes of Eddie Rickart, the likes of Eddie Collins would not be known today.

# Here's official pinch-hitting rule

CHICAGO (AP) — The explanation of the designated pinch-hitter rule adopted by the American League Thursday:

"A pinch-hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the pitchers in the game. A designated pinch-hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief.

"A designated pinch-hitter shall not take a position in the field in any game in which he appears as a designated pinch-hitter; nor shall he appear as a pinch-runner. His designation as a pinch-hitter for the pitcher limits him to that task exclusively.

"It is not mandatory that a club designate a pinch-hitter for the pitcher, but failure to designate a pinch-hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated pinch-hitter for that game.

"Pinch hitters for a designated pinch-hitter may be used.

Any substitute pinch-hitter for a designated pinch-hitter himself becomes a designated pinch-hitter. A replaced designated pinch-hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.

"Except for designated pinch-hitters, all other pinch-hitters, and those for whom they hit, will be governed by the adopted official playing rules."

## Papagianis given All-America award

Chris Papagianis, who broke all Harvard scoring records as a 1972 NCAA All-America soccer player, received his award Thursday in New York.

Papagianis, a graduate of Southwest High School here, was All-Ivy League and a member of the All-New England team the past two years.

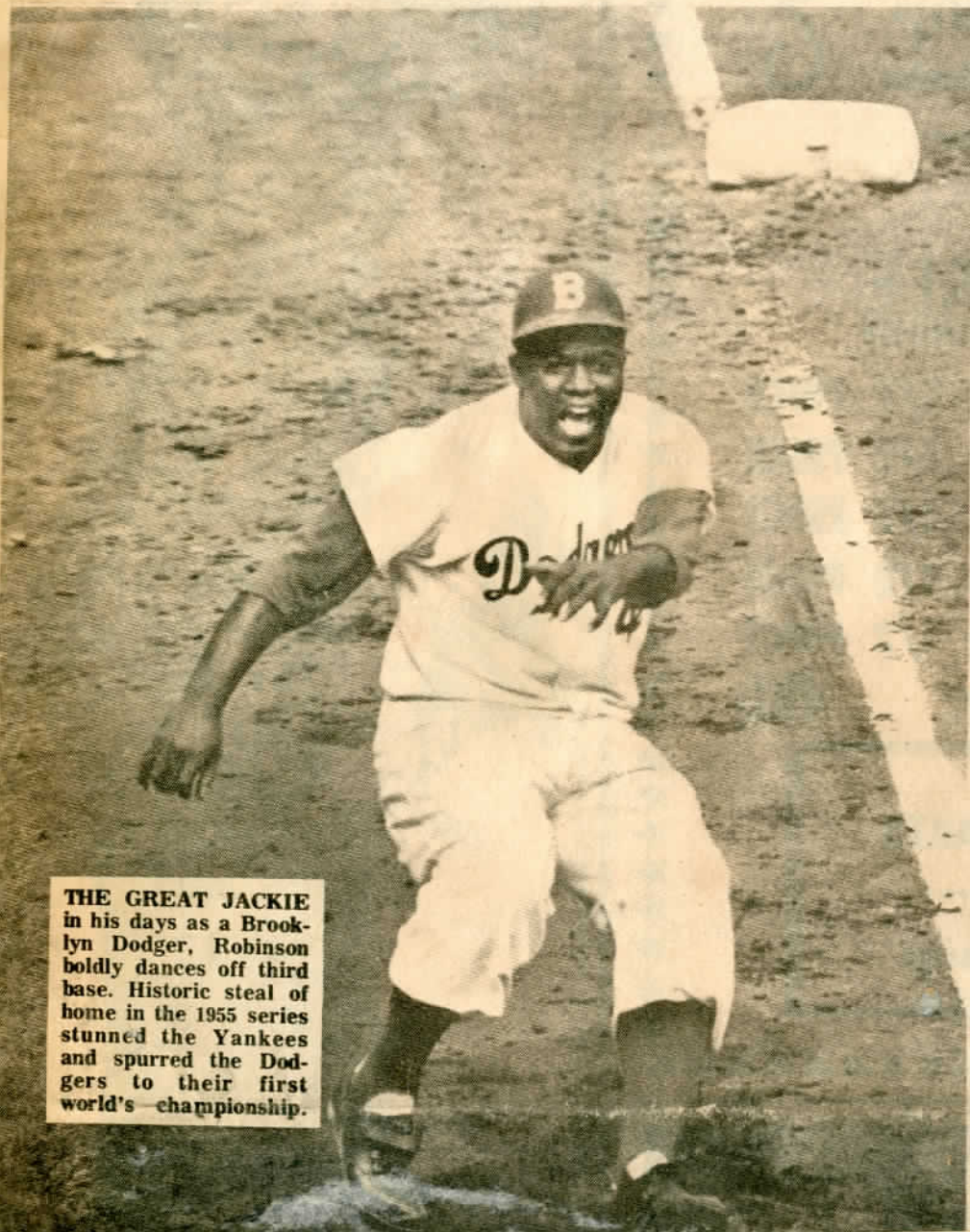
Papagianis, will graduate this year and plans to enter law school.

Lewis McKennie the Sumner high baseball coach who used to be a pretty good hitter in the Tandy loop a few years ago, has had hopes of someday leading the Bulldogs to a title. This may not be the year, by hi



# Jackie Robinson Refuses to Yield to His Many Adversities

Buffeted By Tragedy And Illness Dodger Hall Of Famer Hopeful That "Everything Will Work Out" AUG 8-1972



**THE GREAT JACKIE** in his days as a Brooklyn Dodger, Robinson boldly dances off third base. Historic steal of home in the 1955 series stunned the Yankees and spurred the Dodgers to their first world's championship.

NEW YORK—Jackie Robinson, you'd figure, would be down now. Way down.

The tragic death of his son in an auto accident not that long ago took a lot out of him.

Gil Hodges' death and Roy Campanella being stricken again, coming one on top of the other as they did, shook him up tremendously also.

More recently, Jackie Robinson discovered added trouble. His eyes.

Due to diabetes, Robinson's vision deteriorated recently to the point where he was unable to drive his car and somebody had to take him every day to his office which he occupies as president of Goodrich Associates Construction Co.

Jackie Robinson would like to read "The Boys of Summer," Roger Kahn's best-seller, because he's an integral part of the book and it would bring back a lot of warm memories of his days with the old Brooklyn Dodgers.

But he's unable to.

"I can't read except very close, and then the words kind of go together and it's difficult," he says. "I have been unable to read 'The Boys of Summer,' but I've gotten tremendous thrills out of the few pages my wife, Rachel, has been able to read to me."

Ordinarily, you'd figure all these problems would have Jackie Robinson down, but if that's the way you figure, you're 100 per cent wrong.

The 53-year-old ex-Dodger second baseman isn't the least bit down.

He demonstrated that when he was honored here by the U.S. Virgin Islands govern-

ment for developing opportunities down through the years for black athletes.

Former ballplayers like Joe Black, Bobby Thomson, Ralph Branca, Sandy Amoros, Valmy Thomas, Clyde Sukeforth and Buck Leonard all had some fine words to say about him. Black and Thomas were particularly eloquent.

But later, after he had thanked all those who came up and congratulated him, Jackie Robinson was the most eloquent of all.

Certainly his latest adversity hasn't put any crimp in his life-style. If anything, he exudes more cheer, more good feeling, than ever before.

How does he do it?

"Well," he says, laughing, "I take the bitter with the sweet, you know. What are we going to do? We have some problems, but if we sit and mope about them, we're not going to cure them. That will only compound them. So I follow my doctor's orders and try to get at the problems that we, hopefully, can eliminate."

Robinson has "very little vision" in his right eye. His left one also has given him trouble but is much better now, he says.

"The doctor feels my right eye is getting better and he feels if there is some progress it's very encouraging. But if it doesn't get better we'll have to try to cure the leakage we have in the blood vessel, and if we can clear that, then they will operate. If it's successful, I'll see again; if not, then I may lose the vision in the right eye. But hopefully it's going to work out."

It wouldn't be quite accurate to say Robinson never becomes depressed.

"There are times when I get tremendously depressed," he says, "but when you have the kind of family that I have, and the love and respect which come from my children, it's beautiful. The fact I have such a great family is of great help to me. We have grown closer and closer since our tragedy concerning our son and that has been a tremendous help."

As far as baseball goes, Robinson says what bothered him until now is "the way it reached out to old managers who had been fired for incompetence and brought them back when there were guys like Frank Robinson, who has made fantastic contributions and wants to manage, and others like Jim Gilliam, Elston Howard or even Willie Mays or an Ernie Banks, all guys who have shown their ability."

"I think it's tragic none of them have been given a chance because if it hadn't been for the blacks, there's no telling where baseball would be today."

Robinson admits he would've liked to manage.

Once, but no more.

"I even had an offer from Montreal," he says. "I think it was in 1955 and they asked me if I'd be interested. Even though it wasn't an official thing, it was encouraging and I said certainly I'd be interested."

"But no other offer ever was forthcoming. I don't want to manage now. I've got too many other problems to even think about it."

First I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a fine coming young ball player, Herman Shelton of the Vikings. He is gaining stature as one of the outstanding third sackers in the Tandy Loop. When this writer first looked at hustling Herman, last year, I found he had several valuable assets: speed, a pair of fine hands and a good throwing arm. He uses his brain, is a great clutch player, a team leader and displays at all times, good sportsmanship.

Before going into last Sunday's action around the Tandy League circuit, let me tell you that Van Riley pitched a four hitter and Booker Montgomery rapped three hits including a three run homer as manager Gbbhe Meek's Rockets trounced K-M, 8 to 4, last Friday night at Fairground park.

Riley struck out nine. Frank Lewis was able to get him for two of the K-M's four hits. Sam Smith's single scored Raymond Cody who later stole third base and home.

In last Sunday's action, the Brooklyn Lyn Robbins continued to roll as they rapped K-M, 10 to 5. Ed Jones drove in five runs with a homer, double and three single Nicy Foster smashed a two run homer.

In the biggest upset of the day, Frank Avery and Bill Fox combined in a four hitter to help the Browns defeat the Braves 10 to 7. Bob Goms led the winners' fourteen hit attack with four hits and five RBIs. Joe Portis and Avery each had three singles.

Catcher Pee Wee Carter's ninth inning single sparked the Rockets to a 4-3 triumph over the Kinloch Mets. Winning pitcher Sam Moore fanned nine hitters.

The Webster Tigers and the Eagles battled to a 10-10 tie after ten innings of exhausting play. The Tigers' Nelson Crenshaw had a big day at the bat with a triple, double and single driving in five runs.

The Eagles were able to overcome a 7 to 2 deficit in the fourth frame when they exploded for six runs.

Little Jack Warren scattered six hits including three by Ed Bride to give the Vikings an 8 to 3 victory over the Phillies. In a home town battle at Alton, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Aces, 9 to 4.

For local baseball, write 4574 Enright or call FO, 7-63 and ask for Normal 'Tweed' Webb.





PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AT the annual Man of the Dinner of the St. Louis chapter of Frontiers International admire plaque which John D. Buckner from left, received for being honored as the of the Year for much community service. On program held at the Parkway House Motor Hotel day night were, from left, Joseph W.B. Clark,

toastmaster; Dr. Jerome Williams, president; Dr. William Kottmeyer, superintendent of schools, who delivered dinner address; Buckner, and James E. Hurt, Jr., who introduced the speaker, Henry H. Lenoir, Edward S. Dawkins, and Philip J. Waring were other participants.



DEC. 21 - 1963  
MANAGER, SPONSOR 15 YEARS IN MUNY BALL—

This writer, at his own request had a special privilege last week. I presented an award to manager Theodes Lyles at the Dodgers championship award banquet at 4958 Page. This was not the principal award after a tasty ham dinner. The top one, and most deservingly so, went to the whole team, 1963 champion of the Greater St. Louis Muny Association.

Theodes Lyles received this special award and it was a pleasure to hand out a regulation National League baseball with the Dodgers complete 12 year Tandy League overall record written upon it to him each year's win and loss totals. We had a particular reason for putting on our long time sponsor in a special category.

The rise of the Dodgers in 12 years at the Old Ville ballyard and during the last three years in the Metropolitan Loop reads like a fairy tale for the energetic sponsor and manager. It is one of those "Cinderella" stories that makes for good reading.

Fifteen years ago in 1949, Lyles entered a young team in the Tandy League known as the Missouri Valley Trade School Dodgers with coach James Williams. In their first games we saw a travesty on the great game of baseball that probably had Abner Double Day turning over in his grave.

During the first year, the Dodgers lost 14 straight games and six more in 1950 before winning their first game on July 4, defeating manager Gibbie Meeks' Giants 17-9.

However, we saw this man who has been mostly interested in 1952-'54 and '60 - '63 Tandy

League pennants. Perhaps the greatest Dodger team was in 1954, winning 14 games and losing only one to the Scullin Steel Mules. In their line up were such stars as Eddie Toliver, Dan Wilson, Wesley Logan, Turk Jacobs, Leonard Clark, Charles Bowens, John Brooks, John Carter, Theron Buckner, Roy Moody, Gene Smith, William Bradley and Warren Evans.

Down through the years Lyles had to hustle baseball equipment during the cold winter days and trying to round up a little sponsorship. He has spent a lot of his own money trying to help youngsters in sandlot baseball.

Thanks to such men as Tom Brooks, John Hundley, Warren Evans and Ivory Brown, who helped him during his lean years to build a strong team.

The 1963 Dodgers team included: Charles King, Willie Brown, Paul Wright, Charles Bowen, Jessie Garth, Frank "Doc" Jones, Charles "Puddin" Radford, Tom Lyles, Glen Cassimere, Larry Kroling, Amos Henderson and the great Palmer Hubbard; coach Dr. Ivory Brown and Warren Ely.

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## Orioles protest Colts' victory

OCT. 1 - 1972  
The East St. Louis Colts trimmed the St. Louis Orioles, 5-3, in the championship game of the Tandy League playoffs Sunday at Jones Park, but another contest may still be needed to decide the title.

The Orioles have filed a protest and league president LeVert Ransom indicated the protest may be upheld.

The protest involves the umpire disallowing two Oriole runs when the Colts maintained an Oriole base runner had not tagged up after a fly ball previous to the two run single.

Rich Neal scattered eight hits as Lebanon blanked Neupert, 8-0, to even their best-of-three Mon-Clair League championship playoff at 1-1. The two teams will meet in the deciding game next Sunday at 2 p.m. at Neupert.

## Mitchell Leads Tandy Hitters

1951  
In a nip-and-tuck battle for the Tandy league batting honors, Kirkwood Mitchell, Waldorf's hard-hitting left fielder led the first half hitters. However, Fred Caldwell, who was injured in the second games of the season, seemed to be heading for a great season when he was sidelined. He hit five hits in his first eight times at bat. Nathaniel Crump and Wilbert Easter are hot on the heels of Mitchell.  
First Half Battle

## Contribute to Man Who Wins Parking Lot

Rufus Terral

SOMEONE to whom I should like to wish a decidedly merry Christmas is Jens Henrik Christian Jensen, who runs the parking lot where I have parked my car for five years now. In all that time Mr. Jensen—or Henry, as he prefers to call



himself—has never let me down once. He has a smile and a jovial word for me every morning—a jovial word and a smile every afternoon. I have never seen him out of sorts, or too busy or too tired to pause and bandy a few words. In all sincerity I can say that every day I have traded with Mr. Jensen has been a happier day for his part in it.

He is a short, stocky man, with the lightest blue eyes and a ruddy, stubbly, weather-beaten face, as yours would be too if it had seen an equal amount of weather. He smokes an exceedingly old pipe, and talks with a heavy foreign accent, and he has a warm and impetuous smile, made more impish by a mid-

tooth that is not there. I've never known a fonder hander a joke, given or received, than Mr. Jensen—a joke, or any approaching a joke, or even anything intended for a joke. I recall one outstandingly foul morning, gray and gloomy and all, when I hove up to Mr. Jensen's parking lot and opened the door as usual but without the usual cheery good morning. I noticed that Mr. Jensen's expression was one of gravity. "Good morning," he said laconically. "I don't say 'Good morning' on like this. There's some people wouldn't stand for it."

100-POUND CLASS  
Everett Webb, Carr Recreation Center, deiceoned Carl Morgan, Cherokee Center. 1956  
105-POUND CLASS

## 1961 REV. JAMES E. COOK

SO MANY fine things have been said and written about the REV. MR. JAMES E. COOK since word of his death spread around town, that the impression may be growing that the former president of the Tandy Baseball League, during the roaring 20's, was an extraordinary man . . . He was.

It is generally known, of course, that in his younger days he was a great lover of all sports. However, baseball was his favorite.

Before the start of Tandy's doubleheader, one-half minute of silence was offered on behalf of the deceased. Players of both the Browns and Hawks lined the foul lines. Cook will long be remembered.

LAST MONDAY evening at the National Umpires Association's regular monthly meeting Captain Tom Brooks was honored as guest speaker. He tossed orchids to ump's and the commissioners, Charles Zomphier.

ON JULY 30, the 89ers had to forfeit a game to the Browns because they were down to eight men after John Payne was ejected by James Keys for arguing too vigorously. The Browns led 6-7 when it ended in the fifth.

JOE EDWARDS, semi-pro catcher with such teams as the St. Louis Giants' All-Stars, Cubs and Memphis Red Sox, is now supervisor of all Methodist Episcopal Churches in 3 states: Kansas, Iowa and Michigan. He said hello to all old friends.

FO. 7-6304 — Normal Tweed Webb.

1969  
MATTHEWS-DICKEY BOYS CLUB



**KINLOCH PAKT BRAVES**

Left to right, front row; C. Crumes, E. Wilder, Jr.; R. Parker, W. Boyd, Jr.; J. Miller. Middle row: C. Smith, J. Baker, Jr.; R. Davis, G. Henson, H. Howard, R. Walker. Back row: Coach W. Boyd, J. B. Jones, E. D. Wilder. Not shown: G. Wilder, J. Owens, J. Simmons, R. Walker, C. Head.



1951  
**Tandy League To Honor Essens Sun.**

As the second half opens baseball in and around St. Louis Sunday in the Tandy Industrial league one of the all time great ball players and sportsmen from the St. Louis area will be honored with a day. Commissioner John Buckner has announced that this Sunday will be Joe Essens Day. Joe Essens was formerly the announcer for the Tandy league until his retirement last year. He has devoted most of his life to sport affairs around St. Louis and the old players and fans all remember him. Looking back through Joe's full life of sports we find that he played with the Lincoln Giants in 1910, later playing with the St. Louis Athletics under Thompson, one of the great ball players of that era. Joe then joined the Union Electric ball club and played with them until his retirement as an active player. He was playing with the Union Electric team when the Tandy league was formed in 1922, and was injured while playing a game in Lebanon, Ill. in 1928.

In 1928 he started sports announcing in the Tandy league and for Negro big league games at Sportsman's Park and Belleville and the local East-West game until 1950. He retired as Tandy announcer at the end of the 1950 season and was honored with six other old timers

In addition to all of this Joe was the soloist at St. Elizabeth's church for years and was seen in the promotion of many sports and social events of all kinds.

Joe will throw out the first ball Sunday and State Representative John Green, Police Sgt. Thomas Brooks, Lefty Pollard, Charles Zomphier, McDuff McCrary and many other old timers will be on hand to honor him.

The Tandy Athletic Association plans to start a fund for Joe Essens and will accept contributions from interested ball players and fans who wish to join the celebration honoring one of the grand old supporters of sports in St. Louis.

1950  
**Crump Wins Tandy Swat Title**

In a nip-and-tuck battle for the Tandy batting honors, Nathaniel Crump, smart hitting centerfielder of the Scullin Steel team had less times at bat to beat out such hitters as Dan Wilson, Percy Edwards, Johnny Head, Horace Jefferson and Emmett Wilson. According to statistics compiled by Normal "Tweed" Webb, Argus sports writer, Doc Bracken, Braves' veteran ace right-hander, was named the loop's most valuable player of the 1950 season by Webb.

**Who's Who at Tandy?**

RBI: Jefferson, Giants, 28.  
Hits: Edwards, Scullin, 23.  
Home runs: Labadie, Scullin, 3.  
Triples: Head, Braves, 6.  
Stolen bases: E. Wilson, Giants, 20.  
Walks: E. Wilson, Giants, 15.  
Pitching: Bracken, Braves, 8-0. Strike-outs, 100.

**Leading Hitters**

Player	Team	AB	R	H	Avg.
N. Crump	Scullin	40	10	20	.500
J. Head	Braves	38	12	17	.447
D. Wilson	Giants	45	15	20	.444
D. Clay	Dodgers	27	10	12	.444
E. Wilson	Giants	42	28	18	.428
R. Labadie	Scullin	40	15	17	.425
J. Walker	Dodgers	26	8	11	.423
P. Edwards	Scullin	55	15	23	.418
W. Bowers	Braves	40	10	16	.400
H. Jefferson	Giants	50	16	20	.400
E. Robinson	Braves	10	2	4	.400
L. Brinkley	Dodgers	40	17	16	.400
R. Curry	Waldorf	24	6	9	.375
M. Harris	Dodgers	24	8	9	.375
L. Horton	Scullin	42	10	15	.358
J. Thurman	Giants	32	8	12	.352
I. Gaston	Braves	45	20	15	.333
E. Waller	Waldorf	36	7	12	.333
R. Simmons	Waldorf	27	10	9	.333
W. Evans	Giants	30	9	10	.333
W. Foster	Scullin	21	5	7	.333

1951  
**Dodgers Seek A Tie In Win Sunday**

**Mitchell's Big Bat Beats Scullin**

By NORMAL WEBB

Making a parody of a popular song title is about the simplest way to explain the situation prevailing in the Tandy Industrial League . . . "It's Anybody's Penant Race."

Scullin is now only one game in front of the pack and with only two games remaining in the first half, it has turned out to be a real four-team-dog-fight. This Sunday, the Mules will have to prove they are capable of holding the top spot, while second place is held by the M. V. Dodgers and St. L. Braves.

Norma Webb

1948  
**Lionel Horton Led Tandy Loop Hitters**

Lionel Horton, hustling, hitting left fielder of the Scullin Steel Mules, was crowned off 1948 batting champion of Tandy League. According to news released by Normal "Tweed" Webb, official baseball scorer

writer, Horton lead with a mark. In addition Horton tops circuit in hits, 24, and in doubles, 10. Edward Rogers of the Senators, captured three base hits with six, and batted in the runs, 28. Kirkwood Mitchell the Senators walloped the home runs, 4, while Pete Field Scullins scored the most runs.

Robert Hooper of Scullins topped the hurlers with 6 and struck out the most batters. These records don't include the Lincoln-Wades championship game.

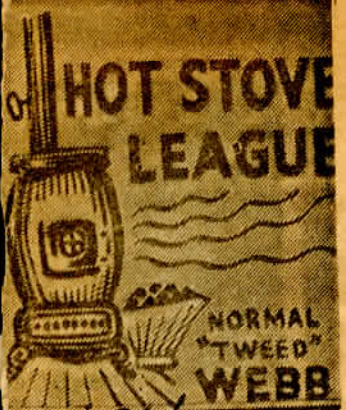


"MRS. PEARL SCHWARTZ WHITE HONORED" ... A committee was formed for the purpose of honoring Mrs. Pearl Schwartz White for her many contributions to the St. Louis Community. She is an outstanding educator, and humanitarian. Mrs. White has devoted her life to the service of others. It was felt that the community owed an obligation to show Mrs. White that we deeply appreciate and love her. With this aim in mind, Dr. Stellos, Mrs. Elretta Blaine, Mr. G. Robert Wilburn, Mrs. Mildred Blow, and Dr. and Mrs. Dreer, held a reception at the home of Mrs. White on Saturday February 6th from 1-3. Refreshments were served and Mrs. White was presented with a gold bracelet from the committee. ( Photo by Charles Hawkins ) ...

**T'S OFFICIAL, NORMAL WEBB'S RETIREMENT AS TANDY OFFICIAL**



THIS MEMORABLE SCENE WILL BE RELIVED. Normal (Tweed) Webb in his customary perch behind the screen at Tandy Park on the Sunday afternoon's when the oldest amateur baseball circuit in the metro area holds forth. Webb has announced that his one-year retirement will come to an end this fall. Photo by Morris Henderson



**1961**  
**GOOD PITCHERS**, the kind baseball managers refer to as strong points, do not turn so often in the **TANDY LEAGUE**. When swit, right-  
**UNDER JOHN GIBBEAR'S** 20 strikeout performance this past season set a modern league record, fans began bugging about her hurlers down through the ears. **EDDIE WALL**, who turned 21 for the old Broomer sailors in 1923, held the record. Later, **LEFTS IRVING VINCENT** and **"DOC" BRACKEN** set down 18 batters.

During the 1961 season, **DENIS BALLARD**, **GIL GLEGHORN** and **HARRY CRENSHAW**, whose relative ability along with Gibbar's in the pitching around the Old Ville ball yard, has long been noted, all turned in many strikeouts per game; but the real hurler didn't arrive until after many games had been started.

Why do I say that? Well—**Cuban JULIO CESAR IMBERT**, of the St. Louis Cardinals' batting practice pitcher, who usually arrives late at Tandy Park each Sunday from Busch Stadium, proved himself to be one of the most efficient relief hurlers in years.

The classy southpaw, sometimes tired from throwing toss-up balls to such hitters as Stan Musial, Bill White and Curt Flood, averages from 12 to 14 strikeouts for about four innings of relief work with the last place Indians—who finished with a 2-13 record.

Probably the stunt with the greatest showmanship was done in the final Sunday game, while pitching against the unbeaten and champions—Braves. Imbert came in the third inning and gave up a homerun to **WILBERT MOSBY**, then fanned 12 batters in his four innings of relief.

Tandy's best hitting pitcher has had an impressive hand with a light hitting team with a .667 average—12 hits in 18 trips and 8 runs batted in.

Like many youngsters, Julio's big ambition is to play in the big leagues. His favorite teams are the Cardinals, Dodgers and the Giants, in the order named. Next season he will be in the Cardinal's farm system.

For local baseball—call or write to 4574 Enright; Phone, FO. 7-6304—Normal "Tweed" Webb.



**1961**  
**IT HARDLY** seems possible that in two weeks the old 1961 major league baseball season will be full twing. Meanwhile, local sandlot teams are now getting in shape. At this time of the year this column is loaded with mail.

Last Sunday the St. Louis Monarchs under the instruction of Carlis Thorns, the elongated fireball pitcher, went through a strenuous outdoor training session at chilly Vashon field.

Some of those fighting for positions were Bobby Adams, Tyrone Cox, Thomas Halton, Clarence Edkins, Sylvester Caldwell, Leon Brooks and Anderson Hall. From a manager's standpoint, I have never had a set team. Anyone is eligible to try out for the club, and I believe that with the material on hand, the Monarchs could win the Metropolitan League championship. James Herrod of Illinois University will join the team a little later.

The Monarchs are interested in practice games. Call JEL. 5-1697.

**BOB PALM**

Hello Tweed:  
 Just a few lines to let you know the St. Louis Browns are going all out to win the Tandy title this year. We had our registration meeting on March 22 and some of our outstanding players are signed for the coming season.

In that list are William Bell, Carl Williams, Leroy Lamplins and James Baker. Also signed is Asiah Hatchett, a very promising young player. Our next meeting is Sunday at 5515 Greer. The time 9 o'clock. If any ball player wants to try out, please be present.

Mr. Eli Silverman of Nalick's Market will again sponsor the squad. He is better known as Shorty.

**CHARLES FAYNE.**

(For local baseball call FO. 7-6304).

# Metro Cubs, Giants Meet In Playoffs

Some of the fog surrounding the Metropolitan League's entries in the Municipal baseball playoffs will be lifted this week. The first half races that ended in ties are due to be settled by games tomorrow and Saturday.

The St. Louis Giants and Brentwood Cubs are scheduled at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Fairground Park. The winner meets Scullin at 3 p.m. Saturday to decide the Western division winner of the first half of the split schedule.

The Blackhawks and Robins, who tied in the first half for the Eastern division crown, are slated to meet at 8 p.m. Saturday at Meine Field to determine this champion.

Second half races are scheduled to wind up Sunday. The Robins and Scullins are eadling their divisions in the second half. The Robins and Rams are slated at 8 tonight at Carondelet Park.

League President William Boswell said it hadn't been determined yet what plan will be used to select Metro's four entries in the Munny playoffs, two from each division. Other leagues are sending their first and second place teams, but none of them had the problem of a split schedule to complicate matters.

Teams already qualified for the playoffs, listed as they stand 1-2 in their leagues, are as follows: North Side—Kutis North, Union Printers; South Side—Kimmacks, Carondelet Sunday Morning Athletic Club; Heine Meine—Hoffmeisters, Villas; Lemay—Masters Athletic Club, Jefferson.

# Jones Hits 3 Triples In Metro Star Game

Carrying a sparkling .520 batting average into East-West Metropolitan League all-star baseball game yesterday didn't bother Ed Jones. He belted three triples and a double to lead the East to a 7-3 victory at Brooklyn, Ill.

The triumph was the first for the East in four games. Jones, voted the most valuable player in the game, tripled in the fifth with two on to give the East a lead it held, 5-3.

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Batteries: West—Johnson, Stephenson (4), Turner (5), Franklin (7) and Harris, Mitchell (3), Radford (7). East—Garth, Brooks (3), Cunningham (7) and Taylor, Johnson (5).

# Kirkwood Mitchell Munny League

## John Green Stars With The Brames

By Normal "Tweed" Webb

The Colored Industrial Munny League opened their 1946 season last Sunday before a noisy crowd, that saw good and bad baseball. John Buckner, executive secretary, produced four evenly matched teams and made the fans like it. An upset was recorded when Manager Ode Holloway's Smith Undertakers buried Scullin Steel Mules, five time pennant winners, with an 8 to 2 funeral bill, to move into first place in a young season. In the nightcap, Brames Standard Oilers, a team of outstanding veterans and coming youngsters managed to Tom Brooks, and Phillips-Lee Shoe Shop, a hard hitting outfit fought to an 8-8 draw in 10 innings. The game was stopped by Charles Zomphier, president of the umpires association, when the game went past the time limit.

The umpires were very sharp in their dressy black suits. Candy Smith and Morris were the other umpires and their work was in big league style. Joe Essen was back on the job with his highlights of sports, giving some inside dope on Jackie Robinson. "Tookie" Barlow is the official scorer. Things moved pretty great in the field and another great season is in the making.

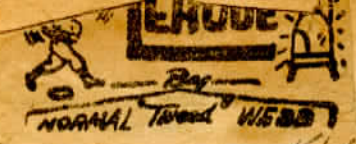
**MITCHELL HITS TWO HOMERS** in the first game. Kirkwood's Mitchell thrilled the crowd, when he hit a home run with three on in the first, putting Smith undertakers ahead, 4-0, at the

# MEDWICK WILL ACCEPT PLAQUE FOR AILING FRISCH

COLUMBIA, MO. (Special)—A severe attack of arthritis will prevent Frank Frisch from making an appearance at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame dinner Saturday night.

Joe Medwick, a former teammate of the Flash, will accept Frisch's plaque. Frisch and his wife were to have come here for the banquet.

Medwick was the left-fielder for the 1934 Cardinals' World Series champs managed by Frisch, the second baseman on the team. Frisch will be inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame with former Missouri football stars Herb Bunker and J. Ed (Brick) Travis and the late Rogers Hornsby, another Cardinal star.



# GREATER ST. LOUIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

Nineteen hundred and Fifty three failed to produce any outstanding youngsters around Greater St. Louis for organized baseball. The loss of interest in baseball locally has been assigned at various times, and by various authorities to a lack of adequate material in this sector during the past season, due to many greater St. Louis teams with only a few scheduled games and no East-West game to add interest. Yes surely some of our youngsters should have such area big league stars like A Smith, Jim Pendleton, and recently New York Yankee Elston Howard on their minds. While there are two sides to this argument and proponents of the extreme point to the many good players who have been developed here in the past since Jackie Robinson broke into the majors.

Baseball men around Kinloch, Richmond Heights, Clayton, Webster Groves, Wellston, and Brentwood realize they must have a source of supply for future local area players following in the footsteps of the old Tandy loop. This Greater St. Louis Munny League idea was started by Richard Fowler of Kinloch. In 1949, Fowler played with the Giants and was voted the Most Valuable Player at Tandy. He led with the most runs batted in 22 and finished third in a red hot batting race with a 411 average.

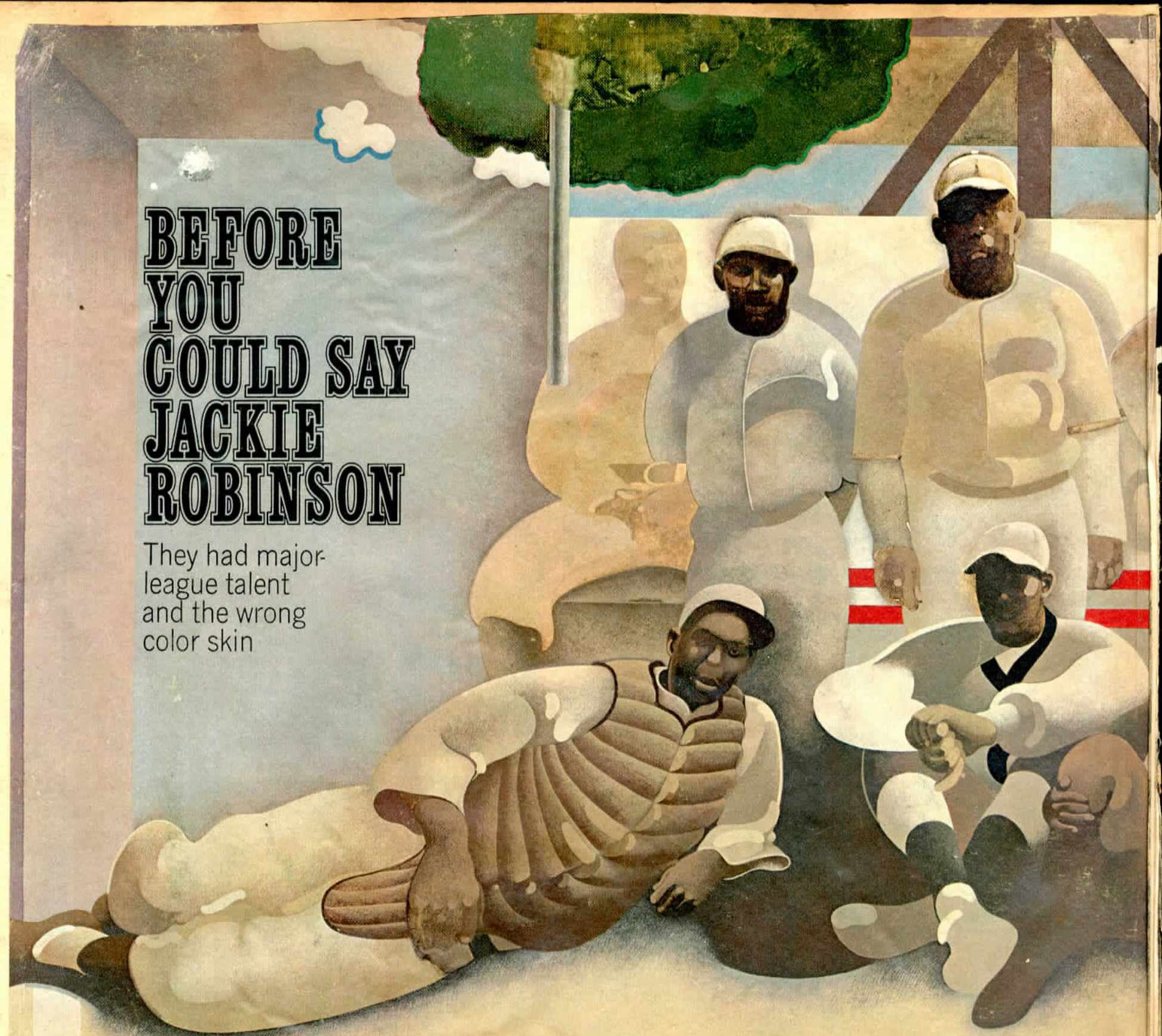
This week our Sam Jethroe of the Pittsburg Pirates through a recent deal will undergo a complete eye examination. Here's hoping the former Greater St. Louis star E. St. Louis Colts) will come out O. K. Jethroe has often said without a doubt that his old East-West game days around St. Louis certainly served him as a stepping stone to the big league.

Popular Sylvester Mitchell of 4116 West Belle Pl., who made the headlines on New Year's day in one of our local Daily papers for his annual hobby of making Christmas Tableaux was also at one time a good ball player around the Old Ville ball yard. The likeable left handed first baseman was known as "Dusty Creepers." Mitchell's Xmas Scenes started seven years ago.

Write or call Normal Tweed Webb — 4574 Enright — FOrEst 6304.

# BEFORE YOU COULD SAY JACKIE ROBINSON

They had major league talent and the wrong color skin



BY JOHN HOLWAY

At a time when black players dominate both leagues, it is difficult to remember that less than 25 years ago, there were no—none, zero—black men in the major leagues. Barred from organized baseball, blacks, often men of astonishing talent, had formed their own leagues, created their own stars. Branch Rickey's Brooklyn Dodgers broke the barrier with Jackie Robinson in 1947, and at that moment, a whole subculture of American sport was destroyed. Integration meant that black teams like the Kansas City Monarchs, the Pittsburgh Crawfords, the Homestead Grays, began to van-

ish. The best, and the youngest, black players made it to the big leagues. Others, not quite so good, no longer young, were not so fortunate.

On August 9, baseball will make a halfhearted effort to right its past wrongs by placing a plaque with the likeness of Satchel Paige in a special area of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y. But there are others who will be forgotten—great ballplayers whose names are in no record books and who are honored in no halls of fame. This situation bothered John Holway, a staff writer with the United States Information Agen-

cy, who had watched Negro-league games while growing up in Washington, D.C., during World War II. So two years ago, he took a tape recorder and began traveling across the nation in search of men who had played before names like Willie Mays and Hank Aaron filled the sports pages.

He found William "Sug" Cornelius, right-handed pitcher, in a small, well-kept apartment on Chicago's Southside. Retired with a disability pension after 21 years as a railroad freight clerk, Cornelius suffers from a diseased circulatory condition in his left leg. But even though he must drag his



# ST. LOUISAN NATE COLBERT SHOOTING FOR 40 HOME RUNS

(EDITORS NOTE: Tweed, for over forty years has been active as a baseball reporter. A recognized authority in black baseball history, he has had a hand in grooming such big named stars as Luke Easter, Elston Howard, Al Smith, Sam Pendelton, Sam Jethroe and

Quincy Troupe. Though purportedly in retirement, Webb remains a major factor on the baseball front. The following interview as conducted with another of his protege's, San Diego's homerun hitting Nate Colbert during the Padres recent invasion of St. Louis. (M.H.)



1972

San Diego's star homerun and runs-batted in big gun, who paces the Major Leagues in both departments visited with Martin Matthews, Mathews-Dickey Boys Club (center) and writer Normal (Tweed) Webb during the recent invasion of St. Louis. He formerly played in the M. D. circuit and benefited from the counselling of Webb. Photo by Charles S. Hawkins.

BY NORMAL (TWEED) WEBB

There he stood ... all 220 pounds of him spread neatly over his 6'3" frame. At twenty six years old, Nate Colbert, a former Sumner High Mathew-Dickey standout is rapidly developing into one of the premier power hitters in all of baseball.

The reunion occurred in the living room of his parents in the 3900 block of Ashland. We reminisced over the sandlot days. A period covering the span of years ... 1961 through 1972.

"I told Morris Henderson you will be a super star by 1973, and it stills goes," I told Colbert who is no longer the big, shy seldom-speaking youngsters. He simply smiled.

Colbert, who was in the St. Louis Cardinal farm system for a year but was drafted by Houston and traded to San Diego where he now leads the National League in homeruns and runs-batted-in as the season nears an end. "My goal is forty homeruns for the season," he stated. Later on that evening he went over to Busch Stadium and orbited number thirty five. 'You will hit forty-five and, barr

ing injury, will rank with the Henry Aarons, the Willie Mays in several years," I said to big Padre first baseman. His response: another smile.

Colbert's response to the question as to the pitchers who game him the most trouble was surprising: "...Mostly relief pitchers, Tweed," he said.

Members of the Mathew-Dickey Boys Club Board of Directors including Martin Matthews, who with Hubert (Dickey) Ballentine founded the fast growing organization about ten years ago, converged upon Busch Stadium en masse to honor Colbert that evening and was rewarded by his forementioned homerun.

Colbert hit 38 homeruns, drove 86 runs and hit .259 for the lowly Padres in 1970. Last season he hit 27 homers, drove in 84 runs and batted .264. He has eclipsed both high water marks already this season with the season still having slightly less than a month to go. There is talk of him winning the leagues' Most Valuable Player Award.

## Named Most Valuable Player

OCT 9 1961



Ted Savage

This versatile athlete, a St. Louisan, was the batting champion of the International League this baseball season that just ended. He played with the Buffalo Bisons. The Lincoln U. graduate hit .325 during the regular season for the league's highest batting average. He smashed 28 home runs. He dominated the Little World series with a whopping .529 batting average. Ted is home now to spend the winter with his family at 4311 Dryden avenue.

The 24-year-old slugger is considered one of the hottest prospects and leading bonus babies for the majors in 1962. It seems like the Philadelphia Phils will claim the talented youth who is a six foot-one 185 pounder built of muscles and bones. He plays in the outfield. Ted is herald-

as the nation's most exciting rookie.

In addition to winning batting honors he led the league in stolen bases, hits, total bases and walks. This marked his second season in pro baseball. The baseball writers selected Savage as the best player in the International League.

Young Savage starred at Lincoln U., in basketball and in track including the broad jump and high jump. He attended high school in E. St. Louis where he lived prior to coming to St. Louis four years ago.

A year ago Savage taught at Hempstead School. He graduated three years ago from Lincoln in Jeff City. He made his choice between basketball and seemingly made the right choice. He is the father of two daughters.

1956



WILLIE MAYS  
NEW YORK GIANTS

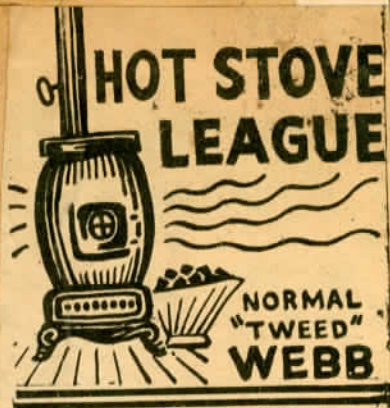
## McDuffy McCrary funeral tonight

Funeral services for McDuffy McCrary, former manager in the Tandy Baseball League, will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Cunningham-Moore Funeral Home, 2405 Marcus Avenue.

McCrary, 65, a retired Scullin Steel Co. worker, died of a heart attack Feb. 24, 1972. He will be buried at 10 a.m. Thurs-

day at Oak Hill Cemetery. McCrary led his Scullin team to six Tandy crowns from 1941 to 1948.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna McCrary, his mother, Mrs. Osie McCrary; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Hegwood; sister-in-law, Mrs. Della



Dear Tweed:

1967

We the members of the St. Louis Orioles have added another championship to our many titles.

We finished with a 17-4 won and lost record in the 1967 BI-State League, an eight team loop.

These are the guys who did a great job for us: Wilbert Wayne and Henry Stephenson, catchers; C.D. Cromwell, Eddie Ray Tolliver, Paul Scarfina, Jerry Davis, and our 18 year old rookie, Nory Wilson comprised the pitching staff.

Robert Adams, Lawrence Potter, Charles Payne, Archie Wayne and Robert Coleman, infielders; Robert Gipson, Alex Reese, Clarence Cook, Simon Tobias and Eddie Evans, from the outfielders available during the season.

Tom Hamilton and Sam Watson are the coaches.

Yours in sports;  
Richard C. Fowler, Manager  
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Dear Mr. Webb:

As a whole your column is an interesting one but I think it could be improved by more concentration on big league baseball and boys clubs doings. Who really cares about the old-time players and Tandy League baseball in the Old Days.

I wrote you one year ago too. John Winters  
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Editor's Comment:

(Who really cares? Hundreds of ex-stars of ex-stars and fans and many others, plus their friends and relatives. Many of whom are among our readers.)  
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Dear Tweed:

Could you tell me if Walter Bond, 29, former Houston Astros first sacker, who died September 14th of leukemia, ever played in the Tandy League with the Alton Aces?

My friend told me he played with pitcher Cannonball.  
William Foster  
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# 38 A Banner Year For Negro Athletic Stars <sup>1958</sup>

CHICAGO (AP) — This was a wonderful baseball season for us.

Ernie Banks, Willie Mays, Vic Power, Hank Aaron, Sam Jones, Orlando Cepeda and Elston Howard were standouts.

Banks, the Chicago Cubs' power-hitting shortstop, reached new heights in his major league career. He slammed 47 home runs and drove in 129 runs to lead both leagues in these vital departments.

Mays, in a down-to-the-wire battle, lost the National league batting title by three points. The San Francisco Giants' outfielder finished with a .347 mark, his best in the majors. Willie was the NL leader in runs (121) and the major league leader in stolen bases (31).

Power, traded by Kansas City to Cleveland in June, proved one of the most valuable players for the Indians. He batted .312, fifth in the American league, was third in runs (98) and in hits (184). But his most remarkable feat was that he stole home twice in a single game to beat the Detroit Tigers in extra innings. It marked the first time in more than 40 years that a player had stolen home twice in one game. Power played all the infield positions and left field for Cleveland.

After the slowest start of his major league career, Hank Aaron came fast during the last three months of the season and was in the NL's batting race until the final week of the season. He ended with a .326 mark, fourth best.

## JONES STRIKEOUT KING

Jones became the first National league hurler in almost 20 years to hang up 200 more strikeouts in a season. He ended the season with 225 and had a won-lost record of 14 and 13. However, the curveballer of the St. Louis Cardinals, was the game's hardluck hurler, suffering close defeats and the lack of batting support from his teammates.

On three occasions Jones went six innings or better before yielding a hit.

## CEPEDA, ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR CANDIDATE

Cepeda, Giants first baseman is the outstanding NL candidate for the rookie-of-the-year honors. A surprise in training camp the Puerto Rican proved he had major league ability from the start of the season. His 38 doubles were (tops) in the majors. He also was among the leading NL hitters with an average around .310, 188 hits and 96 RBIs. His

RBI total tied his more illustrious teammate, Mays.

Howard got his chance to play regularly when Yogi Berra was hurt in May. Elston proved for two months to be one of the hottest hitters in baseball. He ended the season with a mark around .315 and established as the Yankees' regular receiver. Berra was shunted to the outfield.

## SOME SETBACKS

There were some disappointing performances. On the Cincinnati Redlegs, for example, Frank Robinson had a bad season, hitting only about .270, but he smashed 31 homeruns. Vada Pinson, the heralded rookie of the spring training, failed in his bid to stick with the Redlegs but showed improvement as a hitter when he was recalled from Seattle at the end of the Pacific Coast League season.

Don Newcombe, traded by the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Redlegs, showed some of his old effectiveness during the late stages of the season.

One of the outstanding demonstrations of power hitting was put on by Wes Covington, the '57 World Series defensive star. Hampered by a bum knee most of the season, the Milwaukee outfielder banged out 34 home runs and drove in 75 RBIs in 88 games (291 trips to the plate).

Charlie Neal, batting around .250, set a new home run record for a Dodger second baseman with 22, erasing Jackie Robinson's old mark of 19.

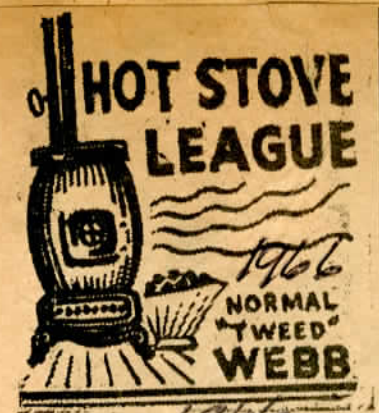
Some outstanding work was done by Curt Flood, rookie center fielder for the Cardinals. Flood was a hitting sensation in May and June, but major league pitching apparently caught up with him in July and August. He slumped to .261.

Jim Grant, young Cleveland righthander, looked like a good pitching prospect in winning 10 games and losing 11. In key games in the Indians' battle for a first division berth, Grant saved three games with brilliant relief pitching.

The Giants came up with two other good-looking rookie prospects in Willie Kirkland and Leon Wagner, power-hitting outfielders.

## MINNIE BATS .300

Minnie Minoso batted .304 in his return to Cleveland. Al Smith, who went to the Chicago White Sox in exchange, batted only .252. Smith was hampered by a leg injury.



## COACH SCOTT DIES; EX-TANDY UMPIRE:

The death of Albritton Scott, director of the Capri recreation center and for many years a boxing instructor at Carr Center, was a big blow to the St. Louis Recreative department and Tandy League baseball fans.

The former member of Charles Zomphieris St. Louis National Umpire association, died Thanksgiving morning of a heart attack at the Homer G. Phillip Hospital. Mr. Scott, a perfect gentleman, will be remembered almost as much for coaching a number of Golden Gloves Champions, was 48.

The funeral services for Albritton were held last Monday night at Lane C.M.E. Church, the burial was at National Cemetery, Tuesday morning. The remains laid in state at Richardson Funeral Home, 2625 Glasgow one; all day Sunday and Monday until 4 p.m.

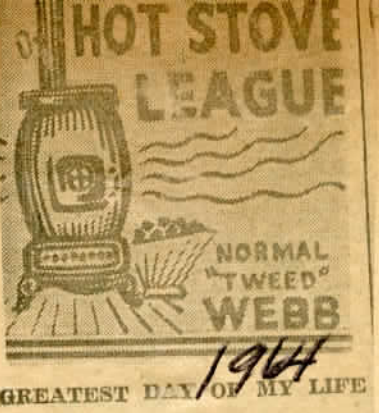
The 230-pound Scott, who starred at Alabama State Teacher's College in football, boxing and track before taking over the full-time recreative job at Carr, won two titles during his collegiate days and also was a heavyweight champion during his army years in the South Pacific.

As an umpire in the Tandy League around 1951 three '53, I have never seen Scott out of sorts or with out a smile. He was one of the nicest men I ever met and was respected by all ball players.

During his first season at Tandy Park, Scott told this writer during an interview: "Tweed, I tried to teach my boys one hundred percent sportsmanship," he added. "Also I include character-building along with the boxing because I want my boys to be gentlemen at all times, both in and out of the ring."

Such men as Albritton Scott shall always live in this column, he not only was a credit to the recreative department which he served many years, he was a grand umpire. Everyone who knew him will mourn his passing.

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Fans, last Sunday was indeed a great honor. I'm so happy I just don't know what to say. Greatest day of my life. Just think of it, over 5,000 fans turned out.

However, I write this week with 42 years of service in the Tandy League. There are quite a few men that I would like to mention as responsible for my being there at the Old Ville ball yard.

I first want to thank The Lord above that He gave me the health so that I never missed any Sundays at Tandy Park during the regular season. Second, I want to thank the Tandy League officials such as Captain Tom Brooks, William Boswell and Jesse Heger for "Mr. Tandy League Day."

... to Mr. John D. Buckner, who came back to the city on vacation to present me with a plaque inscribed: "Norma Tweed Webb, 40 years' active participation in the growth and popularity of Tandy Athletic Association July 12, 1964."

I would like to pay tribute to a few more people such as, my father who managed my team in 1922 and '23. The next is my long-time friend, Cornell "Red" DeBerry, who stuck with me during our grade school days when we were building our kid team. We used to play catch in the snow during the cold winter months. Just two baseball boys at the age of 10.

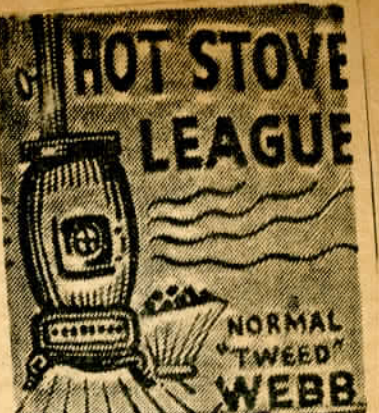
... to John Brown, who came to ... to the National Umpires' Association for the certificate of award inscribed: "For years of loyal and conscientious service as official scorer of Tandy League baseball."

... to the Tandy League Fans in general, thanks for the wonderful things said about me down through the years.

... to "Cool Papa" Bell for a wonderful gift and a tribute he gave me Sunday.

... last, but not least, thanks a million to the press of mostly all newspapers for their coverage and interest.

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While rambling about town last week your roving baseball reporter ran into quite a few ball players and fans. "It won't be long now," said members of the gang; pitcher, Eddie "Ray" Tolliver, Joe Rushing, Bill Drake, Abe Dump, John Miller and others.

Side arm thrower Tolliver, who was with the St. Louis Grays last season in the Metropolitan Loop last season signed up with the Brooklyn Robins for the coming season. Tolliver is the well known business of Rays "Way out Rest" recreation parlors at 1105 and 1051 Hodiadmont ave.

Eddie will open his third place of business this month at 2510 Goodfellow ave. where many of the ball players will go. He also is one of the city's outstanding billiard players.

Popular Bill Drake believes the Cardinals off season deals for hard hitting George Altman and short stop Dick Groat were the best they've made in a long time. The former St. Louis Giants star pitcher and now sportsman around Vandeventer and Finney, said he thought the Redbirds could be in the 1963 race all the way.

Abe Dump, former pro short-stop during the Roaring 20's, summed up his views this way about the new semi-professional baseball league which will open this season. "This project is the best thing that could ever happen to St. Louis. It will go over with a bang."

Joe Rushing, little righthander of manager Theodes Lyles' Dodgers told this writer that his team has already begun a conditioning program at Wohl Center three times a week.

John Miller, long time Tandy League fan of 4449 Enright rated the John Brown and Tweed combination around second base as the greatest at the old Ville ball yard. He called the Pullman team St. Louis' greatest sandlot nine.

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# MATHEWS-DICKEY BOYS CLUB

1951



Junior Champions

1969



Seated, left to right; Macco Moore, Coach; Charlie Meredith, Ronald E. Wilson, Ray T. Wilson, Coach. Standing left to right; Manager Eugene Miller, William L. Minner, Carlos Gaston, Jr., Terry Harris, James Browley, Ronny Neal. Back row: Standing left to right: Gregory Ellis, Emile Washing, Ricky Harris, Alvin Butler, Dennis Killingworth.



old Jupiter Pluvius, who was AWOL during the most part of April, is back on the job of playing havoc with sandlot baseball, particularly Tweed's "Game Week" last Saturday between the Dickey Knights and M... winners last year in the... Pro League.

In this Sunday's Tweeds "Game of the Week, we will shift to... rett Field to cover the first... of the twin bill in the T... League. The words "weather permitting" should be included.

Last week, your roving baseball reporter received many calls asking was Louis "Jolly" Stone one time Tandy League baseball star and longtime taxicab driver dead? However, we learned that Robert Brunner, 41 years old veteran cab driver, also nicknamed "Jolly" meet violent death. A result our callers thought it was Louis Stone.

Recently this writer was visitor to the Central Baptist Church for the first time. It was the pleasure to meet Rev. Thorne Elliott Huntley, the pastor of his charming wife, noted lecturer and christian leader. They were very surprised to learn that the long time member (my friend James "Cool Papa" Bell, 30 Dickson was an outstanding professional baseball player in the Negro League over 30 years. I went on to tell them that Brother Bell was immortal and one of the greatest centerfielders of all time including such stars as Ty Cobb, Oscar Charleston, Tris Speaker and could ream the field with the present day stars such as Willie Mays and Curt Flood.

Sportswriter Morris Henderson is a deacon at Central. For local baseball write to 4574 Enright avenue or call FO. 7-6304. Normal "Tweed" Webb

## DRAP THE FLAG OF LOCAL BASEBALL

The death of THEODES LYLES was a blow to the Tandy League last week. His passing marked another era in the colorful fascinating history of local sandlot baseball. It's a game that will live as long as this great nation survives but none of them will work any harder to build a ball club during the cold winter months than he did.

Mr. Lyles was born March 15, 1912 in Altheimer, Ark., and on July 17, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sarah Reeves. To this wedlock was born a son, Thomas and an acceptance of a stepson, Lionel McMorris. During his childhood, he was always fond of sports, mainly baseball. After serving in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific as technical sergeant. He enrolled in Missouri Valley Trade Veterans School and in 1949, Lyles entered a young team in the Tandy League known as the MVVTS Dodgers with Coach James Williams.

The rise of the Dodgers in 12 years at the Old Ville ball-yard and in the Metropolitan League during the last three years, reads like a fairy tale for the energetic sponsor and manager. It is one of the Cinderella stories that makes for good reading.

During the first year, the Dodgers lost one-sided 14 games and 6 more in 1950 before winning their first game on July 4, defeating Manager Gibbie Meeks' Giants, 17-9.

He guided his Tandy teams to three pennants and won the championship in the Metropolitan loop last year. Up to date, his record in the Tandy League is 100 wins and 64 defeats.

Down through the years, Lyles had to hustle baseball equipment during the old winter days and trying to round up a little sponsorship. He has spent a lot of his own money trying to

help youngsters in sandlot ball.

The story of his rise from dusty sandlots in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to the ownership to one of the greatest teams in Munny baseball reads like a saga penned by a writer whose sense of imagination surpassed his logic.

Theodes Lyles, during the lean years, played part-time as an outfielder and pinch hitter... he played the game for keeps. He gave no quarter and asked no quarter. His ball club, the Dodgers, came first. Everything else was secondary. That's probably why he was able to build a great team.

Down through the years, between 1953 and '60, the Tandy fans would line up the sidelines to watch the traditional rivalry between the Dodgers and Manager Teannie Edwards' Braves.

May his soul rest in peace, and all the fans look to the Dodgers to march onward with the same spirit and optimism that dominated the life of their late leader.

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1964



## Assault on Ruth's home run production fails. Man's greatness becomes greater.

For thirty years no player has matched Babe Ruth's second best effort in the home run department. Power hitters of every shape, size, and temperament have tried to dump his record of 60 made in 1927 into the ashcan. The man who came closest was Hank Greenberg who drove 58 for Detroit in 1938. To date it must be said that Ruth had something more and it looks from here that he will stand alone in his specialty for some time to come. A Mickey Vernon may loom up next year or the year after and thrill the baseball world, but it will probably not happen. The greats of today, pictured in series on these pages have been unable — they all have the strength but lack the something more

## Scullins Play Braves For Lead in Tandy

The Braves and Scullins, who share first place with 4-1 records, meet for the Tandy Baseball League lead today at 1 p.m. at Tandy Park. The Dodgers 2-4) will oppose the Waldorfs 1-5) at 4. Gil Gleghorn will pitch for the Braves against Lefty Willie Brown. Each has four victories. Charley Williams of the Braves is hitting .575, Leroy Moore and Bob Everett of the Scullins .500. In their previous meeting, the Braves won, 10-4.

As this column observes its 36th anniversary it is a time when one who has been associated in the field of greater St. Louis Sandlot baseball for a lifetime can reflect. The question is, however, what does one reflect upon? Should it be in terms of personalities, or should it be highlights of local baseball down through the years?

Since Jackie Robinson broke the "Jim Crow Bar" I have met over 4 dozen big league baseball scouts in search of "Black" talent. Retracing over the years I met one certain scout from the old New York Giants who really made an impression on me as being a loyal and conscientious baseball man, interested mostly in helping to develop youngsters. I suppose we both have the same thing in common.

Last Sunday I got Al Nicolai over the phone and it was a pleasant reminiscence of the past in Sandlot baseball and that one hot day on July 11, 1950 at Tandy Park.

On that day right after the Tandy League's regular doubleheader, Nicolai looked over certain players I selected. He sent the following players through a half hour snappy infield work out and gave them a few pointers.

The players were Leroy Moore, Percy Edwards, Darrell Clay, Horace Jefferson, Robert Labadie, Minge and Eugene Lyles. As of this writing, catcher Lyles just passed my shop and spoke to me.

During Al's Munny league days he was an outstanding infielder, with a big bat, strong arm and ran the bases like Lou Brock -- Well, almost, anyway.

After serving in the Army in World War I, Nicolai played short stop in the Eastern League, my old position.

He is now a part-time baseball scout for the Minnesota Twins. We both have our eyes on Ezell Carter, former Mathews-Dickey Boys Club product and Tandy League Standout.

Al resides at 1740 Crowley, Dell wood, Missouri.

He is active in many civic and with activities, he was one of the final organizers of the Khoury League, CYC and three parts in both of the organizations as coach, manager and official.

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# Dan Kennard, Once Batting Champ Of NAL With St. Louis Stars Is Buried

By R. C. FISHER

1946

Dan Kennard, who for a number of years was one of the most famous and spectacular catchers in the National Negro Baseball League, died last Wednesday afternoon at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, following an illness of nine days.



Kennard was regarded in baseball as a "natural". The best part of his career was with the St. Louis Stars.

After playing with Detroit for several seasons, Kennard went to Indianapolis to fill the post as string catcher for the C. I. Taylor A. B. C. Giants and became a National batting champion.

A free agent when he was with the Indianapolis club, Dan severed connection and came here in 1935 under a contract which he signed with the late Wrigley Mills, owner of the St. Louis Giants.

When a financial crisis hit the St. Louis Giants ball club, Kennard transferred to

the St. Louis Stars, where his exceptional ball playing kept the Stars in the championship bracket. He was the National Negro League batting champion in 1922, when he hit .372, the closest being Samuel Bennett and Oscar Charleston, each with 29 four-baggers. He hit the longest ball ever hit in old Stars Park. It traveled for a distance estimated at over 600 feet going out of the park to where Vashon High is now located.

### Funeral Services

Funeral services were held for the veteran baseball player last Monday night at Pettis Funeral Home, 3030 Belle avenue, Rev. Arthur McGinnis, pastor of Consoling Spiritual Church had charge of the ceremonies. Burial was in Saint Peter's Cemetery last Tuesday morning.

Born in King's Crossing, Miss., Kennard was 56 years old. Among the vast throng of mourners who viewed the remains of the great baseball player were the erstwhile cagey shortstop, Joe Hewitt; Big "Bill" Drake, former steel-arm pitcher; and Samuel Bennett who was a former playing-manager of the St. Louis Stars and one of the shrewdest in the game.

Besides his widow, Mrs. F. Kennard, no known relatives survive the deceased.

KENNARD



### COLBERT WINS PLENTY OF PRAISE

WHEN A high school player conducts himself as an old pro, it is news. When a first-sacker is praised by 3 big league scouts it makes an item worth noting in prep baseball. Hustling NATHAN COLBERT, a strapping Summer High student and star in the Tandy baseball league, made just such news last season as he played on the champion Mathew-Dickey Knights' team.

Colbert, the 17-year-old fielding sensation, caught the eye of this writer in search for promising baseball talent, stands 6'2" and weighs about 185. He bats and throws right-handed. He also played with Tom Powell Post teams in the American Legion during the summer.

Probably the most talked about Tandy League player, who seems to have everything it takes to be a minor leaguer soon. With the Knights last season, Nathan finished in third place among the leading hitters with a .473 average. He was top in triple, 6; and drove in 20 runs in second place. Has the best first base glove in years. What more can you ask?

Colbert is grimly determined to make baseball a career some day. He speaks pleasantly, a nice person, but once he puts on his spikes, he's another person. He runs hard, swings hard. Every move on the field is made with a deadly intensity. It is difficult to see how he can miss.

Nathan lives at 4459 Clarence avenue with his parents.

EDWARD LANFERSIECK, a scout of the Washington Senators, says his organization is definitely interested in three high school players. He declined to name the youngsters because of the hands-off policy on such prospects. In a brief interview, this writer got first-hand information on how a scout trails prep stars still in school. They use sort of a FBI system.

Cardinal Scout George Hasser has been trailing three Tandy league players for the last two years.

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1963

# Ernie Banks Sets New Fielding Record In '59

1959

CHICAGO — (ANP) — More than 28,000 fans gave Ernie Banks a great ovation as he came to the plate for the final time in the 1959 season in Wrigley Field Sunday.

Struck in the leg by a pitched ball the previous day, Ernie did not start at his regular shortstop position and appeared only as a pinch hitter in the seventh. His fellow Cubs, meanwhile, seemed listless both at bat and afield without him.

The value of Ernie Banks to the Cubs both as fielder and hitter can be attested by the fact that he set two major league fielding records for shortstops. He committed the fewest errors, 12, and had the highest fielding percentage, .985.

Banks had already set a major league home run record for shortstops, when he clouted 44, and bettered the record last season by hammering 47. He fell short of the latter mark by two this season. Ernie finished the 59' season with 45 homers, to tie Milwaukee's Eddie Mathews for the major league leadership.

However, although he failed to equal last year's homer output, Ernie acquitted himself admirably in the runs-driven-in department. He knocked in 143 runs to lead both leagues. It was his RBI total since joining the Cubs, and missed by seven tying the Na-

tional League record.

The fielding records came as a jolt to sport writers who have been singing the praises of the spectacular Luis Aparicio. Banks outfielded Aparicio, percentage-wise, although Luis is believed to be faster on ground balls.

Banks may not be the dazzling type, as Aparicio, but he is steady and efficient in his own quite way. Besides he seldom makes a throwing error.

For a guy who never played a day of minor league ball, this is an amazing feat for Ernie, now the chief breadwinner for the Wrigleys. His big bat has been overshadowing his fielding all these years, however.

At the plate, Ernie is as graceful as a cat as he strides into pitches. And so potent has been his bat that fans came to Wrigley Field daily just to see "Ernie hit one." Announcers, meanwhile, use the familiar phrase, "there she goes," to describe Bank's blasts over the fence.

Banks did not beat out Milwaukee's Hank Aaron for the batting championship, but he captured the homerun and RBI marks and wound up with a .300.

Banks is the Associated Negro Press' choice for National League Most Valuable Player award. If he gets it, it would be the first time that any player has won the award twice.

# Stars Of East-West Game

1942



Standing out in the 1942 East-West All Star game were Jesse Blaylock, who has played in five and perhaps more of the games than any other player.

John Moody, who v last year's classic. B centerfielder for Moody, second bas. Mor...

# Lt. Brooks Appointed Khoury Commissioner

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Lt. Thomas Brooks, commander of the Ninth District Detective Flying Squad has been appointed Commissioner of the Frontiers Khoury Baseball leagues.

Lt. Brooks has a wide range in the field of sports having participated as a player, coach and manager of baseball and basketball teams. He is manager of the Tandy league champion Harlem Collegians.

Lt. Brooks will be especially helpful in contacting coaches and managers of experience in the field of baseball.

The league is being sponsored by the Frontiers of America, a community service group. Joseph Clark is chairman of the Khoury league committee, James Hurt is president of the organization.

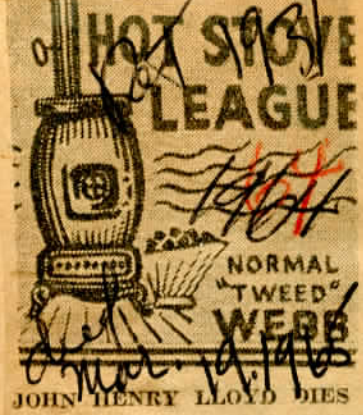
This years league is for the Midget Class, to include players who have not attained the age of 13 before January 1, 1960.

In part the purpose of the Khoury league is to: promote the welfare of the general public, physically socially and morally by amending the rules for men to fit youth and, at the same time, extend to them the codes of good citizenship and sportsmanship, ever bearing in mind that fair and honorable play shall rule su-



LIEUTENANT TOM BROOKS ... Baseball Commissioner

The league will begin competition in May, February 28, 1960 deadline for organization of league. Organizations and individuals are urged to call Joe Clark, EV, 5-0934, or send Khoury league coupon, distributed on this page.



**JOHN HENRY LLOYD DIES**  
Scores of old time baseball players and fans last week attended the funeral services for John Henry Lloyd, former slugging shortstop of such teams as Bacharach Giants, Philadelphia Giants and Hillsdale Stars, who was known universally and was rated as one of the best Negro baseball players 50 years ago. He died at Atlantic City, N. J.

One of baseball's immortals; Lloyd during his life time set all kinds of records, but the goal he sought most—playing in the big leagues—eluded him. In 1912, the late John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, one of the most brilliant figures the great national sport has ever produced, tried to get John Henry into the majors, but was unsuccessful.

However, Charlie Grant, in 1901 was palmed off by McGraw, then manager of the Baltimore Club, as an Indian. He failed to continue with the Baltimore team because a delegation of Chicago Negroes met the club at the depot with presents and what nots. When it was learned by officials of the Chicago White Sox that Grant was a Negro, they refused to play their team against a club with a Negro on it, however, in later years they played barnstorming games against Rube Foster's Chicago American Giants.

Speaking of old time Negro greats, last Sunday in Chicago, spearheaded the 1964 installation of officers of the old ball players club of Chicago and Evanston, Ill. Inc. Jessie Owens, Olympic star, was the toastmaster. Among those being installed to offices were "Bingo" DeMoss, former second baseman of the Chicago American Giants and John Donaldson, one of our greatest pitchers.

Dear Tweed:  
To settle a little argument for us, please tell what is meant by a "pull hitter" in baseball. Where can I join a ball league, age 12? Thank you so much.

Ben Williams  
1601 S. Jefferson  
When a right handed batter "pulls" the ball he hits it in the direction of first base and left field. He was a for a left handed batter.  
Carr Dickey of the Matthews-Dickey Boys club. Teams for boys from 6 to 19 years. FO. 7-9373.

Normal "Tweed" Webb.

**to Sore Arms**  
1942  
HOUSTON, Texas. — The Kansas City Monarchs first squad to start spring training, consisting mostly of pitchers and catchers, come through their first week of conditioning minus a single sore arm under the blazing Texas sun, with high morale and a burning zeal to reach top form for the baseball season.

"Dizzy" Dismukes, in charge of the preliminary work were: pitchers, Les Green, Alvin Bryant, Hilton Smith, Theodore Alexander, right handers and Earl Taborn, a recruit catcher picked up a St. Louis, all making the trip from Kansas City. These were joined at Houston by pitchers: Willie D. Smith, Columbus, Ga.; Ensloe Wylie, Clarksville, Tenn.; Clifford Johnson, Stone Mountain, Ga., right handers, and Lawrence Napoleon, a south paw from Monroe, La.

Non-pitchers reporting were: Les Green, catcher from Stone Mountain, Ga., Othello Renfro, catcher and infielder from Atlanta, John O'Neil, first baseman, Sarasota, Fla.; Laurence Hubbard, Richmond, Va., an outfielder; Siddle from Summerfield, N. C., an infielder, Porter, Hattiesburg, Miss., a catcher and infielder and Johnnie Scott, an outfielder of Houston.

LaMarque, Hilton Smith and Wylie are holdovers from last season's club. Johnson, just back from the wars, was one of the Monarchs stalwarts of the 1942 pennant winning club. Alexander did fine work during the 1943 season before entering the service. Willie D. Smith, a side-arm pitcher, and Laurence Napoleon are getting their baptism in pro baseball, both, from what they have already shown, will stick out the entire season in the Negro American league. Bryant is having his second fling at becoming a regular on the Monarch mound staff and with the experience gained down in the South Pacific pitching against major and minor league ball players seems to have added poise and the necessary confidence.

The second squad, headed by Manager Frank Dunca, is due to arrive this Sunday night, taking

**McMackins Jar**  
1957  
**Twin City Reds**

Rich Rogers and Dave Nicholson each hit bases-loaded homers yesterday as the McMackins trounced the Twin City Reds, 17-2, in a Ban Johnson Baseball League game. Nicholson had a pair of four baggers in the contest.

Rogers Robinson hit two homers, and James Buchanon and Alex Reese got one apiece as the Kinloch Giants shaded the Kovachs, 10-9, in 11 innings. Jack Halpin hit a four-bagger for the losers. Mallory, with a three-run first inning, defeated the Iron Workers, 5-3.

Kinloch and Mallory, both with 20 records, are scheduled to play tonight at 8 o'clock at Carondelet Park.

Mallory 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 — 5 4 2  
Iron Workers 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 — 3 5 4  
Batteries—D. Miller and Foster; Lamprose, Rister (2), Kammer (5) and C. Miller.

Twin City 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 — 2 7 2  
McMackin 0 2 1 4 2 0 4 4 x — 17 13 2  
Batteries—Hofforth, Duffner (4), Heitman (7) and Portel; Stroud, Lindsey (7) and Rogers, Boston (7).  
HOME RUNS: McMackin—Rogers, Nicholson (2).

**Standout In Victory**

By John J. Archibald

Wes Chism, a husky senior who can deliver a solid hit or a bone-rattling slide when it is needed most, made the difference yesterday as Sumner knocked favored Ritenour out of the state high school baseball tournament in 11 innings, 6 to 5.

Sumner's victory completed the first round. Now Coach Louis McKinnie's Bulldogs will play unbeaten Beaumont sometime this week in a District Four semifinal.

There was little to choose between the two teams that struggled for nearly three and one-half hours on the cold Forest Park diamond yesterday, except for the fact that Ritenour couldn't come up with a hero. Both teams made errors and both came up with sparkling plays at crucial moments. Stand-out relief pitching came to the aid of the two starting hurlers, yet neither team had a monopoly on poor plays.

Chism to the Fore.  
But Sumner had Chism. It was Chism who finally broke up the game with a bases-loaded, two-out single in the last of the eleventh, but he was a Bulldog standout many times before that.

In the third inning Chism got the first of his three hits. When Palmer Hubbard followed him with an apparent single into right field, Chism got a glimpse of the outfielder juggling the ball and sprinted all the way around to score his team's first run.

Then in the seventh, when Sumner came up with three runs to tie Ritenour and send the game into extra innings, it was Chism on the loose that did the trick. He came through with the third straight hit of the inning, driving in Tyrone Cox and sending James Buchanon to third. Buchanon didn't stop at third, however, but instead barreled on in for home.

The relayed throw had Buchanon by several feet, but the husky outfielder crashed into Catcher Jerry Marting with such force that he dropped the ball. That made the score: Ritenour 5, Sumner 4. Ritenour's No. 1 hurler, Andy Reed, then relieved Fred Helmering.

Hubbard, the next batter, grounded to second base, but while he was being thrown out Chism made a daring dash for third. The move surprised Ritenour and Chism slid in safely on a close play.

That Mr. Chism Again.  
Ken Ewing missed the pitch on an attempted squeeze play and Chism, coming down the line, appeared trapped. He sprinted back and forth in a run-up for a moment with Sumner's hopes riding with him. Finally he made one last charge for home plate. Pitcher Reed took the ball in time to tag Chism, but the 185-pound catcher-outfielder plowed in with such force that the ball again was knocked loose, and the game was tied.

After the dust had settled Reed pitched to only nine men in the next three innings. Reed began the eleventh by striking the first batter, how-

**"LEFTY" BIGGS SCULLINS TO TWO HITS**

Race Gets Tighter With Now Threat

By Normal "Tweed" Webb

The East St. Louis Armor Plant just about the hottest team in the Colored Industrial League at present, unheralded in pre-season predictions, is resting in first place. The East Siders look over the top rung in the topsy-turvy race Sunday afternoon by turning back Scullins 2 to 1 in the first game as Curtiss-Wright Giants whitewashed the Emerson Electric "Turrets" 6 to 0.

The many fans who braved the weather and saw two swell games, will certainly agree that the Scullins and Armor Plant game was a thriller.

**Lefty Briggs' Whole Show**

Armor Plant nine made only four hits off Denny Blackman, but capitalized on all of them to score two runs and beat the 1942 champions Scullin Mules, 2 to 1, behind the two-hit twirling of Lefty Briggs. Lefty Briggs, master of the fast ball, crackling curve and a magic change of velocity, outpitched Blackman in one of the best hurling duels Muny baseball could present. Briggs also figured in both of his team's two runs by contributing two hits in his two official trips to the plate, and fanned nine batters. Bilkey was the only batter who hit Lefty Briggs.

In the first inning on the first pitch Bilkey belted a home run to deep center field past Les Pearson and then on his third trip to the plate, he singled. The Armor Plant infield played great ball in the field. It was a game that kept the fans glued to their seats from start to finish. **Father and Son Battery**

The famous father-son combination turned back a fast bunch of young fighting ball players when Teanie Edwards' son, William "Weedie" Edwards, threw strikes to his father, Teanie Edwards to shut out the Emerson Electrics 6 to 0.

"Weedie" Edwards, a coming youngster, healthy, fine righthander with a winning smile and a nice curve with some good head work, made his bow as a Muny Leaguer for the strong Curtiss-Wright Giants and did a man-sized chore of throttling Ike Watson's fighting crew on only three widely scattered hits.

The Giant's young righthander freshman pitched like a big leaguer to his dad and had the

1943  
"Ville" fans on their side. Jenkins started for Emerson but had to leave the game under a heavy batting attack by the Giants in the third frame. Lefty Baker came in and pitched good ball until the end.

The Giants started off in front with two runs in the first inning. Little Chism fled out to Davis in left field; Jake Miller and Les Pearson walked; Jesse Askew shot a bullet single to left center-field, scoring Miller and Pearson. However, it was the third inning that Bill Harris' gang demonstrated their power in clinching their contest. Little Chism got hit by a pitched ball; Miller doubled; Pearson doubled; Askew got hit by a pitched ball; Palm singled; Teanie Edwards singled and when the smoke was cleared, three runs were in. Young Edwards had a little trouble with Emerson Electric in the second frame. The first man up, Clark, smacked a grounder to Jake Miller who fumbled the easy chance, then Bill Harris contributed a sensational glove-handed catch on the right field foul line to rob Davis of a double; Brown singled sending Clark to third; young Edwards, who works harder at his job with men on base, appeared cool with men on base. He made Merrill send a little pop fly to waiting first baseman Carter, but he really reared back and poured in three smokers to subdue the Curtiss-Wright hustling catcher, Ford, to end the best scoring chance the Emersons had.

Herman Belger, Harry Hollands and Morrison were the umpires.

**Standing Of Teams**

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Armor	2	0	1.000
Scullins	1	1	.500
Curtiss-Wright	1	1	.500
Emerson	0	2	

**Schedule June 6**  
1 p. m. Armor vs. Curtiss-Wright. 3:30 p. m. Scullins vs. Emerson

**Tandy's Highlights**  
Denny Blackman is pitching great ball this season.

Les Pearson, Little Chism and Carl Whitney are a good combination in any ball park.

Holloway and Brown of the Emerson Electrics are two hustling youngsters around second base.

Pvt. "Red" Nelson attended the Scullins-Armor game.

Lee Moody is in a slump but is playing great in the field.

Bill Drake, ex-St. Louis and Billy Donaldson were Cottrell's guests.

**DON'T CRANK**

**JUDGE LIMITS FAN'S HECKLING**  
A FAN'S right to heckle players on the field does not include catcalling based on their race or religion, Judge Joseph J. Drucker of Boys Court in Chicago held, July 16, when he imposed the maximum fine of \$200 for disorderly conduct on Louis Passi, 19. Passi was charged with being the center of a free-for-all at Comiskey Park, July 3, in which three objections to Passi's name-calling directed at Pitcher Marvin Rotblatt were injured in trying to defend the White Sox player. "Good-natured hooting of a player who commits a bender is all right," said the judge in imposing sentence, "but bringing in race or religion isn't the American way."