

# The Courier

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*"We are the Ship, All Else the Sea"*

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## In the News

### 2009 Jerry Malloy Conference

Plans are currently underway for next year's celebration of Negro League history. The Malloy conference will be co-sponsored and hosted by **The Western Pennsylvania Museum at the Senator John Heinz History Center**, at 1212 Smallman Street in "The Strip" of Pittsburgh's historic market district.



The three-day event, July 16-18, will celebrate the **Crossroad of Black Baseball** with special emphasis on the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the Homestead Grays.

Tentatively scheduled is a tour of the **Legacy Square** (see insert), the Hill District,

PNC Park and other Steel City highlights.

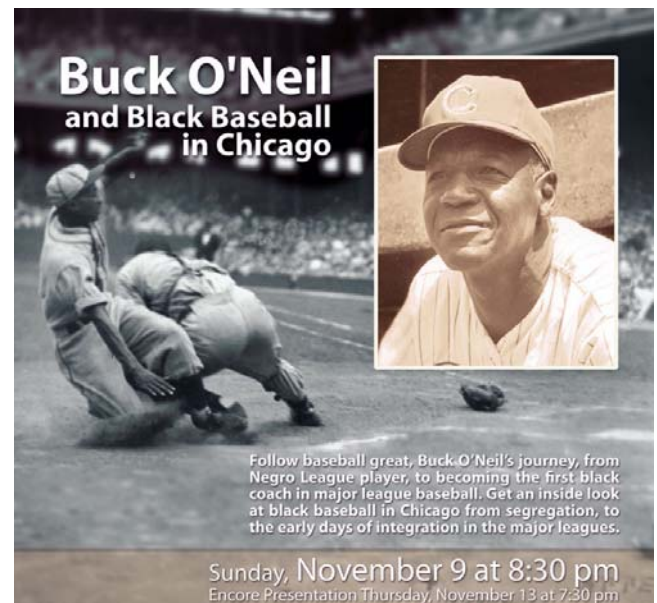
For all you presenters and exhibitors, the **Call for Papers** has been sent out. Papers can include all topics related to the theme or other related topics on black baseball. Papers are encouraged from all disciplines. Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 250 words with a brief curriculum vitae and contract information. Graduate students are also encouraged to submit proposals.

The proposals are due March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Email them to [LHeaphy@kent.edu](mailto:LHeaphy@kent.edu). For questions call her at 330.244.3304.

For the latest information about the conference visit: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy-negro-leagues-conference/> on a regular basis.

### Chicago Baseball Museum

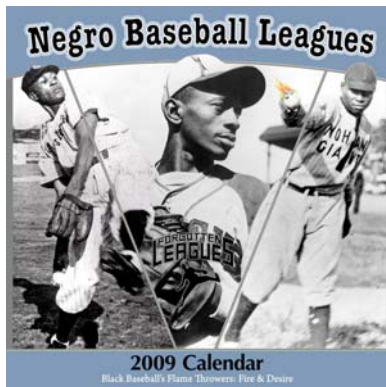
On November 9<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Chicago Baseball Museum televised a documentary about the grand ambassador to the game. **Buck O'Neil and Black Baseball in Chicago** is a unique perspective about the legendary Negro Leaguer and his connection to Chicago and features the unveiling of the **Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award** recently in Cooperstown, New York on July 26<sup>th</sup>.



Written and produced by **John Owens**, the film offers a unique look at the early days of local minority baseball, much of it through the eyes of O'Neil, and his 30 years of influence on the careers of **Ernie Banks, Lou Brock, Joe Carter** and **Billy Williams** among others.

"The significance of Buck O'Neil and Negro League baseball has been overlooked far too long, and we feel privileged to give them their proper due." said **Dr. David Fletcher**, Chicago Baseball Museum president.. "The history of Chicago baseball is ripe with great stories, and this is the first of many that we hope to share in the future." Visit their website for more details: <http://www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org/>

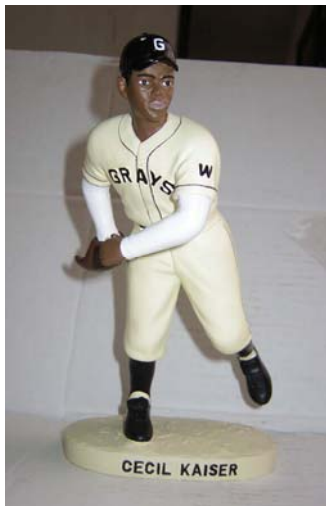
## The MarketPlace:



The new 2009 calendar by THE FORGOTTEN LEAGUES is now available. This year's edition called "**Black Baseball's Flame Throwers: Fire & Desire**" celebrates the men who came before

Dontrelle Willis, C.C. Sabathia, Dwight Gooden, Vida Blue, Mudcat Grant, J.R. Richard, Fergie Jenkins, Don Newcombe, Dave Stewart, Joe Black and Bob Gibson. Pick up your date keeper at [www.shadescalendars.com](http://www.shadescalendars.com) or 1-800-924-1811. They make wonderful Christmas gifts.

**Hartland of Ohio** is proud to present a statue made in the likeness of **CECIL KAISER** in his Homestead Grays uniform.



This 8 inch hand painted **autographed** statue will be numbered to ONLY 100 and will come with the traditional Hartland Tags and a certificate of authenticity.

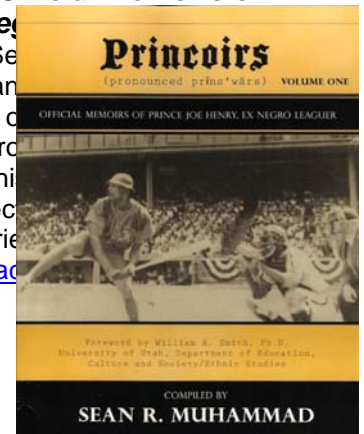
Also available is one of the 103 year old **Mr. Emilio "Millito" Navarro**, formerly of the Cuban Stars East (1928-1929). These 8 inch hand painted statues will be numbered, **signed** and LIMITED in production number.

For more information visit: <http://www.hartlandllc.com/>

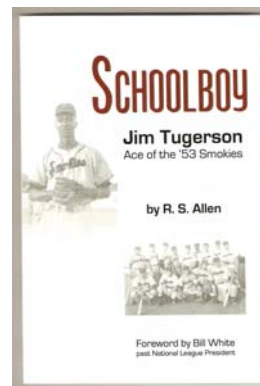


## Dugout Reading!

Volume one of **Princiors: Official Memoirs of Prince Joe Henry, Ex-Negro League** Compiled by his grandson Sean R. Muhammad must buy for any baseball fan. This is a review of the life and career of a player who mean hot corner for the Detroit Tigers, the Indianapolis Clowns and the Memphis Red Sox. Besides baseball, the intellectual and philosophical views on a variety of topics. Hurry to: [www.myspace.com/seanmuhammad](http://www.myspace.com/seanmuhammad) to get your copy today.



Another player is featured in a book by R. S. Allen called **SchoolBoy: Jim Tugerson, Ace of the '53 Smokies**. The foreword is written by Bill White former National League President. Tugerson pitched from 1951 to 1953 for the Indianapolis Clowns and the Kansas City Monarchs. In 1953, he along with his brother Leander were barred from pitching for the Hot Springs Bathers of the Class C Cotton States League and were optioned to the Knoxville Smokies of the Class D Mountain States League. Schoolboy won 29 games, including four play-off victories to help the team capture the league championship. You can order a copy from INFINITY PUBLISHING in West Conshohocken, PA.



**The Negro Leagues in New Jersey: A History** by Alfred M. Martin and Alfred T. Martin examines the historical significance of the state of New Jersey in the Negro League legacy. The book includes

photographs, appendices, notes, a bibliography of research sources, and annotated list of suggested further readings and an index. Order your copy from McFarland Publishers.

Also pick up **The Mogul: Eddie Gottlieb, Philadelphia Sports Legend & Pro Basketball Pioneer** by Rich Westcott. This book provides insight on this entrepreneur's involvement in the Negro Leagues. It is published by Temple University Press.

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## "On the Road Again"

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As Willie Nelson travels the roads in search of Negro League greatness, listed below are streets named after Negro League players.

*Can we locate others?* Send photographs if available.

Cooperstown Hall of Famers are noted in **BLUE**.



### Hank Aaron

- Hank Aaron Lane, Round Rock, TX
- Hank Aaron Drive, Atlanta, GA

### Ernie Banks

- Ernie Banks Drive, El Paso, TX

### James "Cool Papa" Bell

- James 'Cool Papa' Bell Avenue, St. Louis, MO
- James (Cool Papa) Bell Drive, Jackson, MS

### Leon Day

- Leon Day Way, Baltimore, MD

### Larry Doby

- Larry Doby Highway, near Camden, SC
- Larry Doby Way, Cleveland, OH

### Josh Gibson

- Josh Gibson Place, Pittsburgh, PA

### Chuck Harmon

- Chuck Harmon Way, Cincinnati, OH

### John Henry "Pop" Lloyd

- Pop Lloyd Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ

### Willie Mays

- Willie Mays Highway, Orlando, FL
- Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, CA

### John "Buck" O'Neil

- John "Buck" O'Neil Way, Kansas City, MO

### Satchel Paige

- Satchel Paige Drive, Mobile, AL
- Satchel Paige Way, Hollywood, MD

### Jackie Robinson

- Jackie Robinson Parkway, Glendale, NY

### Moses Fleetwood Walker

- Moses Fleetwood Walker Square, Toledo, OH

### Willie "the Devil" Wells

- Willie Wells Avenue, Austin, TX

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## Daniel S. Frawley Stadium - Judy Johnson Field

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### Judy Johnson Night

The 13th annual Judy Johnson Night was held in Wilmington, Delaware on August 16th. As in past years, the JUDY JOHNSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION plans a number of special activities and events each year. This year's honoree was **Stanley "Doc" Glenn**, former catcher for the Philadelphia Stars and author of *Don't Let Anyone Take Your Joy Away: An inside look at Negro League Baseball and its Legacy* published in 2006. Past honorees have included **Judy Johnson** (1996), **Buck O'Neil** (1997), **Gene Benson** (1998), **Josh Gibson** (1999), **Leroy "Toots" Ferrell** (2000), **Leon Day** (2001), **Jackie Robinson** (2002), **Buck Leonard** (2003), **Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe** (2004), **Bill "Ready" Cash** (2005), **Mahlon Duckett** (2006) and **Harold Gould** (2007). Fellow committee member Gregg Truitt is instrumental in hosting this event each year.

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### Research Finds:

Rod Nelson reports finding a death certificate for Hall of Fame outfielder **John Preston "Pete" Hill**. The correct date of death is December 19, 1951, in Buffalo, New York. His occupation is listed as porter and place of burial as Chicago, Illinois. The cemetery is unknown!

### Research Requests:

We are looking for first African American players on minor league teams at all talent levels. Also note any findings of league leaders. Send your discoveries to the editors, listed on the last page.

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### The **Deadline** for the *third* edition of **Black Ball Journal** is **January 2, 2009**

Submit your papers to Dr. Leslie Heaphy, Kent State University, 6000 Frank Road, North Canton, OH 44720 or email: [LHeaphy@kent.edu](mailto:LHeaphy@kent.edu)

## Sunrises!

SEND YOUR FAVORITE NEGRO LEAGUER A BIRTHDAY CARD.

### DECEMBER

2<sup>ND</sup> - HENRY ELMORE - 67  
3<sup>RD</sup> - BILL HAYDEN - 84  
4<sup>TH</sup> - TED TOLES - 83  
6<sup>TH</sup> - BILL LITTLE - 74  
7<sup>TH</sup> - ENRIQUE MAROTO - 76  
9<sup>TH</sup> - QUACK BROWN - 78, BENNY FELDER - 82  
14<sup>TH</sup> - **WILLIE POPE - 90**, HENRY SAVERSON - 79  
16<sup>TH</sup> - FRANK EVANS - 87, JOE MARBURY - 70  
20<sup>TH</sup> - MAL DUCKETT - 86  
21<sup>ST</sup> - CHARLES WILLS - 77, PAUL CASANOVA - 67  
23<sup>RD</sup> - MAYNARD JORDAN - 80  
25<sup>TH</sup> - JOHN MITCHELL - 71  
26<sup>TH</sup> - ORLANDO O'FARRILL - 86  
27<sup>TH</sup> - JIM COBBIN - 74

### JANUARY

8<sup>TH</sup> - DAVE WHITNEY - 79  
9<sup>TH</sup> - FRANK MARSH - 78  
21<sup>ST</sup> - PORTER REED - 86, JIM  
ROBINSON - 78  
26<sup>TH</sup> - RON TEASLEY - 82  
27<sup>TH</sup> - SAM TAYLOR - 80  
28<sup>TH</sup> - TOMMY TAYLOR - 71  
30<sup>TH</sup> - LONNIE HARRIS - 78  
31<sup>ST</sup> - ERNIE BANKS - 78

### FEBRUARY

4<sup>TH</sup> - ERNIE NIMMONS - 79  
5<sup>TH</sup> - HANK AARON - 75  
9<sup>TH</sup> - MIKE HOULEMARD - 76  
12<sup>TH</sup> - BILL DUMPSON - 79  
14<sup>TH</sup> - JOE CAFFIE - 78  
20<sup>TH</sup> - WALTER MCCOY - 86  
21<sup>ST</sup> - **BILL CASH - 90**  
23<sup>RD</sup> - WILLIE SHEELOR - 81  
25<sup>TH</sup> - **MONTE IRVIN - 90**  
26<sup>TH</sup> - MICKEY STUBBLEFIELD - 83

NOTE: Congratulations to Nonagenarians: **WILLIE POPE, BILL "READY" CASH & MONTE IRVIN.**

**\$\$\$ When you renew your SABR membership for 2009, please consider earmarking extra funds for the JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE and/or Jeremy Krock's headstones project for unmarked graves. Go to: <http://store.sabr.org> and enter your tax-deductible gift.**

**We welcome any donations in supporting our efforts to recognize this chapter of American history. \$\$\$**



## Sunsets . . . .



**"BUTCH" FEARBRY, JR.**, 75, died 2008, in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1955, Marvin and Butch were the double play combination known as the Clowns. Marvin was at second base and Butch at shortstop. Fearbry retired from J&L Steel in 1992.

### FRANKLIN DELANO "HANK"

**WILLIAMS**, 72, died November 3, 2008, in Sacramento, California. Williams played outfield for the 1958-60 Memphis Red Sox and the Kansas City Monarchs. The very likeable Hank was the brother of Hall of Famer **Billy Williams**.

**JAMES EDWARD "SAP" IVORY**, 69, died October 22, 2008, in Birmingham, AL. Ivory played shortstop from 1956 to 1960 for the Detroit Stars and the Birmingham Black Barons. He also played for various independent teams like the Grand Rapids Black Sox and the Stockham Valve Company team in the Birmingham Industrial League. In 1957 Ivory was invited to spring training with the San Francisco Giants, but failed to make the team.

**CORRECTION:** The last issue of *The Courier* reported Harry Barnes, Jr., passing at the age of 56. This should be 66 years. Thanks to Doug Brei of Rochester, NY.

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