

Hey, batter, batter, S w i n g!

With all due respect to Major League Baseball, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, we are proud to be the little kid on the block.

For 15 years, without national notoriety or exposure, and no sacred athlete endorsements, we have survived. Without a profit margin, we are a group of individuals committed to the research and promotion of baseball history before #42. I know I have the best job you will never get paid for.

Since 1998, the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference has been the only symposium in the country dedicated exclusively to the examination and research of black baseball history.

We don't have commitments from major sponsors or power brokers. We do not value the bottom line, but we do value the historical product and the lessons learned from the 14 presentations we had on Friday and today.

We are not corporate savvy, but we are community dedicated. We have survived for 16 years because we believe in principle over profit. And we have survived for 16 years because we value respect & recognition over glitz & glamour.

Serving the greater good, we truly care about the players, their families and their contribution to the national pastime, as noted by players Jim Robinson and Pedro Sierra who had to pay for a debt that never owed.

To our past contributors, we THANK YOU for your time, talents, and energy in supporting the vision of Jerry Malloy and his legacy. This is your conference, the best representation of black baseball in America. So take ownership of your history. Out of many, we are one. And it only takes one of you to make a difference.

We welcome your involvement in making next year's conference in Detroit the best ever. Contact me with your ideas and thoughts.

At this time our auctioneer, Bryan Steverson is up to bat, to close out your conference.