



# The Negro Baseball League

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March 25, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. ET

## Suggested Readings

### **Emancipation and the American Pastime**

Swanson, Ryan. *When Baseball Went White: Reconstruction, Reconciliation, and Dreams of a National Pastime*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

Ribowsky, Mark. "I Will be Heard," in *A Complete History of the Negro Leagues, 1884 to 1955*. New Jersey, Carol Publishing Group, 1997

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### **Drawing the Color Line**

Hogan, Lawrence and James Overmyer, "Before Jim Crow," in *Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African American Baseball*. Washington D.C. National Geographic, 2006.

Peterson, Robert. *Only the Ball was White: A History of Legendary Black Players and All-Black Teams*. New York, Oxford University Press, 1970.

Zang, David W. *Fleet Walker's Divided Heart: The Life of Baseball's First Black Manager*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 1995.

### **A Profession of Their Own**

White, Sol. *Sol White's History of Colored Baseball with Other Documents on the Early Black Games, 1886-1936*. New York. Bison Books, 1996.

Lomax, Michael. *Black Baseball Entrepreneurs: The Negro National and Eastern Colored Leagues, 1902-1931*. Syracuse, Syracuse University Press, 2014.

Lutzke, Mitch. *Page Fence Giants: A History of Black Baseball's Pioneering Champions*. North Carolina: McFarland Press, 2018.

### **Rube Foster: A Baseball Lifer**

Cottrell, Robert Charles. *The Best Pitcher in Baseball: The Life of Rube Foster, Negro League Giant*. New York. New York University Press, 2001.

Heaphy, Leslie A, ed. *Black Baseball and Chicago: Essays on the Players, Teams and Games*. North Carolina. McFarland Press, 2006.

Peterson, Robert. *Only the Ball was White: A History of Legendary Black Players and All-Black Teams*. New York, Oxford University Press, 1970.

### **The Negro National League**

Bak, Richard. *Turkey Stearnes and the Detroit Stars*. Detroit. Wayne State University Press, 1994.

Hogan, Lawrence, "The New Negro," in *Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African American Baseball*. Washington D.C. National Geographic, 2006

Ribowsky, Mark, "A Decided Disadvantage," in *A Complete History of the Negro Leagues, 1884 to 1955*. New Jersey, Carol Publishing Group, 1997.

### **The Eastern Colored League**

Smith, Courtney Michelle. *Ed Bolden and Black Baseball in Philadelphia*. North Carolina. McFarland Press, 2017.

Lomax, Michael, "Black Baseball War," in *Black Baseball Entrepreneurs: The Negro National and Eastern Colored Leagues, 1902-1931*. Syracuse, Syracuse University Press, 2014.

Nathan, Daniel A. "Chasing Shadows: The Baltimore Black Sox and the Perils of History," in *Baseball in America and America in Baseball*. Texas, Texas A&M Press, 2008.

### **The Troubled Twenties**

Brain Carroll, "From Fraternity to Fracture: Black Press Coverage of an Involvement in Negro League Baseball in the 1920s," *American Journalism*, 23 (2), 69-95.

Heaphy, Leslie. *The Negro Leagues, 1869-1960*. North Carolina. McFarland Press, 2013.

Cottrell, Robert Charles. *The Best Pitcher in Baseball: The Life of Rube Foster, Negro League Giant*. New York. New York University Press, 2001.

### **1930s: Making a Way out of No Way**

Trembanis, Sarah L. *The Set-up Men: Race, Culture and Resistance in Black Baseball*. North Carolina. McFarland Press, 2014.

Wheeler, Lonnie. *The Bona Fide Legend of Cool Papa Bell: Speed, Grace, and the Negro Leagues*. New York. Abrams Press, 2020.

Ribowsky, Mark, *A Complete History of the Negro Leagues, 1884 to 1955*. New Jersey, Carol Publishing Group, 1997.

### **The East-West Classic**

Reisler, Jim. *Black Writers/Black Baseball: An Anthology of Articles from Black Sportswriters Who Covered the Negro Leagues*. North Carolina. McFarland Press. 2007.

Lester, Larry. *Black Baseball's National Showcase: The East-West All-Star Game, 1933-1953*. Lincoln. University of Nebraska Press, 2001.

Tye, Larry. *Satchel: The Life and Times of an American Legend*. New York. Random House, 2009

### **Surviving the Great Depression**

Rogosin, Donn. *Invisible Men: Life in Baseball's Negro Leagues*. New York. Atheneum. 1985.

Holway, John B. *Black Diamonds: Life in the Negro Leagues from the Men Who Lived It*. Connecticut. Meckler Books, 1989.

Virtue, John. *South of the Color Barrier: How Jorge Pasquel and the Mexican Leagues Pushed Baseball Toward Racial Integration*. North Carolina. McFarland Books, 2008.

### **The Negro American League**

Bush, Frederick C. and Bill Nowlin, ed. *When the Monarchs Reigned: Kansas City's 1942 Negro League Champions*. Phoenix. SABR. 2021.

Snyder, Brad. *Beyond the Shadows of the Senators: The Untold Story of the Homestead Grays and the Integration of Baseball*. Chicago. Contemporary Books, 2003.

O'Neil, Buck. *I was Right on Time*. New York. Simon and Schuster. 1996.

Burgos, Adrian. *Cuban Star: How One Negro-League Owner Changed the Face of Baseball*. New York. Hill and Wang, 2001.

### **Integration and the Negro League**

Lanctot, Neil. *Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution*. Philadelphia. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004.

Tygiel, Jules. *Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and his Legacy*. New York. Oxford University Press, 2008.

Forman, Sean and Cecilia M. Tan. *The Negro Leagues are Major Leagues: Essay and Research for Overdue Recognition*. Phoenix. SABR. 2021.

Moore, Louis. *We Will Win the Day: The Civil Rights Movement, The Black Athlete, and the Quest for Equality*. University Press of Kentucky, 2021.