



One-of-a-kind poster immortalizes Negro League greats

Black heroes from the past have long cried out to be remembered. Remembered for their achievements, remembered for their greatness. They cry out for the recognition they so greatly deserve but for so long have been denied. Heroes like those from the American Negro Baseball Leagues.

Now through the efforts of American Black Collectibles, some of the greatest heroes of Negro League Baseball are being remembered and immortalized in a limited edition poster entitled "Voices from the Great American Baseball League."

This 40" by 26", one of a kind,

collectible features some of the top players of the day in a rare photo never before seen in any books, magazines or publications.

The poster offers today's baseball enthusiast a quick glimpse at yesterday's big named stars, some of whom never had the opportunity to play in the major leagues but continually excelled against white major league stars in regular barnstorming events.

The focus of the exquisitely designed placard is a long, lost recently discovered photo commemorating opening day at Ruppert Stadium on May 17, 1942, between the legendary

Kansas City Monarchs and the Memphis Red Sox. The two teams dominate the poster which also features short, individual biographical sketches and pictures of the players who participated in the game. Players such as tall, wiry, pitching phenomenon Satchel Paige, star catcher Frank Duncan, flashy infielder Jesse Williams, outfielder Bill Simms and spectacular second baseman Newt Allen. Most of the players are gone but they live on through this incredible piece of historical memorabilia.

Each biography was compiled and written by leading Negro League authority Phil Dixon, author of the best-selling "Pictorial History of the Negro Leagues."

Produced on thick beige paper, the poster is suitable for

framing and makes an excellent gift. Each print is individually numbered and is a sure bet to become a collector's item.

"Voices from the Great American Baseball Leagues" is licensed by the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and the International Society of Athletes. The poster has been so very well received that it has found its way into the possession of such notables as Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Spike Lee, former President Jimmy Carter, Lakers owner Jerry Buss, Lou Piniella and South African President Nelson Mandela.

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National Sports Briefs

WALT HAZZARD STABLE AFTER STROKE
LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Former UCLA head coach and NBA All-Star Walt Hazzard, who suffered a stroke last week, is listed in stable condition at the UCLA Medical Center.

"He remains in stable condition in the coronary care unit and he's continuing to be evaluated," Warren Robak, a spokesman for the medical center, said.

WARRIORS TO PLAY IN SAN JOSE NEXT SEASON
OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors will play their 1996-97 home games at the San Jose Arena while their new stadium is under construction in Oakland, the team announced.

The National Basketball Association team had been talking with officials of San Francisco's Cow Palace, but those negotiations fell through, said team attorney Robin Baggett.

MORRIS INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES
ROCKWALL, Texas — Pittsburgh Steelers running back "Bam" Morris was indicted Tuesday on felony drug possession charges after authorities found marijuana and cocaine in his luxury car.

A grand jury indicted Morris on one count of possession of between 5 and 50 pounds of marijuana and one count of possession of between 1 and 4 grams of cocaine Rockwall County District Attorney Galen Sumrow said.

Both charges are third-degree felonies punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

KNICK ARRESTED FOR NOT PAYING SUPPORT
HOUSTON, Texas — Willie Anderson of the New York Knicks was arrested for allegedly failing to pay child support when he arrived at The Summit with teammates Tuesday for a game against the Houston Rockets.

Constables took the 29-year-old guard to the Harris County Jail, where he was held in lieu of \$130,000 bail. A contempt warrant alleges nonpayment of child support to a Houston-area woman.

EX-CHAMPION McCALL EARNS SIXTH-ROUND KO
MIAMI, Fla. — Former WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McCall stopped James Stanton in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

McCall, now living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, controlled Stanton the entire fight. Using an early fight knockdown, McCall never let Stanton build an attack.

The combination of punches, which often had Stanton on the retreat, forced Stanton's cornermen to not allow their fighter to answer the bell for the sixth round.

ROBINSON RESIGNS AT NC STATE
RALEIGH, N.C. — Coach Les Robinson, who restored academic integrity to the North Carolina State basketball program but lost 50 of 64 Atlantic Coast Conference games the past four seasons, resigned last week.

Robinson, 53, had one year remaining on his contract. Many believed the veteran coach was looking for a contract extension as a show of support from the Wolfpack administration, but he said he turned down a two-year extension that would have left him on the bench through 1999.

JOHNSON HAPPY WITH DECISION
CAPETOWN, So. Africa — Michael Johnson got his wish and now will have a chance to make Olympic history.

For months, Johnson, the world champion at 200 and 400 meters, had been campaigning to have the two events separated at the Olympics so he could have a chance to become the first male to win both at the Games.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation, track and field's world governing body, recently agreed to reschedule the 200 and 400 so there would be no conflict. They did even better than Johnson had hoped for, giving him a day to rest between the competition of the 400 and the start of the 200.

No male has ever won the 200-400 double at the Olympics; one female, Valerie Brisco-Hooks, did it in 1984 in Los Angeles.

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