

# 17 Blacks, first woman inducted into Baseball Hall

NEW YORK - The Baseball Hall of Fame elected 17 people from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues on Monday, including the first woman to be enshrined — Effa Manley, co-owner of the former Newark

Eagles. Manley was among the Hall of Famers elected by a special committee in Tampa, Fla., that was charged with recognizing African-Americans shut out from Major League Baseball which was segregated until 1947.

The 17 will be honored in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 30, joining reliever Bruce Sutter, the lone player elected this year by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. They will join 261 previously elected members.

Electees include seven Negro leagues players: Ray Brown, Willard Brown, Andy Cooper, Biz Mackey, Mule Suttles, Cristobal Torriente and Jud Wilson; five pre-Negro leagues players: Frank Grant, Pete Hill, Jose Mendez, Louis Santop, and Ben Taylor; four Negro leagues executives: Manley, Alex Pompey, Cum Posey, and J.L. Wilkinson; and pre-Negro leagues executive Sol White.

Manley co-owned the Eagles with her husband,

Abe, and ran the business end of the team for more than a decade. The Eagles won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946 — one year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier to become the first African-American in the major leagues.

Manley, who was also an officer of the Newark chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, often used Eagles games to raise political awareness, including an "Anti-Lynching Day" at the

ball park in 1939. Buried in Culver City, Calif., in April 1981, her gravestone reads: "She Loved Baseball." Buck O'Neil and Minnie Minoso, the only living members among 39 candidates on the ballot, were not elected by the 12-person panel, comprised of baseball historians. At least nine votes were required for election. Those elected will join 18 Hall of Famers from the Ne (See Manley, Page 19)



Effa Manley, left, who co-owned the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League looks over a scrapbook with one of her former players, Don Newcombe, at her home in Los Angeles in this August 7, 1973 file photo.

## Mosley

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Mosley was, however, far from dominant in beating Vargas, who also was trying to get his career back on track.

Their scheduled 12-round junior middleweight match at the Mandalay Bay Events Center turned out to be sort of an extended one-punch fight.

Mosley caught Vargas with a stiff right to his left eye in the first round, and the knot over Vargas' eye continued to swell as Mosley peppered it in the following rounds.

By the seventh, Vargas' eye was swollen shut. Referee Joe Cortez finally stopped the fight at 1:22 of the 10th round after Mosley landed several shots to the head.

The judges had scored the bout extremely close through the first nine rounds, with Mosley ahead by a point on each of two cards and Vargas up by a point on the other.

"Before I knew it, his eye was swollen like a balloon," Mosley said. "As the rounds went on, it got bigger and bigger, and I went, 'Wow, look what we have here.'"

The 28-year-old Vargas, who kept gamely coming at Mosley until the end, was disappointed that the referee called it.

"I didn't think it was that bad," he said. "I could still see. I would have stepped it up if I thought they wanted to stop it. I was the one pushing the action, backing him into the ropes."

Vargas said he wanted a rematch at 154 pounds, but that's unlikely since Mosley said he's going back down to welterweight at 147. Mosley weighed 152 and Vargas 153 1/2.

Mosley, from Pomona, Calif., improved to 42-4 with his 36th knockout. Vargas, from Oxnard, Calif., is 26-3, with 22 knockouts.

Vargas' purse was \$4 million, \$1 million more than Mosley got.

Mosley, who was fighting for Oscar De La Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions, isn't the only one who wants a match against Mayweather.

De La Hoya, saying he intends to fight two more times before retiring, is scheduled to face Ricardo Mayorga in Las Vegas on May 6, and said he would like to close out his career with a September bout against Mayweather.

De La Hoya is trained by Floyd Mayweather Sr. Mayweather Jr. is 35-0 with 24 knockouts. He will try for his fourth title in different weight classes when he fights IBF welterweight champion Zab Judah on April 8 in Las Vegas.

On the Mosley-Vargas undercard, Jhonny Gonzalez stopped Mark Johnson in the eighth round of their scheduled 12-round bout, and unbeaten heavyweight Calvin Brock (28-0) knocked out journeyman Zuri Lawrence in the fifth round of their 10-round match.

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