

Curt Flood

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pared to take the risk, and with the support of the Baseball Players Association, a major lawsuit was launched.

Though the suit itself failed, it set in motion a series of events that led to the

demise of the reserve clause within a few short years. The consequences for Flood, however, were dramatic. He was, for all intents and purposes, driven from Major League Baseball, and though he briefly returned, was un-

able to regain the traction and prominence he once held. The life of this exceptional baseball player was, for many years, crushed.

Flood had been prepared to take the risks, though he probably did not anticipate the extent of the dangers involved. Nevertheless, he understood that the reserve clause system was fundamentally unjust and had to be overturned.

As an African-American his struggle brought together the fights for racial justice and for the rights of all base-

ball players. Unfortunately, so many players at that time were intimidated by the owners of the baseball teams that Flood found himself all too often alone, despite the continuing support he received from the players association.

While Jackie Robinson is, correctly, remembered for breaking the color line, even in Major League Baseball today the name of Curt Flood is barely remembered, let alone heralded. His courage helped to destroy a system that kept the players under the thumbs of the owners and

made it possible for only a few (and mainly White) players to ever achieve compensation that corresponded to their talents.

Instead of being recognized for his courage, commitment and baseball talent, those guarding the gates to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame have chosen to block the entrance of Flood. Few people have raised their voices in protest. Instead of righting a clear wrong, the baseball team owners and their sycophants in the sports media world would prefer

that the memory of this audacious action fade into oblivion.

Curt Flood passed away eleven years ago. Getting him into the Hall of Fame is not about one person. It is about setting the historical record straight. It is clear that this will not happen unless there are demands from those of us who love baseball, but love justice even more.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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