NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL CARDS

MINNIE FORBES
Tours: Detroit Stars 1955-1957
Kansas City Monarchs 1958-1959
Famly Owner (HOF 1978)
Birth: May 28, 1915

Minnie Forbes is one of the few female owners of a major sports league. She bought the Detroit Stars from her husband, Bill Forbes, in 1955. Initially Forbes and her team were not well received, but she worked hard to help finance the team and build the business. Forbes eventually became involved in the administration of the league's financial operations. In 1958, Forbes also opened the Forbes Sports Hall of Fame, which is now the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

WALT OWENS
Tours: Detroit Stars 1955-1956
Birth: August 19, 1935, Cleveland, Ohio

Walt Owens played for the St. Louis Stars in 1955-56. At the time, he was attending Northern Illinois University where he played baseball. After graduation, he played in the public school's and high school's. In 1958, he moved to the Cleveland Indians where he opened a baseball field in the city. He also opened the Detroit Stars in 1958. Owens was later elected to the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame.

EUGENE SCRUGGS
Tours: Detroit Stars 1964-1969
Kansas City Monarchs 1957-1959
Birth: October 4, 1935, Florence, Alabama

Eugene Scruggs played for the St. Louis Stars for two seasons in 1964 and 1965. He then played with the Detroit Stars, where he broke out as a star. Scruggs was also a mentor to young players and a leader in the community. In 1982, he was inducted into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame.

JAKE SANDERS
Tours: Detroit Stars 1964
Kansas City Monarchs 1957-1958
Birth: January 27, 1937, Southfield, Michigan

Jake Sanders played for the Detroit Stars in 1964, where he was paid in the Negro Leagues. At the time, he was coached by the Stars. Sanders was also a mentor to young players and a leader in the community. In 1982, he was inducted into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame.

PEDRO SIERRA
Tours: Indianapolis Clowns 1950-1953,
Detroit Stars 1955-1956
Birth: July 28, 1933, Havana, Cuba

Pedro Sierra played for the Detroit Stars in 1955, where he signed his first professional contract with the Indianapolis Clowns. In 1956, he signed with the Detroit Stars, where he was able to play on the right side of the infield. Sierra played in the Negro Leagues and was elected to the HOF.

RON TEASLEY
Tours: Toledo Cubs 1943, New York Colon 1949, Negro Leagues 1949-1952
Birth: January 30, 1925, Detroit, Michigan

Ron Teasley played for the Detroit Stars in 1949, where he was coached by the Stars. Teasley was also a mentor to young players and a leader in the community. In 1982, he was inducted into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Coil Papa Bell, 1932 Detroit Wolves
By Graig Kreidler (2019)
5”x7” oil on linen mounted to panel

Andy Cooper, 1920 Detroit Stars
By Graig Kreidler (2017)
5”x7” oil on linen mounted to panel

Turkey Stearnes, 1923 Detroit Stars
By Graig Kreidler (2017)
5”x7” oil on linen mounted to panel

Turkey Stearnes, 1923 Kansas City Monarchs
By Graig Kreidler (2020)
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Bill Holland, 1920 Detroit Stars
By Graig Kreidler (2019)
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