Did you know that on September 23, 1956, Ozzie Virgil became the first person from the Dominican Republic to play in the Majors when he started for the New York Giants at third base against the Philadelphia Phillies?

On January 28, 1958, the Detroit Tigers traded Jim Finigan and $25,000 to the San Francisco Giants for Gail Harris and Ozzie Virgil? By trading for Ozzie Virgil, he became the first non-white player to ever play for the Detroit Tigers. Virgil played his first game at Tiger Stadium on June 17, 1958, going 5-for-5 against the Washington Senators before a crowd of 30,000.