

REMEMBER DOBY

IN 1923, LAWRENCE "LARRY" EUGENE DOBY WAS BORN IN CAMDEN, SC. HE MOVED TO PATERSON, NJ AT THE AGE OF 14 TO REUNITE WITH HIS MOM, AND BECAME A STUDENT AND ATHLETE AT EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL.



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LARRY DOBY WAS A MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE. DURING HIS TIME AT EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, HE WAS LETTERED IN FOUR SPORTS: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, AND BASEBALL.



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IN 1943, DOBY'S CAREER WITH THE NEWARK EAGLES WAS INTERRUPTED FOR SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC THEATER OF WORLD WAR II. LARRY DOBY WAS DISCHARGED IN 1946.

U.S. NAVY

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SEGREGATION WAS GOING ON IN THE U.S. MILITARY AS WELL. DURING LARRY DOBY'S TIME IN THE NAVY, HE WAS A PART OF AN ALL-BLACK BASEBALL SQUAD PLAYING AGAINST TEAMS COMPOSED OF WHITE PLAYERS, INCLUDING SOME MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS.

U.S. NAVY

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LARRY DOBY PLAYED HIS 1ST GAME
IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES FOR THE
CLEVELAND INDIANS ON JULY 5,
1947, BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK
BASEBALL PLAYER IN THE AMERICAN
LEAGUE AND SECOND BLACK
PLAYER IN MAJOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL.



REMEMBER DOBY

IN 1974, LARRY DOBY BECAME
A FIRST BASE COACH FOR THE
CLEVELAND INDIANS.



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LARRY DOBY WAS AWARDED
WITH MULTIPLE HONORS
INCLUDING INDUCTION INTO
SEVERAL HALLS OF FAME,
STATUES, A CONGRESSIONAL
GOLD MEDAL, STREET NAMING
AND MORE.

LARRY DOBY LANE



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PATERSON HAS HONORED LARRY
DOBY BY NAMING BOTH A BASEBALL
FIELD AND STREET AFTER HIM. IN
2023, A BLOCK OF LIBERTY STREET IN
PATERSON, THAT RUNS PAST THE
HISTORIC HINCHLIFFE STADIUM, WAS
RENAMED LARRY DOBY LANE.

LARRY DOBY LANE



REMEMBER DOBY

DOBY BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CAREER IN 1942 AT THE AGE OF 17, WITH THE NEWARK EAGLES: A NEGRO LEAGUE TEAM.

THE NEGRO LEAGUES WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1920 BECAUSE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DIDN'T ACCEPT ANY BLACK PLAYERS AT THE TIME.



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IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS AMATEUR STATUS AND KEEP HIS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP, LARRY DOBY SIGNED WITH THE NEWARK EAGLES USING AN ALIAS. HE PLAYED AS LARRY WALKER FROM JUNE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1942.



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LARRY DOBY PLAYED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR 13 YEARS, PLAYING HIS LAST GAME IN 1959. IN 1962, DOBY PLAYED FOR JAPAN'S NIPPON PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE AS A CHUNICHI DRAGON, THEN RETIRED FROM BASEBALL THAT YEAR.



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DOBY WAS NEARLY THREE YEARS REMOVED FROM HIS FINAL MAJOR LEAGUE GAME WHEN HE STARTED PLAYING IN JAPAN FOR THE CHUNICHI DRAGONS, BUT WAS HELD IN HIGH REGARD WITH THE DRAGONS, WHO WERE IN NEED OF A BOOST.



REMEMBER DOBY

**AFTER RETIRING FROM
PLAYING BASEBALL, IN 1969
LARRY DOBY BEGAN WORKING
FOR THE MONTREAL EXPOS; A
CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL
BASEBALL TEAM.**



REMEMBER DOBY

**LARRY DOBY WAS A SCOUT,
MINOR LEAGUE INSTRUCTOR,
AND BATTING COACH FOR THE
FOR THE MONTREAL EXPOS.**



REMEMBER DOBY

**AFTER NINE SEASONS WITH THE
CLEVELAND INDIANS, DOBY WAS
TRADED TO THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX
IN 1955, HELPING THEM WIN EIGHT
STRAIGHT GAMES.**

SOX

REMEMBER DOBY

**AT THE AGE OF 53, LARRY
DOBY BECAME THE SECOND
BLACK MANAGER IN THE
MAJOR LEAGUES, AS THE
MANAGER FOR THE WHITE SOX.**

SOX