



PRESS RELEASE

Phillies' Jackie Robinson Day Tribute Rescheduled for April 23

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Due to the rain-out of Sunday's game, the Phillies' Jackie Robinson Day Tribute, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Robinson's debut in the major leagues, will take place at Citizens Bank Park on Monday, April 23, before and during the Phillies' 7:05 p.m. game against the Houston Astros.

As part of this special tribute, the Phillies will salute African-American pioneers who opened doors for others. Prior to the game, a press conference with Jackie Robinson Day participants will be held in the Phillies media room at 5:45 p.m. [Note: Media must have proper credentials to access this area.]

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY HIGHLIGHTS

- The entire Phillies team, as well as the Houston Astros, will wear Jackie Robinson's #42 on their jerseys.
- The four living members of the Philadelphia Stars - Bill Cash, Mahlon Duckett, Stanley Glenn and Harold Gould - will be honored. The Philadelphia Stars team played from 1934 to 1950 and won the 1934 Negro National League pennant.
- The tribute continues with an appearance by the famed Tuskegee Airmen, who made history by enlisting to become America's first black military airmen during World War II in 1941, six years prior to Jackie Robinson breaking the "color line" in Major League Baseball.
- Ten years ago, 10- and 11-year-old African-American children from the Anderson Monarchs South Philadelphia baseball team embarked on a historic, barnstorming tour in a 1947 bus as a tribute to the Negro Leagues and Jackie Robinson. Members of that team - including Bilal Rogers, Joe O'Shea, Randy Holman, Desmond McCall, Marquis Harris, Jamaal Harris, Anthony Deadwyler, D'Var Brown, Ali Mapp and David Jennings - will take part in the on-field ceremony along with their coaches Dave Jennings, Eliezer Beauchamp and Steve Bandura.
- Phillies All-Star shortstop Jimmy Rollins, the team spokesman for Jackie Robinson Day, will take part in the tribute.
- In 1997, Phillies Charities, Inc. established a Jackie Robinson Scholarship for Philadelphia-area baseball players who display leadership both on and off the field and

have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Matt Howard, a Phillies RBI participant who will be attending Marist College in the fall, is the 2007 recipient and will be recognized during the on-field ceremony.

• *Donna Allie, a single mother who grew her residential home cleaning service into a commercial cleaning company, will be honored for being the Phillies' "Most Valuable Minority Business Partner." Allie is a Bryn Mawr native.*

• A silent auction featuring items signed by former and current Phillies players as well as the four living members of the Philadelphia Stars will be held at the First Base Gate Plaza, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to benefit the Jackie Robinson Foundation. The foundation, started by Robinson's wife Rachel in 1973, offers four-year scholarships to minority students with records of academic distinction, leadership and financial need.

• Stefon Burns, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and Deidre Littlejohn, a sophomore at Temple University, will be recognized on Sunday. Both are recipients of scholarships from the Robinson Foundation.

• All fans attending the game that day will receive a Jackie Robinson booklet paying tribute to his life, supplied by Major League Baseball, as well as a Southwest Airlines Schedule Magnet with a Jackie Robinson logo.

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