

On This Date

January 12, 1935

Big news comes from the annual meeting of the National Association of Negro Baseball Clubs being held at the 135th Street YMCA in New York.

Following a seven-hour meeting, League Commissioner W. Rollo Wilson (right) announces that the Brooklyn Eagles and the New York Cuban Giants have been admitted for league membership for the 1935 season. The Eagles will play at the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ebbets Field while the Cubans' home grounds will be the Dyckman Oval, which is being rebuilt by team owner Alexander Pompez.



The Eagles and Giants are admitted after the Baltimore Black Sox and the Cleveland Red Sox were earlier dropped from league membership. The Black Sox were 3-8-2 in 1934 while the Red Sox were a dismal 3-22.

Applications from two prospective owners, Kermit Jackson and Clemmon Mack, are denied. Mack sought to operate a team in Philadelphia while Mack was hoping to place a team in Boston. The six team owners vote against Mack deciding that Boston is "too far removed," from the circuit.

In other business, Pittsburgh owner Gus Greenlee deplores the fact that the league treasury did not get its deserved share of the profits from exhibition games in 1934, including the East-West All-Star game, where the league received only 10 percent of the net income.

It was also discussed that any player "slugging" an umpire will be suspended 10 days, but which time they must report for practice. In addition, the Homestead Grays trade Jim Williams to the Newark Dodgers for Buddy Burbage.