

JACKIE ROBINSON

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I was born in China and got adopted. Now I live in Manhattan New York. I live with my 7 year old sister Kai and my mom Winnie and my dad Milo.



Jackie Robinson
going out to his
position.

BLACK BASEBALL PLAYERS WERE TREATED POORLY, BUT NOW THEY ARE TREATED WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT.

Jack Roosevelt Robinson was one of the greatest black baseball players ever. Jack Roosevelt Robinson is also known as Jackie Robinson. Jackie was just as good as any other professional player from that time.

What Jackie Accomplished

Jackie Robinson accomplished many goals throughout his career. Above all his most amazing accomplishment was that he broke the color barrier on April

15, 1947. Jackie was 28 years old at that time. The color barrier was a separation from whites and blacks. The black baseball players had to play in league called the Negro League. The same year he broke the color barrier he was named the Rookie of the Year. That proved that black players are just as good as whites. Jackie Robinson also led the league in double plays in 1948 after he was first baseman in the 1947 season. He has also accomplished something in the Negro League too. It was that he stole home.



Jackie Robinson's number at the entrance of Citi Field.

That's a very challenging accomplishment in baseball because the catcher has the ball. Jackie didn't just steal home once, he stole it twice! Once in the Negro league, and once in the majors against the New York Yankees during the play-offs.

Treatment Back Then

The treatment back then was terrible for black players. The players on the Dodgers signed a petition not to play with Jackie Robinson because he was black. For example, when Jackie and the other Dodgers were going to sign in at the hotel, the hotel said they couldn't stay at the hotel just because Jackie was black. It got worse on the field because the other teams would call Jackie names (bad words). The white crowd would boo and call Jackie names too. Even the pitchers would do bad things to Jackie. Sometimes the crowd would throw stuff at Jackie and once a team threw a black cat on the field. The pitchers would throw balls at him; try to hit him right in the skull. Jackie led the league in being hit by pitches in his rookie year (1947). Since Jackie played first basemen he would get spiked. Since all players wore cleats they would try to hit Jackie with the shoe to hurt him. Once a player actually did that in a real game, so that made Jackie get stitches. When Jackie got mail people would write threats to him. Once somebody said get out of the league or I will kill your baby, or something about killing Jackie. Also when Jackie first came to the locker the guy who assigned

lockers put Jackie on two hooks for his clothes and his uniform. Jackie would not fight back, no matter how bad the comments were.

Due to Jackie everybody can play baseball together today, no matter what your skin tone is. Jackie and his wife Rachel both did great things to help stop racism. The Jackie Robinson Foundation still stands (Rachel started the Jackie Robinson Foundation). Jackie was a very calm man.