BUT THE PICTURE CHANGED—Judy Johnson (third left) was all smiles as he posed with other inductees at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Monday. But then the former great of early black baseball (Hilldales, Crawfords and Grays) was summoned by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn to be honored, he was overcome by emotion. With him in the photo are other inductees; Ralph Kiner, Billy Herman, Earl Averill and Judge Stanley Harris, who represented his father, Bucky Harris.

Cooperstown enshrinement overwhelms Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, who made a belated entry to the Baseball Hall of Fame Monday, was so moved over being elected that he broke down and couldn't talk.

Johnson, rated by veteran AFRO reporters Art Carter and Sam Lacy deserving of enshrinement three years ago —just behind Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson — was finally voted in, by the special committee on early black baseball.

A brilliant all-round hitter and fielder during his years as player and manager of the Hilldales and Homestead Grays Johnson was overcome by emotion when he was summoned by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

But the crowd listened to him at the acknowledgement ceremonies helped him along by giving him several standing ovations, and his son-in-law, former Milwaukee and Detroit outfielder Bill Bruton, also rushed up to assist him.

Johnson broke into tears while trying to thank all the people who had been "so good to me coming up."

When he finally was able to continue several minutes later, he said his father always wanted him to be a prize fighter, and that his sister Mary Emma, was his sparring partner.

"My father instructed me not to hit my sister in the chest, not to hit her in the face and not to hit her in the stomach," Johnson explained. "One day one of her boxing gloves fell off. tell you what happened." . . . well, I don't have to

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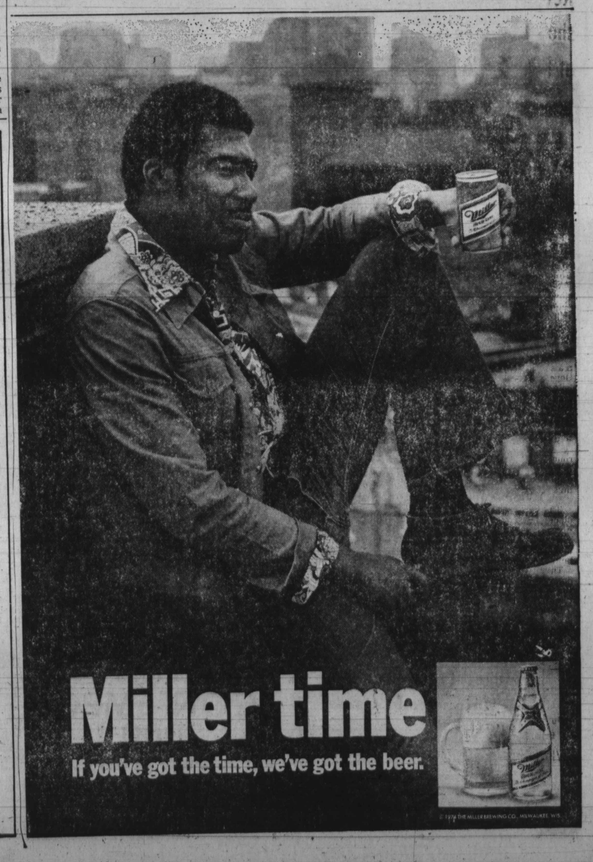

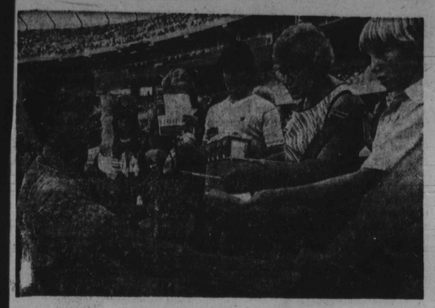

Willie Davis and Cardinal fans
Busch Stadium welcome for returning star

Domestic rift settled Davis returns to Cards

Willie Davis who a few days earlier had said his former wife would have to do the baseball playing from then on, told the St. Louis Cardinals Monday he is ready again to do his own playing.

The slender Redbird outfielder declared he has come to an agreement with his former wife on alimony and child support and is ready to play baseball again.

Davis left the team Friday night because he said he did not want his ex-wife, Joanna, to be able to hold up his salary from the Cardinals. Davis has a 1975 contract calling for about $110,000, or about $30,000 for the remainder of the season.

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Willie contended that under the circumstances at the time, he would be playing out the season for his wife and her lawyers. "If she is gonna take all the money, let her do the playing," said Davis asking that the team place him on baseball's "disqualified" list.

The action, he pointed out, would free the club of any contractural obligations to him, thus there would be no money for garnishee.

The Cardinals accommodated Davis by putting him on the disqualified list and calling up Hector Cruz, a third basement who had been knocking down fences with some heavy hitting at Tulsa.

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Now Davis says he has talked to his former wife on the telephone and reached a financial agreement.

Cardinal general manager Bing Devine said Davis probably won't be able to return to the lineup immediately. Devine said the team must get permission from the commissioner's office to reinstate a disqualified player. Cruz has already joined the team.

Davis banged out four hits Tuesday night to celebrate the "big weight lifted from my shoulders."

"It was a special night for me and I had to go out there and really do it," Davis said. "It was like the first game of my life and I played as if it were the last game of my life."

Davis said the settlement with his ex-mate will give her $17,000, or half of his salary for the six remaining weeks of the season.

"She was real nice about it and promised not to bother me anymore" Davis said. "It's big weight lifted from my shoulders. I'm not mad at anybody. If there's madness in me, it hurts me, and I can't perform.

Davis doubled in the first inning, tripled in the third, singled in the fifth and singled in the seventh while the Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 2-1.

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Rev. H. Queen shot hole-in-one at Pine Ridge

A hole in one by a homebred minister and low medal rounds of 77 in both the women's and senior divisions shared the spotlight in the opening rounds of the United Golfers Association tournament at Pine Ridge.

The 49th PGA event concludes this evening (Friday) in all classifications — pros, men's and women's amateurs, seniors and juniors.

The field of over 150 players converged on the nearby Towson course from all over the nation.

As of Thursday afternoon, the senior competition held the most noteworthy achievement, that being an ace recorded by the Rev. Howard Queen in Monday's opening round.

The Rev. Mr. Queen, pastor of the Pleasant Hope Church, scored his hole-in-one on the 170-yard, par-3 eighth, using a 3-iron.

A pair of Washingtonians — Laurie Stokien and Madlin "Tex" Guillory—turned in opening-round 77's to capture low medal honors in the women's and senior groupings.

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The tournament field includes at least two PGA cardholders, Chuck Thorpe of Philadelphia, and Charlie Owens of Atlanta, Ga.

Thorpe is a former UGA champion and Owens is the cross-handed star of the satellite tour.

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"I've been treated well my whole career of 13 years. It's a pleasure to do it for Duane."

That's ex-champ Joe Frazier speaking of his new role, manager of the boxing's latest white hope, Duane Bobick.

Frazier was in Maryland last week to talk up Bobick's Tuesday step into the Capital Centre against Pat Duncan in the heavyweight main event.

"Managing Duane is easy," says Frazier, whom Bobick sought after earlier management problems. "Duane knows what to do and works at it. I don't have to make him walk a line."

In fact Frazier and trainer Ed Futch have found the unbeaten Bobick and Frazier are a great help to each other in preparing for their upcoming tests.

"Working with a great guy like Joe in the gym, you have to learn. He always works so hard," the nation's No. 7 heavyweight declares.

In the gym Frazier pllays the role of Bobick's foe to teach Duane, now 29-0 with 26 KOs, skills he'll need against 26-year-old Pat Duncan's experience. Duncan like Bobick is a boxer puncher with power in both mitts. He boasts 25 KOs in a 35-8-2 six-year career.

Bobick has been a pro since losing in his second bout in the '72 Olympics to eventual gold medalist Theo Stevenson of Cuba.

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on the other side Duane's height and reach have helped Smokin' Joe prime for his rubber match with Muhammad Ali, September 30 in Manila.

"I've always felt Joe Frazier didn't have as much ability as Ali." Bobick confides, "but Ali doesn't apply himself like Joe does. Joe will beat him."

3 BLACKS IN PGA'S TOP 100 $$ WINNERS

The list of 100 leading money winners in pro golf continues to include three blacks—Jim Dent, Lee Elder and George Johnson.

Dent is 67th on the list with $31,620. Elder, in 79th place, has won $20,972. And Johnson remains 98th with $15,705.

Bobick and Frazier are good friends with a lot in common. "With Joe race is never an issue," says Bobick, of Bowlus, Minnesota.

However, if all goes as planned Bobick and his manager may meet some day for the heavyweight title.

Trainer Eddie Futch says, "Duane's got the physical equipment. The size, strength, left and right, the power. We're putting it all together and it'll put Duane on top of the heap in 1½ to 2 years."

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