Jack Roosevelt Robinson

On January 31, 1919, Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia. He was an athlete and the first black to enter professional major league baseball, playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947 to 1956. He was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949 and elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Robinson died in Stamford, Connecticut on October 24, 1972.