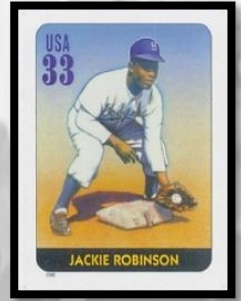


Jackie Robinson (1919-1972) - Has been honored on 3 U.S. Postal Service stamps in 1982, 1999, and 2000.

1982



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1999



In 1945, history was made when Jackie Robinson signed a contract with the Montreal Royals, the Brooklyn Dodgers' best farm team. His debut with the Royals on April 18, 1946, was legendary. In five at-bats, he hit a three-run homer and three singles, stole two bases, and scored four times. Robinson was promoted to the Dodgers the following spring. He played his first major league game on April 15, 1947, a defining moment not only in sports but also in history.

Robinson's career was full of great moments. In 1947, he was named Rookie of the year. One of his best years was 1949, when he batted .342, scored 122 runs, and had 124 runs batted in. He was the National League's most Valuable Player that year. In 1962, Robinson was the first black player inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame!

