



Larry Doby
(1923 – 2003)
First in the American League

Larry Doby was the second African American to play major league baseball and the first to play in the American League.

He was born in Camden, South Carolina on December 13, 1923. He moved to New Jersey and attended Eastside School in Paterson where he played football, basketball and baseball. After high school he attended Long Island University.

Doby joined the Negro Baseball League in 1942 and played with the Newark Eagles. He led the Eagles to the Negro League championship in 1946.

In 1947 he joined the Cleveland Indians, a few weeks after Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. Doby helped his team win the World Series in 1948, and in 1952 and 1954 he was the league's homerun leader.

Larry Doby was the first African American to hit a homerun in a World Series game.

In 1998 he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

