SECTION I

The making of Jackie Robinson

Born to a single mother, who wouldn’t bow to racism, sharecropping and an absent husband, Jackie Robinson gained all the tools needed to perform exceptionally while under attack from bigoted fans and players – at home.

SECTION II

“...I wasn’t going to let them upset me.”

The Philadelphia Phillies gave Robinson all the racial animus he received from the white baseball world in a concentrated dose. He excelled despite the name calling, the spiking, the pitches at his head. “I thought a lot of what was going on was strategy from the teams, but I wasn’t going to let them upset me,” Robinson said in a rare interview.

SECTION III

MVP, World Series champ, prolific base thief — despite it all

Fortitude is nothing without world-class skills. Jackie Robinson’s career was decorated with awards for stellar play accomplished with 100-pounds of Jim Crow strapped to his back.

SECTION IV

The legend of Jackie Robinson proves MLB mustn’t forget about Blacks

Baseball and pop culture remembers the legend of Jackie Robinson with songs, books and films as constant reminders of his speed, hitting and fielding prowess. Still, Major League Baseball must be told, once again, about the diamonds in the rough among African-American youth. Today, with minuscule numbers of Black Americans in the pros, MLB must reconnect to the Black community.