



Steve Enloe Wylie

Steve Wylie (May 7, 1911 – October 23, 1993). Born in Clarksville, he was the first black professional baseball player from Clarksville, playing as a pitcher in America's black baseball leagues, with such notables as Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson.

His career, which spanned three decades, started in his teen-age years with the semi-professional Clarksville Stars from 1927-30. He played seven seasons with the Kansas City Monarchs, one of the premier teams of the black baseball leagues. Before and after his years at Kansas City, he played for teams in the United States and particularly in Canada as Canadian baseball leagues were integrated long before the American major leagues. Surviving black league players were honored in 1990 at the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, Ohio.

Wylie died in Clarksville on October 23, 1993 and is buried in Foston Memorial Gardens, Clarksville. A state historical marker honoring him stands on North Second St. in front of Emerald Hill Alumni Center.