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The PASQUEL BROTHERS vs. ORGANIZED BASEBALL, 1946



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In 1946 American baseball was a shadow of its former self. In the wake of depression and war, attendance had spiraled down. Management was at odds with players, and some began to wonder if there might be other career options. Enter the five Pasquel brothers from Mexico. Armed with promises of wealth and stardom, the Pasquels recruited 23 players away from American teams. Mexican baseball wasn?t the picture the Pasquels painted, and the players were not given a cheerful welcome home. This book tells the story of the 1946 exodus to Mexican baseball, setting the stage with chapters on change and war in the U.S., player-management issues that clouded baseball's recovery, and a history of the Mexican ?outlaw? league. Chapters then delve into the stories of 23 players who took their bats and gloves south of the border. The author unravels lawsuits that followed the players? five-year ban from American baseball, and concludes with the career outcomes for players after they returned

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