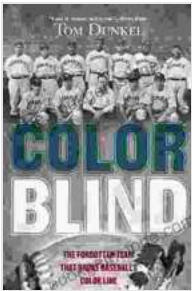


The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball Color Line



In the annals of baseball history, the Brooklyn Dodgers are forever etched as the team that broke the color line in 1947 when they brought Jackie Robinson to the Major Leagues. However, the Montreal Royals, a minor

league team based in Montreal, Quebec, played a crucial and often overlooked role in paving the way for Robinson's groundbreaking moment.



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The Royals were a farm team for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and in 1946, they signed Robinson to a contract. At the time, Major League Baseball was still segregated, and no African American player had ever played in the big leagues. The Royals' decision to sign Robinson was a bold move, and it was met with resistance from some quarters.

Robinson faced racism and hostility throughout his time with the Royals. He was often called names and subjected to death threats. But he persevered, and his performance on the field helped to prove that African Americans could play baseball at the highest level.

In 1947, the Dodgers called Robinson up to the Major Leagues, and he made his debut on April 15th. Robinson's success at the Major League

level helped to break down the color line and pave the way for other African American players to follow in his footsteps.

The Montreal Royals played a key role in breaking the color line in baseball. They were the first team to sign an African American player to a contract, and they provided Robinson with a platform to showcase his talent. The Royals' courage and determination helped to make Jackie Robinson's dream a reality, and they deserve to be remembered for their contribution to baseball history.

The Legacy of the Montreal Royals

The Montreal Royals folded in 1960, but their legacy lives on. The team's role in breaking the color line is a source of pride for Montrealers, and the city has erected a statue of Robinson outside of Olympic Stadium.

The Royals' story is also a reminder of the importance of courage and determination. In the face of adversity, the Royals stood up for what they believed in, and they helped to make the world a more inclusive place.

The Montreal Royals are a forgotten team, but their contribution to baseball history is significant. They played a key role in breaking the color line, and they helped to pave the way for Jackie Robinson to become a Major League star. The Royals' story is a reminder of the importance of courage and determination, and it is a story that should be told and retold for generations to come.

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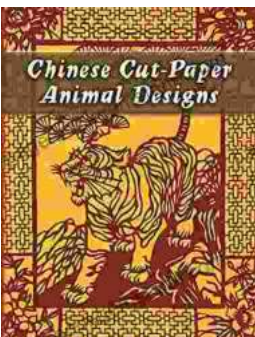


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