

Sports frontier found south of border

By United Press International
JUAREZ, Mexico — It may not help the balance of trade any, but the United States has created an eager market south of the border for another kind of export — baseball players.

For the players defecting from the U.S. major leagues and their farm clubs into Central and South American teams, Latin-style baseball often appeals to the pioneer spirit.

For pitcher Mike Paul, who put in time with the Texas Rangers,

Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians, the introduction to Mexican baseball was odd. That was in the summer of 1976, opening night with the Tampico Alijadores.

"The park held about 10,000, and we had about 15,000 in it," he said. "I got the first batter out on a fly."

Then the teams took a five-minute break while a railroad train pulled through the outfield.

"I said, 'Welcome to Mexico, Mike,'" he recalled.

Paul pitched 5½ years of major league ball in the States. Tampico offered more money than either of

the triple-A farm clubs of the Oakland A's or the San Francisco Giants, and so he made the change. After two years with Tampico, Paul is now one of four imports with the Indios of Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas.

He had prepared for Latin American play long before he left the major leagues in the states, leaning out his regular season experience with tours on teams from Puerto Rico and the Mexican cities of Los Mochis and Culiacan. The experience helped — some.

"When I come down here, I have to speak Spanish," he said. "My Spanish isn't real correct, but it's good enough to get by. I know how the Latin players feel when they go to the States."

The ability to speak Spanish is more of a problem for another import to the Juarez Indios, Jose Del Moral, from Puerto Rico.

"If you know Spanish," Del Moral explained, "you know what they're saying about you in the stands."

Mexican fans are an adventure in themselves, said John Matias, a tobacco chewing Hawaiian and another Juarez import.

"The fans are really great here when you're good," Matias said. "When you're bad, they're like animals."

Walt Williams, a veteran of six years in the Chicago White Sox outfield, said he finds the zeal of the Mexican crowds a refreshing change from the quiet and restrained audiences he played for in two years with a team in Tokyo, Japan.

"I like fans. I kid around with fans," he said. "I know fans are fans. They are going to boo you and they are going to cheer you."

But while the home crowds are

the imports agree that the road trips are not. The Indios don't travel by air, for one thing. Tours are made from Juarez by bus — with trips over Mexican roads as long as 24 hours to Mexico City and 40 hours to Villahermosa.

Still, the Juarez team is a choice berth for the American players, Paul said.

"The good thing about it for a gringo is that when you come home and get off the bus, you're close to the United States," he said. "Every gringo who comes to Mexico, seems like they want to play in Juarez, be-

cause of the beautiful ball weather is good and you're close to the States."

A 1968 graduate of the University of Arizona, Paul remembered his year with the Texas Rangers as the "best year I ever had in baseball in the major leagues," he was rated sixth in the American League with an earned run average of 2.17.

He is doing well in Mexico, so is Juarez.

The Indios have done a number of wins over league have the best record in the American League. Paul is rated the best pitcher in the league.

Paul, 32, said he plans to stay more years and then return to teaching position or a job in a taurant business in Tucson, his wife and daughter live



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Grand slam helps Cubs

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CHICAGO — Dave Kingman's seventh career grand slam run during a five-run sixth inning Tuesday to power the Chicago Cubs to a 9-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Kingman's 11th home run of the season, the Cubs to their 10th straight victory and their 13th win in last 16 games.

The homer came after pitcher Dave Roberts struck Ivan DeJesus was walked by Joaquin Andujar, bringing in Zamora. Greg Gross drove Roberts and after an error walk to Larry Bittner had bases, Kingman powered over the left field screen.

Roberts, now 34, drove runs with a bases loaded double the second inning after Murcer singled and Steve Garvey and Dave Rader walked.

Indecision in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Braves officials, still trying to decide where to hold training camp next season, are now trying to decide where to hold a meeting to evaluate the sites and the team.

Braves president Norm Sonju said Tuesday that Braves John Y. Brown indicated he would meet later this week with co-owner Harry Mangin.

"John said 'Norm, I've got to go to the end of this week and just through all of our analysis studies, all of our recommendations, everything,'" Sonju said. "I don't have a date or site meeting had been established."

"I really appreciate that he's been this thorough," Sonju said. "John is very thorough in everything he does and wants to make sure that he has the answer to the question that he has."

Several cities, including Birmingham, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala., are mentioned as possible new sites, where the Braves would relocate from their current home in Atlanta.

"I had said last week that I expected to get there," Sonju said. "The reality of the draft has been that I was supposed to have received on the Friday before the holiday."

"I didn't get it until Monday," he added, "almost 20 days later. Well, that put me behind. I apologize, but it was behind."

...meanwhile

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DALLAS — Mayor Bill Brown said Tuesday that he would meet later this week with co-owner John Y. Brown to discuss the finer points of a rental agreement on a playing site if the Braves relocate.

"I talked to Norm Sonju (president) Saturday," Brown said. "I thought they were coming here today or Wednesday. Wednesday is my (city) council meeting and it's pretty much a full court press."

"We've been, the city has been working with him on details on a rental agreement over the finer points of agreement."

Folsom said he had no objection to any new agreement we planned to make whether co-owner John Y. Brown, Louisville, Ky., had decided Dallas as the city's new home. Sonju would be asked to approve the Braves' new home. Sonju has favored Dallas above other cities considered, including Birmingham, Ala., Louisville and Long Beach, Calif., but said the final decision would be made by the Braves.