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"Negro Leagues is a term that refers to organized baseball played by blacks in the United States during the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century when blacks were barred from the white major league and minor league teams. Negro League baseball provided popular entertainment for cities in the eastern and Midwestern states while showcasing some of the most talented players in baseball history. The first all-black teams likely formed in the North after the American Civil War ended in 1865. But in 1867, when a black team applied for admission to the National Association of Baseball Players, an organization that preceded the major leagues, the club's application was unanimously rejected. The committee's decision barred "any club which may be composed of one or more colored persons."