



Pitching in the Promised Land A Story of the First and Only Season in the Israel Baseball League

By Aaron Pribble

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