



# The Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame

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## CURRENT NEWS

### Kansas City Royals

Salvador Perez (Venezuela)

- \* Royals catcher, underwent Tommy John surgery on his right elbow for a torn ligament
- \* He will miss the 2019 season
- \* Surgery was performed by Los Angeles Dodgers' physician, Dr. Neal ElAttrache
- \* Royals will miss the power of Perez's 27 homeruns and 80 RBIs from last year – but not his leadership.
- \* The six time All-Star and World Series MVP will be doing rehab while supporting his teammates during the season.

### New York Yankees

Luis Severino (Dominican Republic)

- \* Felt pain in his right shoulder throwing a slider in Spring Training.
- \* An MRI revealed inflammation
- \* Severino will be shut down for two weeks.

- \* He is expected to get a cortisone shot.

### New York Mets

Carlos Gomez (Dominican Republic)

- \* Signed minor league deal with Mets.
- \* Last year with the Tampa Bay Rays he hit for a career low average of .208.
- \* Gomez said he had other offers, but he thought the Mets were closest to a championship.

### Cincinnati Reds

Yasiel Puig (Cuba)

- \* According to espn.com, Puig said, "This is my color. I love red."
- \* This is Puig's last year before he becomes a free agent. He said he will work harder this year than any other year because of that.
- \* Puig is really excited to be back with his old Dodgers' but Reds' new hitting coach, Turner Ward.
- \* The licking of bats will not stop.



## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As the HHBMHOF begins its 21st season in baseball we view it with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement for our website viewers, fans and our Hall of Famers.

This season we will continue to induct players, coaches, pioneers and baseball aficionados into our Hall of fame nationally.

This coming season we will be recognizing High School students with our new (EFUERZO) awards for excellence in Education at ball parks throughout the country. Please review our new upcoming website for news and updates regarding our inductions and events around the country.

If you are interested in volunteering as a writer for the HHBM Network please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or by email.

If you have any suggestions please feel free to email us as we always welcome suggestions.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support of the Museum Hall of Fame and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Gabriel "Tito" Avila, Jr.  
Founder President and CEO

# HHBM Hall of Fame Spotlight

by Scott A. Horstmeier

## TONY OLIVA

(Cuba)

Tony Oliva is considered one of the best major league hitters from Cuba. His stats back that claim up.

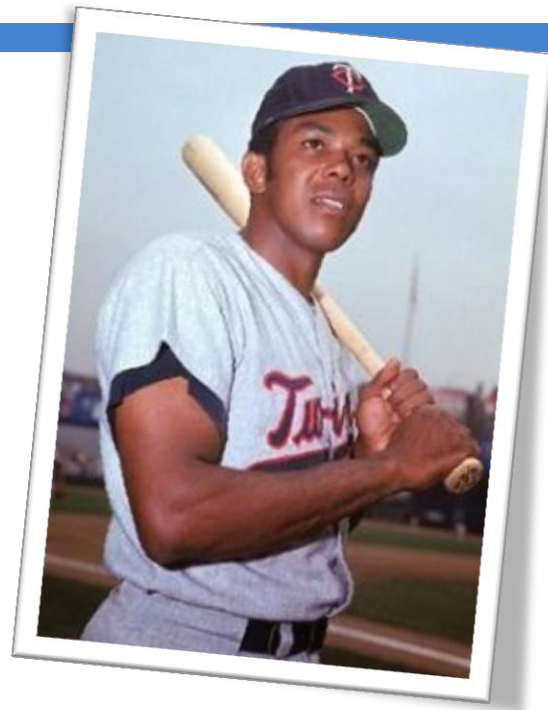
He won Rookie of the Year, was an eight time All-Star, led the American League in hits five times, and won three batting titles.

According to baseball-reference.com, Oliva is in the career top ten for nine different offensive categories for Cuban players: games played (1676), runs (870), hits (1917), doubles (329), triples (48), homeruns (220), RBIs (947), batting average (.304), and WAR (47.68).

Oliva was born July 20, 1938 in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Oliva's father was a tobacco factory worker that also played semi-pro ball. Oliva grew up learning how to play baseball from his dad and playing with his dad, brothers, and neighbors.

Oliva was noticed by a scout from the Minnesota Twins and had the blessing of his father to pursue baseball.

Oliva arrived to Twins Spring Training in 1961 and was actually released because of poor defense. With nowhere to go, Oliva went to Charlotte, North Carolina to train with a friend who played for the Twins A farm team. Their general



manager convinced the Twins to resign Oliva.

Oliva became the first player ever to win the Rookie of the Year and a batting title in the same year. He then turned around his second year and won another batting title, thus becoming the first player to ever win batting titles in his first two years of playing.

Oliva helped lead the Twins to the World Series in 1965 where the Twins lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers four games to three. Oliva's hitting prowess did not lead to hitting success in the World Series. In the 1965 Series Oliva hit .192 with only 1 homerun and 2 RBIs. However, in the 1969 and 1970 ALCS playoffs he hit a combined .440 with a 1.302 OPS.

After winding up his entire playing career with the Twins Oliva became a coach. He was the hitting coach in 1987 and the bench coach in 1991, years when the Twins went to the World Series. That has made him the only on-field member to be on the Twins for all three of their World Series trips.

## FAMOUS BASEBALL QUOTE

**LOVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD, BUT BASEBALL IS PRETTY GOOD, TOO.**

**-YOGI BERRA**

# BASEBALL BY THE



# NUMBERS

by: Scott A. Horstmeier

## ALTUVE VS. MORGAN

Joe Morgan is considered one of the best second basemen of all time. Jose Altuve (Venezuela) is considered one of the best second basemen currently playing. How do these two match up?

It is hard to compare players still playing with players that have finished their careers. The player whose career is over will have higher career totals. However, to even the playing field their career totals can be averaged over a 162 game average. Altuve has only played in the majors for eight years. The chart below compares the two over their first eight years playing major league baseball and then their total statistics over a 162 game average.

	First Eight Years		162 Game Average	
	<u>MORGAN</u>	<u>ALTUVE</u>	<u>MORGAN</u>	<u>ALTUVE</u>
BA	.265	.316	.271	.316
OBP	.380	.365	.392	.365
SLG	.394	.453	.427	.453
OPS	.774	.818	.819	.818
H	711	1419	154	205
2B	109	272	27	39
HR	48	97	16	14
RBI	222	464	69	67
R	444	645	101	93
BB	497	319	114	46
SO	316	541	62	78
WAR	21.4	35.1	100.6 (total)	35.1 (total)

As you can see, Altuve looks like the better hitter over the first eight years of their careers. However, Altuve was playing full-time his second year in the majors. Morgan was not playing full-time until his third year in and had an injury shortened (10 games) sixth year. So Altuve definitely has a chance to have better total career stats than Morgan. But when you look at the players over a 162 game average Morgan looks like the more valuable player. Morgan got on base more often and was responsible for more runs being scored for their respective teams. Also Morgan was the much more patient batter. Morgan would draw 68 more walks a season and strike out less often than Altuve. Second basemen also need to field. Morgan has a higher range factor and won five Gold Gloves to Altuve's one. No doubt both players are great second basemen though.

stats from [baseball-reference.com](http://baseball-reference.com)

# HHBM EVENTS/NEWS

## NEW WEB PAGE COMING

HHBM is proud to announce that we have partnered with Mauricio Segura to begin a new web page. We experienced technical difficulties with our page, but now have a new web address: [www.hhbmhof.com](http://www.hhbmhof.com) Soon we will again be providing baseball stories and articles for your pleasure. If you have any suggestions, contact us at (415) 305-1450.



## OUR MISSION

*“The Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame is committed to preserving the history and profound influence that Hispanic players have had on ‘America’s Favorite Past Time’”.*

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