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CURRENT NEWS

Dominican Republic Players

- * The Dominican Republic is the first country, outside of the USA, with more than 100 players on MLB rosters.
- * 11.6% of all MLB players right now were born in the Dominican Republic.
- * Of the 882 players on MLB rosters, 252 were born outside of the USA, with 102 of born in the Dominican Republic.

Cincinnati Reds

Luis Castillo (Dominican Republic)

- * Castillo is only the third pitcher since 1893 (according to Elias Sports Bureau) to make three consecutive starts with at least eight strikeouts and no more than two hits allowed.
- * Hitters are hitting .081 (5-61) off of Castillo so far this season.
- * For the season so far he has pitched 19 2/3 innings and only given up 5 hits, 2 earned runs, with 25 strikeouts.

New York Mets

Robinson Cano (Dominican Republic)

- * To honor Jackie Robinson on Jackie Robinson day in MLB, Cano wore some custom made cleats with Jackie Robinson's picture and name on the cleats.
- * Cano is actually named after Robinson.
- * Cano's father, Jose Cano, an MLB pitcher for one season, named his son after Jackie Robinson as a way to honor Jackie Robinson.

Atlanta Braves

Ronald Acuna, Jr. (Venezuela)

- * Won National League Player of the Week honors.
- * For the week Acuna hit .545 (12-22), with 3 homeruns and 9 RBIs.
- * So far this season, Acuna has a WAR of 1.5, which leads the Atlanta Braves.

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame inducted Jackie Robinson unanimously at last year's MLB All Star Game Fan Fest in Washington D.C. My first memory of Jackie Robinson came when I was a child and my father relayed the achievements and contributions that Jackie had given the Dodgers and to the game of baseball. I could feel my father's pride and admiration for Jackie. Later in High School my principal, who was friends with Jackie, would talk to students about how humble Jackie was as a person and stated that Jackie and Roy Campanella would stop by the school and talk about their life experiences in baseball and outside baseball. In 1971 I had the honor to see Jackie Robinson in person at a Chock Full of Nuts coffee store, a chain that he served as Vice President for. I saw a tall distinguished African-American man wearing a suit with grey hair. Jackie was very friendly and waved at the fans. I was very impressed with the way he took the time to talk and sign autographs. To me that will always be a memorable moment photographed in my mind forever.

Gabriel "Tito" Avila, Jr.
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HHBM Hall of Fame Spotlight

by Scott A. Horstmeier

ROD CAREW

(Panama)

Rod Carew made his MLB debut in 1967 for the Minnesota Twins. He is considered to be one of the best hitters of all time.

He won Rookie of the Year, won an MVP, was an eighteen time All-Star, led the American League in hits three times, won seven batting titles, and was inducted into the National Hall of Fame in 1991.

According to baseball-reference.com, Carew is the career for nine different offensive categories for Panamanian players: games played (2469), runs (1424), hits (3053), triples (112), batting average (.328), walks (1018), on-base percentage (.393), OPS (.822), and WAR (81.25). He is second in doubles (445), RBIs (1015), and stolen bases (353).

Carew was born October 1, 1945 in Gatun, Panama Canal Zone on a train. Carew's parents were in the rear car, because of segregation, when Carew's mom went into labor. A white doctor, Dr. Rodney Cline, came from the front of the train to help deliver the baby. Out of gratitude to the doctor the baby was named Rodney Cline Carew.

Carew's family immigrated to New York City when he was 14. While in New York he never played high school baseball. Instead, Carew played for a semi-pro team and was noticed by a scout from the Minnesota Twins.

Carew only spent two seasons in the minors before making his MLB debut in 1967 and winning his Rookie of the Year award.



In 1970, Carew became the first Twins player to hit for the cycle. In 1977 Carew appeared on the cover of Time Magazine with the caption, "Baseball's Best Hitter".

Even with all of his success, after the 1978 season Carew let the Twins front office know he would not sign a new deal with them because of a soured relationship with the Twins owner and the Twins not paying top dollar to keep their talented players. Before the start of the 1979 season the Twins traded Carew to the California Angels. Carew's hitting prowess did not stop with the Angels.

Carew went 15 straight years hitting .300 or better and only Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, and Tony Gwynn have won more batting titles than Carew. While Carew was known as a great hitter, he was not known for power. He only hit 92 homeruns for his career. Carew was also not a prolific hitter in the postseason.

For as great a hitter as Carew was, his hitting greatness did not translate to the postseason. He made the ALCS with both the Twins and Angels twice and only hit .220.

Carew is also an American Veteran. He served six years in the Marine Reserves as a combat engineer.

FAMOUS BASEBALL QUOTE

EVERY STRIKE BRINGS ME CLOSER TO THE NEXT HOMERUN.

-BABE RUTH

BASEBALL BY THE



NUMBERS

by: Scott A. Horstmeier

GIBSON VS MARICHAL

Bob Gibson and Juan Marichal are considered two of the best pitchers from the 1960s. Who was the better pitcher?

The chart below examines some of their career stats. The numbers in parenthesis represent how many times each player led the league in that statistic. Gibson pitched for 17 years while Marichal pitched for 16.

	<u>GIBSON</u>	<u>MARICHAL</u>
WINS	251 (1)	243 (2)
ERA	2.91 (1)	2.89 (1)
SHUTOUTS	56 (3)	52 (2)
EARNED RUNS	1258	1126
HOMERUNS	257	320
STRIKEOUTS	3117 (1)	2303
ERA+	127 (2)	123 (2)
WHIP	1.188 (1)	1.101 (2)
HITS/ 9	7.6 (1)	8.1 (1)
WALKS/9 INNINGS	3.1	1.8 (3)
K/9 INNINGS	7.2	5.9
WAR	81.6	61.8

Gibson and Marichal are very comparable pitchers. Both have great career ERAs and the differences in their WHIPs is negligible. While Marichal had a propensity to give up more homeruns, Gibson struck out more batters, but also tended to walk more batters.

Another measure of a player is to examine how they pitch in the postseason. Both pitchers pitched as would be expected in the postseason, and again their postseason stats match up like their career stats. Gibson had a postseason ERA of 1.89, while Marichal's was 1.50. Gibson had a WHIP of 0.889, while Marichal's was 0.667. Gibson struck out 10.2 batters per 9 innings, while Marichal struck out 7.5 per 9 innings. Gibson walked 1.9 batters per 9 innings, while Marichal walked 1.5 per 9 innings.

Both pitchers are in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Gibson was a 9 time All-Star, while Marichal made the All-Star game 10 times. It is surprising that as great as both pitchers were, and as dominant as both pitchers were in the 1960s, Gibson seemed better appreciated during that time. Gibson won 9 Gold Gloves, 1 league MVP, 2 Cy Young Awards, and was a 2 time World Series MVP. Marichal, surprisingly never won any of those awards.

Gibson's great and dominant 1968 season aside, both Gibson and Marichal were great pitchers and you could not go wrong with either pitcher on the mound.

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 Look for the webpage to be up and running in May.



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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