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Buenos dias..Baseball at its highest level is back..Since it is going a shortened season,maybe some records could have an asterisk *,like Kris 61 HR. On the other hand Latin players have welcomed the 7 new independent minor leagues.It means more opportunities to play professional ball.

Led by Roberto Alomar, Puerto Rico (San Juan) conquered its 13th Caribbean Baseball Series title. The so called "Dream Team" ran undefeated thru the Azucareros (Dominican Republic), Caracas (Venezuela) and Hermosillo (Mexico) nines before 140,000 thrilled fans who during 6 nights filled the Hiram Bithorn Stadium at San Juan.

Alomar, Toronto's De Luxe second baseman earned the Most Valuable Player designation with eloquent credentials such as: Leading batter with .500 (25-14) and RBI's, with 10 and runs scored ,9. He tied a Caribbean mark held by Cuban outfielder Pedro Formental since 1953, 14 hits in a serie, 7 of them straight in two games set a record. Undoubtedly a "Command Performance"

Along with Alomar in the "Dream Team" managed by Luis Meléndez (St Louis-Savannah) were in catcher Carlos Delgado (Toronto), Carmelo Martinez (Monterrey-Mexican), Carlos Baerga (Cleveland) and Rey Sanchez (Cubs) in the infield. Juan Gonzalez (Texas), Bernie Williams (Yankees) and Ruben Sierra (Oakland) in the outfield and Edgar Martinez (Seattle) as designated hitter.

Its pitching staff had Ricky Bones (Brewers) Doug Brocail (Astros) Eric Gunderson (Norfolk-Mets), Chris Haney (Royals), Roberto Hernández (White Sox) José Meléndez (Boston), José Alberro (Texas-Okla. City) and Rafael Montalvo (Monterrey Mexican) among others.

Puerto Rico defeated by the narrowest margin 6-3 and 3-2 Mexico and Venezuela en the first two games before pounding 16-0 the toughest competitor, Dominican Republic, which 10 mayor leaguers in its roster. . Victories 6-4 y 9-4 over Mexico followed before beating again the Dominicans 9-3, sending Cincinnati's ace Jose Rijo to the showers, early in the game. It has Rijo's fourth defeat against Puerto Rico, without any win since 1987.

On the next Latin America Committee newsletter which will coincide with SABR 25, we will provide Caribbean Series' leaders since its first, February 1949 in Havana, Cuba with the participation of the Venezuela, Cuba Panama and Puerto Rico leagues champions.

Cuba and Panama withdraw in 1960, causing an end to the first stage of this baseball classic, which was renewed in 1970 with the participation of Venezuela, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, while Mexico (Pacific Coast League) joined in 1971. The Dominican Republic will host the 1996 Series.

Complete details of all the Caribbean Series held since 1949 can be found in a book written by Gen. José Antero Nuñez, a Venezuelan baseball historian, whose address is: Parque Cristal, Torre Este, Piso 12, Of. 8, Francisco de Miranda Ave., Caracas, Venezuela 1062, \$15 (US dollars postage paid). Written in Spanish

Leon Day's death was deeply felt in Puerto Rico, where he played for the first time with the Brooklyn Eagles, managed by Vir Harris, whose pitching staff he shared with Raymond Brown, Terries Mc Duffie, Slim Jones and Rufus Lewis in 1935. He returned to the island in 1939 along with Johnny Hayes and Neil Robinson as pitcher-outfielder for the Aguadilla Sharks. Together with Satchell Paige and Impo Barnhill were the 3 top strike out kings. He later pitch for the Santurce Crabbers. He was elected to the Puerto Rico Professional Baseball Hall of Fame in 1993.

His election to Cooperstown Hall of Fame was a long deserved honor. Undoubtedly too late for him to enjoy and shared it with Buck Leonard, Joshua Gibson, Satchell Paige, Raymond Dandridge, Monte Irvin and Marti Dihigo among others that thrilled Puerto Rican fans.

We acknowledge valuable contributions from Larry Gerlach, Bill Weiss, Elfren Bernier, Rene Molina, Emilio (Cuqui) Cordova, Dick Clark, Bob Hoie, Tony Menendez and Jorge Figueredo.

In this LAC newsletter you will find a valuable and unique information about the Cuban professional baseball: the American baseball players that participated in the first two eras of the Cuban League, 1878-1899 and 1900 -1933 provided by SABR member Jorge Figueredo.

This includes Negro and minor League players, as well as which of them played in the Major Leagues. This is part of a thorough research done by Jorge, who dedicated very long hours in several libraries compiling this data and statistics season by season up to 1961, when professional baseball was banned from Cuba for political changes. Data worth to be publish in a book.

These statistics, batting and pitching of all players who participated in the Cuban League, including near 900 US players in 72 years of professional baseball, 80% of them reached the Big Leagues.

Jorge's work includes also very interesting feats not only of the Cuban League but also of the various series held between Cuban and other Latin players and major leaguers including Babe Ruth and managed by John J. Mc Graw (Little Napoleon). Also stats on the Havana Cubans and the Sugar King.

On the next newsletter (June) we shall also provide the US players who participated in the 3rd era (1934-61). This edition will coincide as previously stated with SABR 25.

In the meantime, the Latin America Committee is compiling likewise information on the US players that participated in the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Panama and Puerto Rico winter leagues since its organization.

On April 21, Puertorican Hall of Famer José Antonio Figueroa has been invited to participate in a series of event to be held at Maryland. Figueroa was not only a top pitcher for the New York Cubans of the Negro National League but also a gold medal winner in the javelin competition of the Centroamerican a Caribbean games held in 1935 and 1938, when he also was the leading pitcher of the Puerto Rico baseball team, beating Cuba, which marked the first defeat of the Cuban National team in Centroamerican competition.

See you all in Pittsburgh.....

AMERICAN PLAYERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN
THE WINTER LEAGUES IN CUBA

FIRST ERA (1878-1899)

CARPENTER, Urban (1879-80)
MC COLLAR, George (1879-80)

SECOND ERA (1900-1933)

ABERNATY, W. (1930) NL
* ALLEN, Johnny (1929-30)
ALLEN, Tom (1920-21) NL
ALLEN, Newt (1924 & 1938) NL
ANGLEY, Tom (1930)
BACHWELL, R. (1922-23) NL
BALL, Walter (1908-11) NL
* BALLENGER, Pelham (1924-25)
BARBOUR, Jess (1910-16) NL
BAUCHMAN, Harry (1915-16) NL
BELL, Cliff (1927-30) NL
BELL, Cool Papa (1928-41) NL
* BETZEL, Bruno (1924-25)
BISCHOFF, George (1923-24)
BLACKWELL, Charles (1920-23) NL
BOLTON, Glenn (1924-25)
BRADLEY, Phil (1908-09) NL
BRAGG, R. (1910) NL
BRANAHAM, J. (1922-23) NL
* BRANOM, Dud (1923-24)
BRAZELTON, John (1915-16) NL
BREWER, Chet (1930) NL
BROWN, D. (1923-24) NL
BROWN, Dave (1922-25) NL
* BROWN, Eddie (1923-24)
BROWN, Larry (1924-31) NL
BUCKNER, Harry (1907-09) NL
BURKE, John (1912) NL
BURNS, M. (1920-21) NL
* BURWELL, Bill (1930-31)
BUTLER, S. (1928-29) NL
CANNADY, Walter (1926-31) NL
CARR, George (1926-27) NL
CASON, John (1924-25) NL
CLARK, A. (1923-24) NL
CLARK, Dell (1920-21) NL
CLARKE, Bob (1929-30) NL
COCKRELL, Phil (1920-21) NL
* COONEY, Jimmy (1923-24)
* COONEY, John (1924-25)
COOPER, Andy (1923-29) NL
CURRIE, Rueben (1923-24) NL
CHARLESTON, Oscar (1920-30) NL
CHRISTENBURY, Lloyd (1924-25) NL
DAVIS, John (1908) NL
DAVIS, Walter (1927-28) NL
* DE BERRY, Joe (1923-24)
DISHUKES, William (1914-16) NL
DIXON, Rap (1929-30) NL
DOUGHERTY, Pat (1912) NL
DOUGLASS, Eddie (1923-25) NL
DOYLE, R. (1920-21)
* DRESSEN, Chuck (1923-30)
DUDLEY, Ed (1925-26)
DUNBAR, Ashby (1908-09) NL
DUNCAN, Pete (1915-16) NL
DUNCAN, Frank (1923-38) NL
DUNLAP, W. (1929-30) NL
* EARLE, Frank (1908-09)
EGGLESTON, Mack (1923-24) NL
ELD, C. (1927-27)
EMERY, Jack (1910-11) NL
ESTELL, R. (1924-25) NL
EWING, Buck (1929-30) NL
FARRELL, Luther (1925-26) NL
FAULKNER, E. (1924-25) NL
FISHER, Al (1910-11) NL
* FITZSIMMONS, Freddie (1923-24)

FORD, H. (1920-21)
FOREMAN, F. (1928-29) NL
FOSTER, Rube (1907-16) NL
FOSTER, Willie (1927-28) NL
FRANCIS, Billy (1908 & 1913) NL
* FREIGAU, Howard (1930)
* FUHR, Oscar (1923-24)
* FUNK, Elias (1930)
GANS, Jude (1908-16) NL
GARDNER, Jelly (1924-25) NL
GARDNER, Ping (1926-27) NL
GASTON, Alex (1924-25)
* GEARING, Dennis (1924-25)
GILES, George (1930) NL
* GILL, John (1930)
GISENTANER, Willie (1926-27) NL
GRANT, Charles (1907-12) NL
GRANT, Leroy (1912) NL
GRIER, Red (1926-27) NL
* GRIFFIN, Ivy (1923-25)
HAAS, L. (1924-25)
* HAGGERMAN, Rip (1908-09)
* HAMILTON, Earl (1917)
HANDY, Bill (1914-15) NL
HARRIS, Nate (1908-09) NL
HAVEL, Ed (1912) NL
HENDERSON, Rats (1924-25) NL
* HENRY, Fred (1923-24)
* HERMAN, Billy (1930)
HEWITT, Joe (1920-21) NL
HILL, Pete (1916-16) NL
HOLDEN, H.P. (1919-20) NL
HOLLAND, Bill (1922-39) NL
HOLLOWAY, Crush (1924-29) NL
HOPKE, Bill (1912) NL
HOPE, A. (1907) NL
HUBBARD, Jesse (1923-24) NL
HUMPHREY, Frank (1926-27) NL
JOHNSON, Chappie (1907) NL
JOHNSON, Grant (1907-12) NL
JOHNSON, Oscar (1923-24) NL
JOHNSON, Judy (1926-30) NL
* JONNARD, Claude (1930)
JOSEPH, Newt (1928-30) NL
KALTON, J. (1930)
* KOENIG, Mark (1924-25)
* KRUEGER, Ernie (1923-25)
* KRUG, Martin (1912)
LAMAR, R. (1915-16) NL
LAND, S. (1910) NL
LEE, Scrip (1926-27) NL
LEPARD, Eddie (1922-23)
LOVE, Ed (1923-24)
LUNDY, Dick (1920-31) NL
* LYNCH, Adrian (1924-25)
LYONS, Jimmie (1912) NL
LLOYD, John Henry (1908-30) NL
MACK, George (1907) NL
MACK, Bill (1908-09) NL
MACKAY, Biz (1924-25) NL
MARCELL, Oliver (1922-30) NL
MARSHALL, Jack (1922-23)
* MAY, Jackie (1923-24)
MILLER, Percy (1924-25) NL
MONGIN, Sam (1908-09) NL
MONROE, Bill (1907-08) NL
MOORE, Al (1930)
MOORE, Squire (1924-25) NL
MOORE, G. (1930)
MOORE, Doble (1923-24) NL
MORRIS, Harold (1923-24) NL
MOTHEL, Dink (1930) NL
MCADOO, Tully (1915-16) NL
* MC AVOY, Jim (1922-23)
MC CLELLAN, Dan (1907) NL
MC CLURE, Bob (1926-27)

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SECOND ERA (1900-33)

- * MC CURDY, Harry (1923-24)
- * MC INTIRE, Matty (1912)
- MC LAUGHLIN, R. (1924-25)
- NENNINGER, R. (1910-11) NL
- PACHERY, S. (1922-23) NL
- PAIGE, Satchel (1929-30) NL
- PEPPER, John (1924-25) NL
- PETTUS, Zack (1912) NL
- * PETTY, Jesse (1923-25)
- PETWAY, Bruce (1908-16) NL
- * PHELAN, Art (1923-24)
- PIERCE, Bill (1910-12) NL
- POLES, Spot (1910-15) NL
- POWELL, Willie (1927-28) NL
- RECTOR, Connie (1927-30) NL
- REDDING, Dick (1912-23) NL
- RHANT, M. (1923-24)
- RIGGINS, Orville (1924-30) NL
- RILE, H. (1927-28)
- ROBINSON, Al (1908-09) NL
- ROGAN, Wilbur (1924-25) NL
- ROSS, Henry (1923-24)
- RUGGER, F. (1924-25)
- RUSSELL, Branch (1928-29) NL
- RYAN, Jack (1923-24) NL
- RYAN, Mervyn (1920-27) NL
- SALMON, Harry (1929-31) NL
- SANTOP, Louis (1912-21) NL
- SCALES, George (1927-30) NL
- * SCHLITZER, Biff (1908-09)
- * SCHREIBER, Hank (1923-24)
- * SETTLEMIRE, Merle (1930)
- SHEELAM, Jack (1924-25)
- SMITH, L. (1913) NL
- SMITH, Chino (1926-30) NL
- * SMITH, Ernest (1930)
- STEARNS, Turkey (1924-25) NL
- * STEWART, W.C. (1920-21)
- STREETER, Sam (1924-30) NL
- * STYLES, Lena (1924-25)
- SUTTLES, Mule (1928-40) NL
- TAYLOR, F. (1922-23)
- TAYLOR, John (1912) NL
- TERRELL, A. (1924-25)
- THOMAS, Clint (1923-31) NL
- THOMAS, A. (1908-09) NL
- * TINCUP, Ben (1922-25)
- TREADWELL, Harold (1912-23) NL
- TRENT, Ted (1928-30) NL
- TYLER, Bill (1925-26)
- * TYSON, Ty (1924-25)
- WALLACE, Felix (1908-12) NL
- WARFIELD, Frank (1922-30) NL
- WASHINGTON, Jap (1928-29) NL
- WEBSTER, Spec (1914-15) NL
- WELLS, Willie (1928-40) NL
- WESLEY, Edgar (1923-24) NL
- WHITE, Chaney (1927-30) NL
- WHITNEY, P. (1908-09) NL
- WICKWARE, Frank (1912-16) NL
- * WILKINGSON, Roy (1930)
- WILLIAMS, Charles (1924-25) NL
- WILLIAMS, Lefty (1928-29) NL
- WILLIAMS, Clarence (1910-11) NL
- WILLIAMS, Joe (1912-16) NL
- WILSON, Jud (1925-36) NL
- WILSON, Ray (1907) NL
- WINSTON, Bobby (1900) NL
- WINTERS, Jesse (1923-26) NL
- YOKELEY, Lamon (1929-30) NL
- YOUNG, Tom (1930)
- ZELLARS, W. (1924-25) NL

(NL) - NEGRO LEAGUES

(*) - PLAYED IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES