

Four former baseball players enter Hall of Fame in Cuba



Havana, February 7 (RHC)-- Cuban baseball stars Pedro Luis Lazo, Osmany Urrutia, Pedro Chavez and Sol Miguel Cuevas were exalted this Monday to the Hall of Fame of the Palmar de Junco Stadium.

This stadium, located in the western province of Matanzas and venue of the first official game in the history of baseball on the island on December 27, 1874, lived another historic day with the exaltation of these ballplayers who shone both in Cuba and in international events.

In this seventh exaltation, the specialists of the Electoral Committee selected former Pinar del Rio pitcher Pedro Luis Lazo, historical leader in games won in National Series (SN); outfielder member of Cuba teams and outstanding Havana manager Pedro Chavez and Las Tunas native Osmany Urrutia, second in

lifetime offensive average.

For its part, the Veterans Committee chose the former home run hitter from the province of Camagüey Sol Miguel Cuevas, one of the strongest hitters in the first SN and also a member of national teams in the 1960s.

For the president of the Electoral Committee, José Manuel Yong, selecting Cuban baseball glories to be part of the Hall of Fame is a complex task due to the quality of the baseball played in the country, since there are many who deserve to be part of the Hall.

Yong said that the election of these four figures recognizes the stellar trajectory of men dedicated to national baseball and with results that place them among the best in the country over more than 60 years of national tournaments and who also boast important results wearing the uniform of Cuba in foreign competitions.

As a distinctive fact, 84 Cuban ballplayers who are part of Baseball Halls of Fame in several countries were homologated, so from that moment on they are also part of the sports enclosure that treasures a great part of the legends of the sport of balls and strikes born in the country.

The exaltation of illustrious baseball figures in the Palmar de Junco Hall of Fame recognizes the imprint of the legendary stadium in the history of the national sport, which since 2021 is Cultural Heritage of the Nation.

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