

The Orestes Chevez Collection

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2006 World Baseball Classic Cuban Memorabilia



These items all pertain to the most famous baseball team in the world, "The Cuban National Team". On top is the pennant for the Cuban team. Under the pennant, we find an official program from the W.B.C., the program for the Cuba vs. Puerto Rico game, the official Cuban delegation program with pictures and bios on all the Cuban players, two ticket stubs from the games against Panama and Puerto Rico and finally the banner the Cuban players would give the opposing teams as a gesture of goodwill.

The Orestes Chavez Collection

Although most of the items in this collection are "one-of-a-kind", Orestes Chavez has identified items he considers the "Holy Grail" of Cuban Baseball.

Look for a baseball in the upper right hand corner indicating one of these outstanding treasures.



Baseballs

- Baseball has not really changed much throughout history.
- We still play with a small round ball thrown from 50 feet, 6 inches from home plate and at speeds over 100+ mph.
- It has been said by many experts that the ability to hit a this ball is one of the most difficult accomplishments in sports.
- This ball collection includes the almost impossible to find Rogleio Valdez ball who lives in obscurity and refuses to speak to anyone but his brother, to bad boy Jose Canseco.
- The autographs found on these balls are truly a conversation piece.
- Please continue for a list of autographs and a small bio on each of these players.





Signed Baseballs





Major Leaguers

- Jose Arcia
 - Vincente Amor
 - Paul Casanova
 - Orestes Destrade
 - Mike De La Hoz
 - Lorenzo Fernandez
 - Barbaro Garbey
 - Tony Gonzalez
 - Livan Hernandez
 - Enrique Izquierdo
 - Isidoro Leon
 - Daniel Morejon
 - Orlando Pena
 - Rey Ordonez
 - Pedro Ramos
 - Nelson Santovenia
 - Jose Tartabull
 - Rene "Latigo" Guitierrez
 - Mike Cuellar
 - Humberto Fernandez
 - Rene Arocha
 - Rolando Arroya
 - Leo Posada
 - Raul Sanchez
 - Luis Tiant
 - Cookie Rojas
 - Tony Oliva
 - Bert Campaneris
 - Jose Canseco
 - Orlando Duke Hernandez
 - Osvaldo Fernandez
 - Henry Kimbro
 - Zollo Versalles
 - Tony Taylor
- 1969 Padres
1955 & 1957 Major Leaguer
Catcher w/ Senators and Braves
Japan League star / Major Leaguer
Played in Cuba and the Majors
1968 Baltimore Orioles
Very First to Defect / Detroit Tigers
12 year Career
World Series hero in 1997
Major League Catcher
Rare Autograph - 1945 Rookie Year
Cincinnati Reds
Star Pitcher of the 60's & 70's
NY Mets Golden Glover
Hard-Throwing Pitcher that could Hit
Major League Catcher
Outstanding Major League Outfielder
Brooklyn Dodgers
Cy Young Award Winner
Eight Year Career in Majors
Defector - St. Louis
Star in Cuba before Defecting
Cyclist Star before the Majors
Cincinnati Reds
Future Hall of Famer
15+ years in the Majors
3x Batting Champion
Possible Future Hall of Famer
MVP, ROY, First 40/40, 400+plus home runs
Defector, 1998 and 1999 World Series Hero
Defector, Giants and Reds
1939 Cuban Batting Champion
1965 MVP
Major Leaguer from 1958-197

Non-Major Leaguers

Hector Rodriguez
Rene (Tata) Solis
Fernando Sanfelix
Jorge Talavera
Carlos Cordova
Oscar Del Calvo
Daniel Doy
Juan "Pecky" Armenteros
Rogelio Valdez
Ultus Alvarez
Jose Cendan
Pedro Dunabeita
Andres Flietas
Agapito Mayor

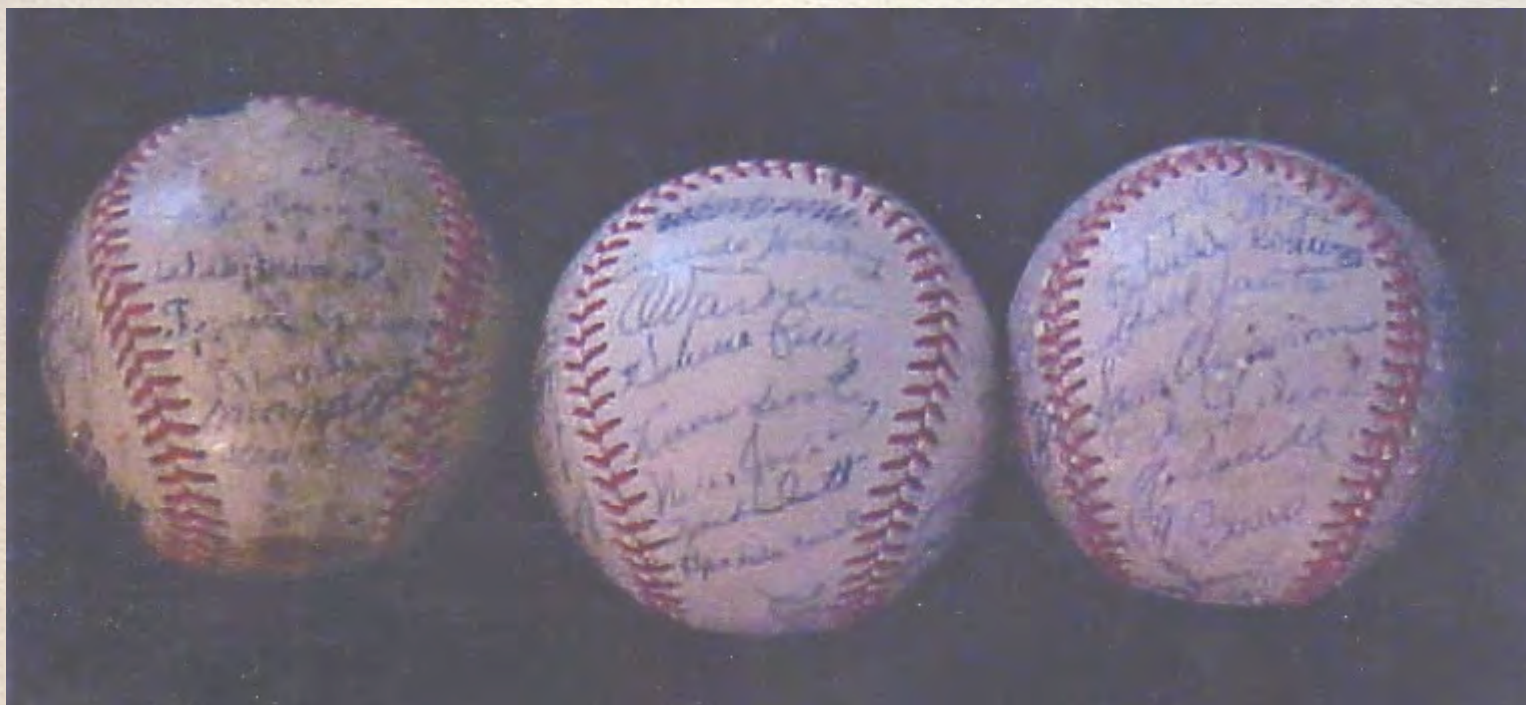
Star 3rd Baseman with Almendares
Pitcher for Almandares
Cuban National Team member in 1959
Havana Star
Many time Cuban National Team member
Telefonos Team
Mariano Tigers
KC Monarchs
Extremely rare autograph - Ciculo Militar team in Cuba
Cienfuegos star
Havana Cubans
Cuban League
Star Catcher for Almendares
Star of Almendares and in Mexico





Signed Team Baseballs

Signed Team Baseballs :



#1 Ball - 1949-50 Almendares team. #2 Ball - 1953-54 Almendares team and #3 Ball 0 Havana Team

The signatures include both US and Cuban players: Major Leaguers W. Miranda, F. Campos, A. Zabala, L. Klein, C. Pascual and 1955 World Series Hero Sandy Amoros to name a few.



Bats

In the beginning a closed fist that swung with a force of fury was the instrument used to hit the ball. Hence, the bat was born and has taken many different forms through the years. We have seen dark brown, black and light brown color bats. The knob on top of the handle sometimes does not appear, while other hitters tape the knob to get a better grip. The end of the bat, known as the barrel, sometimes has the player's full name, while others just have the last name in block letters.

This bat collection has some of the oldest and rarest Cuban Player bats known. From the 1914 Manuel Cueto's game-used bat, to the early 1950's Willy Miranda's bat, this is an extremely important piece of the game.

The cornerstone of this collection is, of course, the early 1950's Ray Noble game-used and personally signed bat. This is not just the only bat known from this player, but was personally signed when he came to Miami for an old-timers game in the mid 1990's.



Baseball Bats



Chavez Collection - Bats

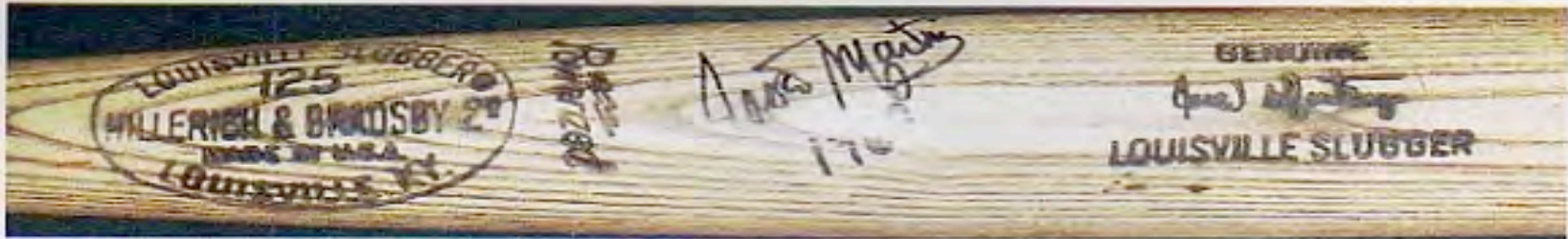


#1 - 1929 Jose Olivares - Team Havana. Bat has writing on the side from Mickey O'Neil dated 4/?/29.

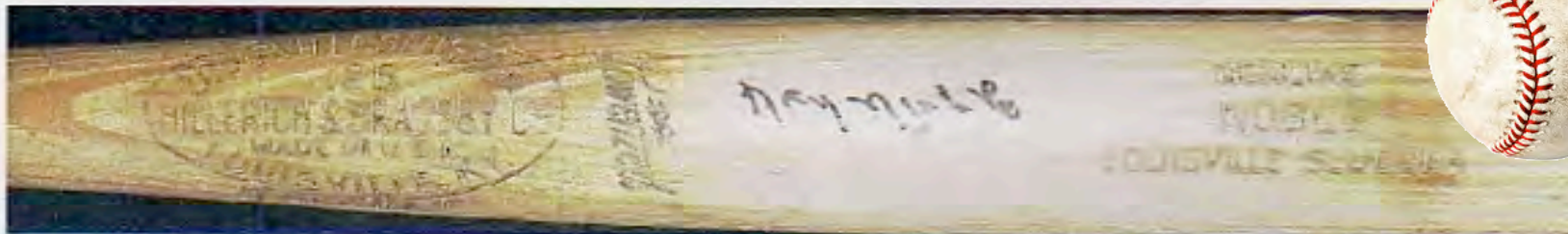
#2 - 1927 Conrado Rodriguez (Rodrigues) Negro League Cuban Stars pitcher and shortstop. Played in 1922, 1927-29 and 1934. The bat is cracked and still has the original nails on the barrel.



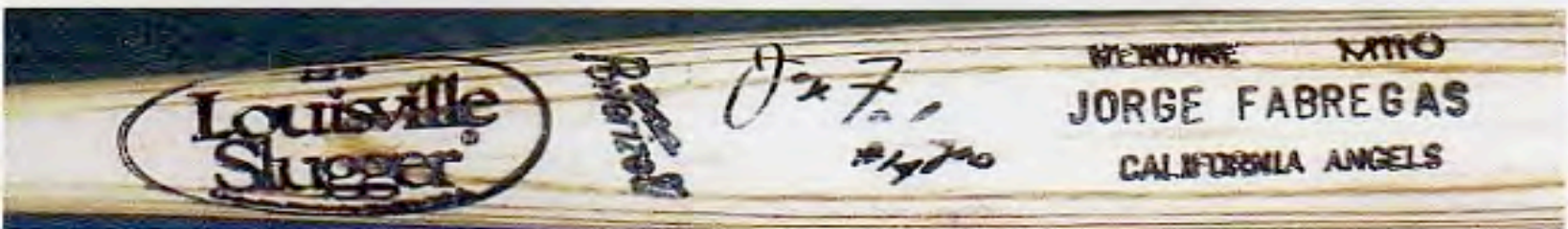
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Jose Martinez – game used Louisville from his 1969 season, bat is signed.



Ray Noble – extremely rare bat. Only known bat of Ray who had a short career in the majors. Bat is also signed.



Jorge Fabregas – games used and signed from his years with the Angels.



Chavez Collection - Bats



Leo Cardenas – fifteen-year major leaguer that has personally signed it.



Manuel Cueto – his rookie bat from 1914. Need I say more from one of the first Cubans in the majors?



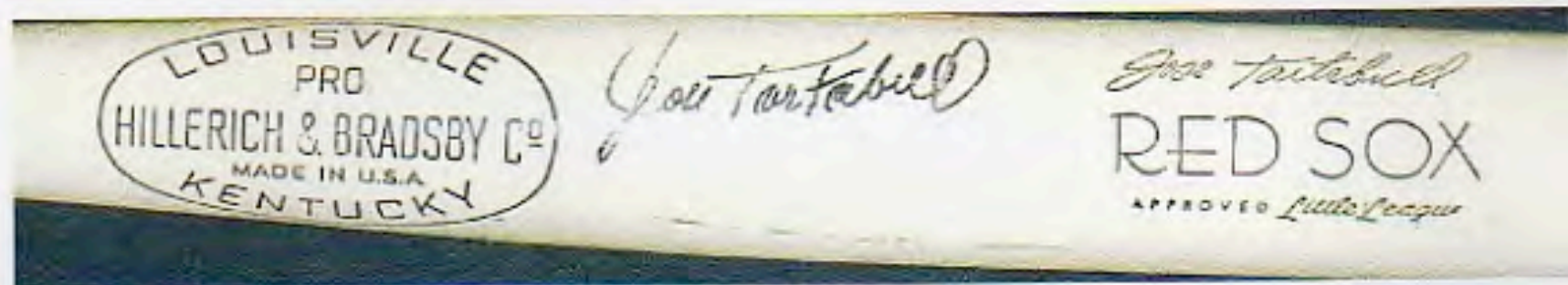
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Hector Cardenas – cousin of Leo. Never made it to the bigs but had his own bat. Rare item.

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Jackie Hernandez – member of the 1971 world champs Pirates. Signed by him.

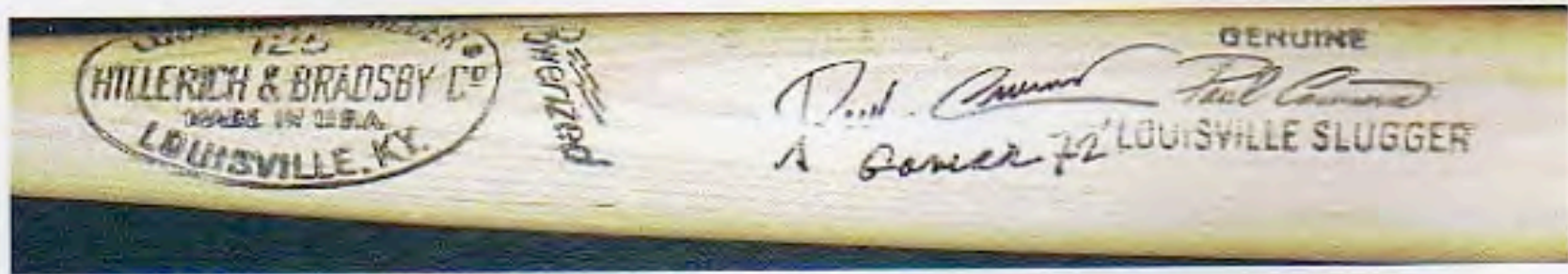


Jose Tartabull – little league bat signed by him.

Chavez Collection - Bats



Bert Campaneris – future Hofer that personally singed it.



Paul Casanova – his 1972 gamer signed.



Tony Taylor – gamer from this long time major leaguer.



Chavez Collection - Bats



Danny Tartabull – major leaguer and son of Jose.



Jose Cardenal – seventeen-year major leaguer that personally signed it.



Leo Sutherland – hard to find bat because he only played two years in the majors.



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Tony Oliva – three time batting champ. The best pure hitter Cuba has produced. Signed in black



Orlando "Marty" Martinez – game used "Adirondack" from its playing days.



Chavez Collection - Bats



Sandy Valdesdino – nice gamer from this seven year major leaguer.



Willie Miranda – a stunning piece of history from this Cuban hero that played for Almendares. He later became a fielding shortstop with several major league teams including the Yankees, White Sox, and Baltimore. The only known

Miranda bat from the early 50's.



Chavez Collection - Bats

No Picture available.

Eduardo Perez – gamer signed from early in his career. Son of Hall of Famer Tony Perez.



Nelson Santovenia – a gamer Louisville slugger from this major league catcher.

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Rolando Arrojo – Cuban pitcher defector that used this during his rookie year in the majors



Chavez Collection - Bats



Ariel Prieto – Cuban defector that went on to sign and pitch for the Oakland A's.

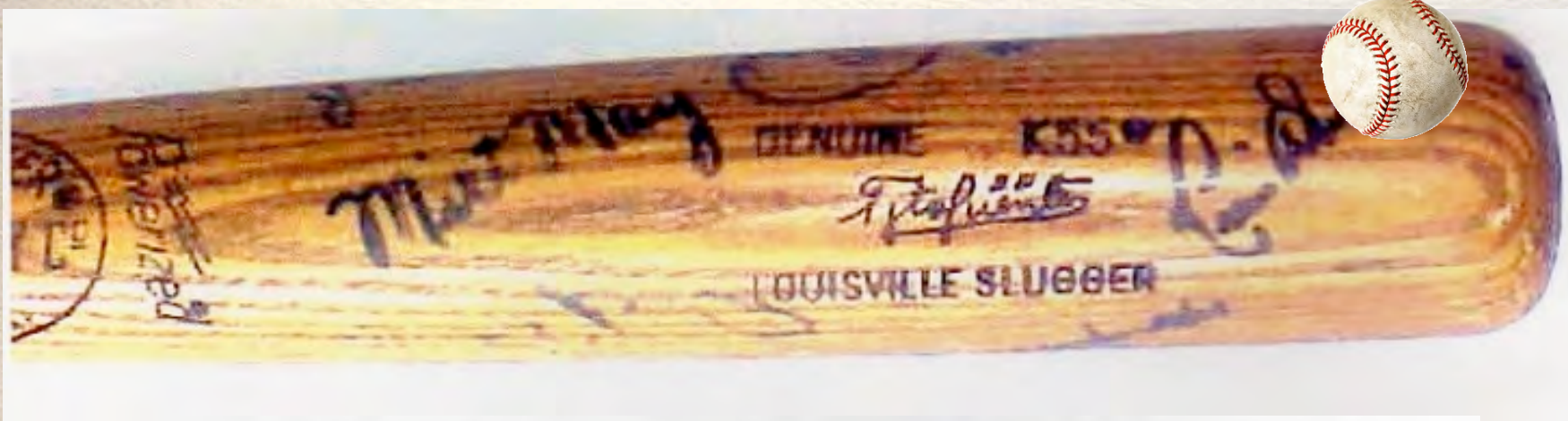


Joe Arcia – tough to get autograph. Even harder to find a game used bat from

his brief career.



Chavez Collection - Bats



This bat was used by Cuban Major Leaguer Tito Fuentes in 1977. In this particular year he was playing for the Detroit Tigers. The bat shows plenty of use and is signed by his teammates.





Banners and Pennants

Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



Havana Lions pennant from the Cuban professional league.



Almendares pennant from the Cuban professional league.



Cienfuegos pennant from the Juvnile local league.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



Mariano Tigers pennant featuring a Tiger in the middle. This orange pennant still has the original hanging strings intact.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



AAA Club "Sugar Kings" sported a mascot dressed in a sugar sack. This is visible on the patch they wore on the sleeve. This pennant also has the same mascot and the word "Cubanos" across.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



Large banners are hung in stadiums everywhere no matter what sport is being played. The fans make it a point to show their allegiance



to a specific team with great pride. This beautiful red satin banner measures 6ft X 3ft and has the word "Habana" across it, in gold. A beautiful piece of the stadium that has survived over the years.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



The Mighty Almendares Team shared the bulk of the fans with the Havana team. This rivalry often caused arguments and fights among rival fans. Just like the Havana banners that hung with pride, the Almendares team sold their own banners to adorn the stadium. This banner sports the Scorpion mascot for Almendares and measures 3ft x nearly 2ft.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



A championship banner is something all teams aim for in the beginning of the season. If that goal is obtained a championship ring, trophy, and even a parade is made part of the celebration. This is a championship banner from the 1948 – 1949 season. It was acquired directly from Agapito Mayor whose name appears on the top of the middle row. This beautiful and important piece of

history contains the names of all the players and coaches of this champion team.

Among the names are Hall of Famer, Monte Irving and Kevin "Chuck" Connors, who went on to become the "Rifeman."



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



This great original banner dates back to 1950 when Almendares was crown champions of the Cuban professional League. The banner still has the "Casa Valdes" sporting goods store label intact. The Banner depicts the losers, Havana "Lions" in a cage while the winners, Almendares "Scorpions" mock him from outside. The banner measures 29"1/2" in height and 31"1/2" inches in width. An incredible piece from the past.



Chavez Collection - Pennants and Banners



Chavez Collection - Historic Flag

- In the World Series of 1955, the Brooklyn Dodgers were facing the mighty New York Yankees.

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- Of course, the Yankees were the favorite and not a person in the planet would have ever guessed that a Cuban born player that was sitting on the bench when the game began on October 4, 1955, would emerge as a hero.
 - In the 6th inning Sandy Amoros was put in left field for defensive purposes for the Dodgers who were winning the game.
 - Yankee's Yogi Berra came to bat with two men on base. Berra hit the ball just inside the foul line away from Amoros who was playing towards centerfield.
 - Amoros raced towards the foul line, stretched his right hand up and out and made a spectacular catch.
 - He then threw the ball into the infield and doubled up Gil McDougald who was on first base.
 - The Brooklyn Dodgers went on to win the game and the Series claiming their first and only World Championship. Amoros also went on to hit a homerun in the series.
 - This American flag hung in Yankee stadium when Sandy made one of the greatest catches in World Series history.
 - The executives of the Brooklyn Dodgers gave this flag to him after the series.
 - The flag has 48 stars consistent with the number of states in the Union at the time.
 - This flag was obtained personally from the former wife of the late Sandy Amoros and includes a note signed by her describing it's authenticity.
 - A true museum and historical piece. One of the most important World Series Items known!

Chavez Collection - Historic 1955 World Series Flag



Ceramic and Glass Artifacts



Chavez Collection - Ceramic and Glass Artifacts



Fascinating and rare pieces from the pre-revolutionary era.



- Glass pieces have always been cherished as collectables and in Cuba it was no different and baseball marketing in Cuba was a thriving business.
- On the left are two 13" large glass bottles with removable heads to allow the pouring of liquor. The bottles are in remarkable condition with over 98% of their original paint intact even after surviving 70+ years and a revolution. The first bottle resembles a Havana pitcher and the right, an Almendares hitter.
- The three smaller bottles on the right contained hard liquor along with a removable cork on the top of the head. The first resembles an Almendares hitter, the other two, Havana hitters.



Chavez Collection - Ceramic and Glass Artifacts



- Like glass, ceramic pieces are highly collectible and Baseball marketing didn't stop at only jerseys, bats and glassware. The above are some beautiful coffee pieces made for the Havana or Almendares fans.
- For the Havana fans, we have a creamer or small pitcher as well as a plate that most likely adorned a Havana fan's kitchen proudly showing their allegiance to their favorite team.
- Almendares fans would often times have coffee cups and saucers, an Almendares mug or creamer and as well as a decorative Almendares plate.
- Elephant not included in collection.



Chavez Collection - Ceramic and Glass Artifacts

1950's Havana and Almanderes Glasses



- Two 1950's Drinking Glasses
- Drinking water and other liquids was a lot more fun in a glass depicting one's favorite team. The "H" or "A" was printed on one side and the team mascot was on the other.



Chavez Collection - Ceramic and Glass Artifacts

Rare Ceramic Baseball Pieces



- One may find pre-Castro plates and even coffee cups for sale, but these two items separate the Advanced Collector from the Elite.
- The item to the right is a small vase with the Almendares "A" and Scorpion hand painted on the front.
- The item on the left is a Havana Lion pushing a baseball with a large red "H" for the background.



Caps and Berets



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets



Almendares and Havana had it own beret for fans. They were sold at sporting goods such as Tarin Sports and Casa Vassallo and at the Stadium.



The kids were too small to wear the berets so it was just fitting that they

wore bennies with their favorite logo. These two are from the most popular teams, Havana and Almandares.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

Rare Cienfuegos Baseball Beret



- This beret was worn by a fan of the professional team Cienfuegos that disbanded in 1961.
- Virtually all of the berets that have appeared over time have been for the more popular Havana and Almendares teams.
- Few were made for the Mariano and Cienfuegos because their fan base was smaller.
- A very rare piece of Cuban Baseball History.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

Rare 1950's Mariano Baseball Beret



- This is one of the two rarest berets to find. Mariano was one of the least popular teams in the Cuban Leagues (the other being Cienfuegos) and, thus, fewer of these berets were made.
- This 50+ year old beret is in excellent condition.
- Stars such as Minnie Minoso represented this team which won the last Cuban Professional Championship celebrated in 1961.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

Tony Fossa St. Louis Game Used Cap - Signed



- Tony Fossa's St. Louis game used cap.
- Autographed on the bill.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1996 Angel Hernandez National League Umpire Cap



- 1996 National League Umpire Cap.
- Signed by Angel Hernandez.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1969 Jose Arcia Signed Padres Baseball Cap

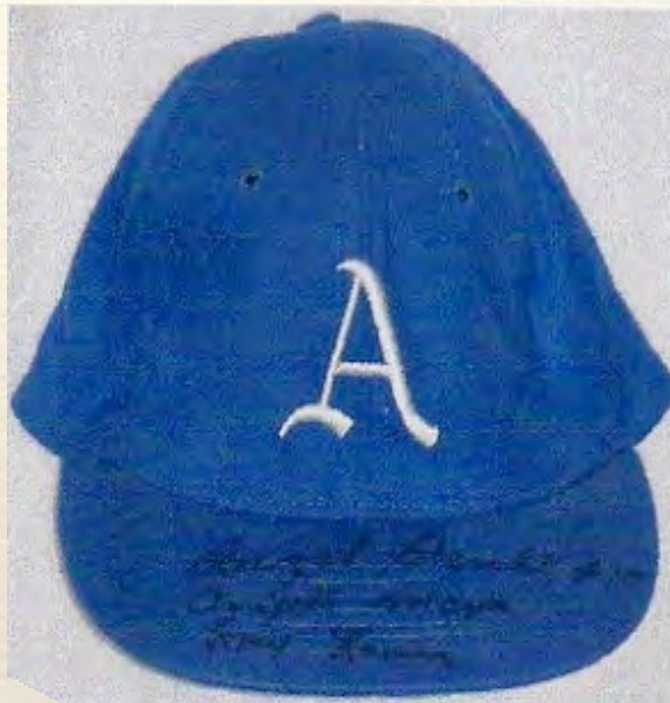


- 1969 Jose Arcia game used cap.
- This was the first year of the Padres and a rare item of this major leaguer.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1950 Almendares Replica Cap - Signed



- Almendares cap autographed on the bill by
- Angel Scull
- Agapito Mayor
- Max Lanier



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

Bert Hass - Replica Signed Havana Cap



- Havana cap autographed on the bill by hard-hitting Havana star and major leaguer, Bert Haas.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

These two original caps were sold in stores and stadiums throughout Cuba. They represent the two most popular professional teams in the island, the Havana Loins and the Scorpions of Almendares. A nice piece of history that is over forty years old.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1946-47 Almendares Championship Beanie



This great piece is from the 1946-47 Championship season. The Beanie has six panels with an object affixed to each one. An "A" for the Almendares team, the mascot, the scorpion and a crown that reads Champions 1946-1947.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1996 Mandy Romero Memphis Chicks Catcher's Helmet

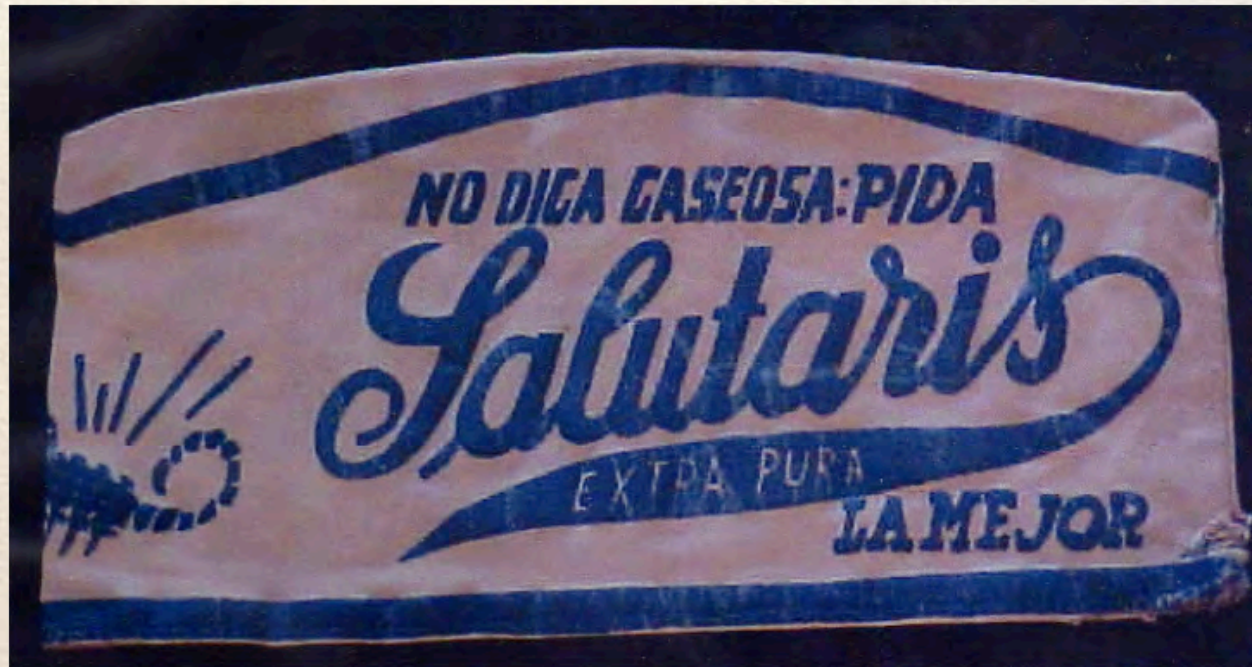


After many years in the minor leagues Cuban born Mandy Romero made it to the "Big Show". This is his 1996 Memphis Chicks catchers helmet. It shows plenty of use and is size 7 1/8.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1950's Almendares Concession Hat



This is the original cap that the concession stand employee wore at the baseball stadium in Cuba. On one side is the ad for "Salutaris" seltzer water, the other side has the "Materva" ad and the Almendares scorpion on the corner.



Chavez Collection - Caps and Berets

1950's Almendares Beanie

1950's Almendares Baret

1950's Havana Beanie

1950's Havana Beret

1950's Cuban Baseball Stadium
Concession "Almendares" Cap =Rare

Replica hat with other uniform.



Baseball Gloves



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves

3 Baseball Gloves



- The first glove is from the mid 1913 and is the five-finger version.
- The glove on the right was owned and used by Cuban great, pitcher Agapito Mayor. This glove has 1925 written on it and shows to be from that era. **No other Agapito Mayor game used gloves are known to exist.**
- The third glove is a more “advanced” glove from the 40’s and shows the evolution of the glove.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves

Adolfo Luque Signature Model Glove



- It is often said that imitation is the greatest form of flattery.
- Well, former pitching star, Adolfo Luque, was not only called “The Pride of Havana”, but had such an illustrious career that a signature model was made with his facsimile signature.
- This hard to find item is among one of the most sought after by all collectors.**



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves

Al Lopez Game Model Catcher's Mitt - Signed



- This great piece is a game model mitt from the oldest living Hall of Famer.
- Al Lopez played in Cuba for Almendares in the 1926-27 season.
- This was autographed in person during one of my three visits to his home.
- A signed item by him is rare due to the private life he lives.**
- Here we have a glove!!!
What a piece of Baseball History!



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves

Fermin Gerra's Catchers Mitt and Mask.



- Cuban legend Fermin Gerra played in the Cuban Leagues and the minors.
- Fermin went on to become manager of the famous Almendares team.
- This is one of his game-used catcher's mitts as well as his catcher's mask.
- The mask has his initials (FG) on the elastic band used to secure the mask to the head
- Both items were obtained directly from his family.
- The mitt has his name printed above where his pinky finger enters the mitt.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves



1960's Willie Miranda Store Model Glove



- This is a 1960's Willie Miranda store model glove.
- Although this Cuban was not known for his hitting, his fielding was so good that a model glove was sold in stores with his name on it.
- Already a star and hero in his native Cuba, Willie made the transition to the U.S. and played in the majors with Baltimore, New York, St. Louis and Washington.
- A great item from one of the game's best shortstops of the 60's



Chavez Collection - Baseball Gloves

Paul Casanova Model Signature Glove.



- Paul Casanova model signature glove
- The glove has been signed by a black sharpie.



Baseball Trophies

- This section contains some of the most significant awards ever presented to Cuban players. From Cuba's 942 Professional Baseball League Cup, to medals given to players at the World Games and other International Tournaments
- These trophies are not only awards, they are one-of-a-kind historical items that represent the accomplishments of our athletes.



1942 Cuban Professional Championship Trophy



This stunning trophy measures over 12 inches in height. It was presented to the championship team of Cuban professional league. The front of the trophy has the name, "Panchine Batista" who was the brother of then President of Cuba. The Cuban president named him (Pachine) director of sports in the island therefore the award took his name.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



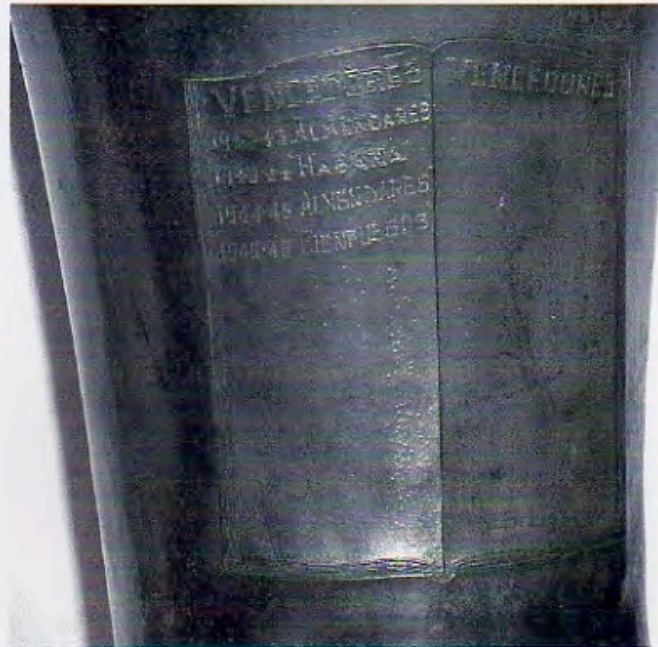
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The rest of the front reads in Spanish, "Professional Baseball Championship, Cuban Republic 1942."



The back is engraved with the names of the Championship teams that followed. Habana 1943-44, Almendares 1944-45, Cienfuegos 1945-46.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1953 Serie del Caribe Medal



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



1957 Caribbean Baseball Series Winners Trophy



- One of the two most important trophies to surface, this was presented to the Mariano Baseball Team that represented Cuba at the 1957 Series.
- The Team that won the Cuban Professional League Championships that particular year was the one that represented Cuba at the Caribbean series,.
- This particular trophy has the names of all the players. Among them are:
 - Minnie Minoso
 - J. Bequer
 - M.Fornielles,
 - C.Marrero
- And the Hall of Fame baseball player turned politician, Jim Bunning.
- The trophy measures nearly 3 feet high and 19" wide.
- An incredible museum piece!



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



1959 Outstanding Pitcher Award - Camilo Pascual



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



1959 Outstanding Pitcher Award - Camilo Pascual

- This incredible silver tray was presented to Cuban born baseball pitcher Camilo Pascual.
 - The huge tray is 25" in width and 15.1/2" in height.
 - The middle is engraved "The Alexandria Club of Grandstand Managers Camilo Pascual Outstanding Pitcher 1959."
 - In 1959 Camilo had an outstanding year finishing amongst the league leaders in wins with 17 and posted a 2.64 ERA despite playing for a "bad" Washington Senators Team.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1930 Liga Intercolegial Baseball Championship Trophy



- This classic trophy is inscribed "Copa Casa Haris' Liga Intercolegial: Campeonato Baseball 1930."
- 15" tall - Silver



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



1937 Bacardi Championship Trophy



•“Murcielago” in Spanish means vampire bat, the logo that Bacardi was known for.

•In 1937 Bacardi hosted a baseball championship and named it after it’s logo.

•This complete display shows the actual trophy, a Bacardi team picture and the original I.D. given to a player participating in this championship.

Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies
**1937 J. Ferrer - Club Regla Cuban Amateur
Champion Pitcher Trophy**



- This amazing award was given to J. Ferrer for the most outstanding pitcher during the 1937 season.
- On top of the trophy are the initials of the National Amateur Baseball League, his name, Club Regla and 1937.
- A National award that is over 60 years old.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies **1942 Francisco Quicutis Amateur Cuban Championship MVP Trophy**



- Amateur legend Francisco Quicutis was the recipient of this beautiful brass MVP trophy from the 1942 Cuban Amateur Championship.
- The trophy measures 11" tall and the plaque reads in Spanish the player's name, year and team he belonged to.
- Quicutis was a member of the famed team Artemisa.
- An extremely rare and important piece of Cuban Baseball history.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1945 Quivican Championship Trophy



- 1945 Quivican League Championship Trophy.
- Only Trophy from this popular league.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1947 World Amateur Baseball Championship Medal



- This medal was awarded to the players as they represented Cuba in the 1947 World Amateur Baseball Championship.
- The Championship was held in Columbia.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1951 World Amateur Baseball Championship Medal



- This medal was awarded to the players as they represented Cuba in the 1951 World Amateur Baseball Championship.
- The Championship was held in Mexico.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1951 Pan-American Games Baseball Medal



- This medal was awarded to the Baseball players as they represented Cuba in the 1951 Pan-American Games.
- The Pan-American games were held in Argentina that year.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1952 Cuban Amateur Championship Trophy



- This impressive trophy was awarded to Club Gibara in the province of Oriente for winning the Cuban Amateur Championship in 1952.
- Marked on the trophy is D.G.D. “Dirección General Deportiva”
- This was the governing body for amateur sports in Cuba.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1953 Serie del Caribe Medal



- 1953 Series del Caribe Ribbon,
- This ribbon is the only one known.
- It has the dates from February 20-26th, 1953.
- It also has the place where it was played, in Havana, Cuba.
- It is a tribute to the early days of the Caribbean Series that is still played today.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1958 Cubana Aviacion MVP Trophy



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1959 Atletico de Mariano Presentation Plaque



- This plaque was given to Pepe Carrail by his teammates on May 30th, 1959 while he was a member of the Atletico De Marianao.

Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1961 Aruba Presentation Plaque to Agapito Mayor



- This Presentation Trophy was given to Cuban pitching legend Agapito Mayor in recognition of his work with the Aruba Baseball team
- Dated 4-4-61.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies



1968 Leo Cardenas All-Star Coffee Set Trophy



- This ornate Sterling Silver 16' tall trophy coffee set is engraved "All Star Game 1868 Leo Cardenas"
- Complete with sugar and creamer.
- This set was presented to him for his election to the Summer Classic.
- Leo Cardenas was one of baseball's best shortstop of the 1960's



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1974 Central-American Games Baseball Medal



- This medal was awarded to the Baseball players as they represented Cuba in the 1974 Central-American Games.
- The Central-American Games were held in the Dominican Republic that year.



Chavez Collection - Baseball Trophies

1990 Redro Ramos Presentation Trophy



- This presentation trophy, comprised of a wooden base with a small Pewter glove was given to Former Major Leaguer Pedro Ramos at the Cleveland Indians reunion held at the Cleveland Stadium on July 28, 1990.



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1928 Cuban Telephone Company Basketball Trophy



- Although the Cuban Telephone Company had one of the strongest baseball teams, this trophy is evidence that they had an excellent Basketball team as well.

- 12" tall and inscribed "Liga Intersocial de Amateurs de Cuba; Campeonato de Basketball; Segundo lugar; Cuban Telephone Club 1928."



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1930's Orlando Garridos' Cuban Weightlifting Medals



This is just incredible! These are the medals that Cuban Weightlifting great Orlando Garrido won in his native Cuba. The ones on the top are the ones that he won in the Cuban Nationals. The ones in the bottom on the left hand with letters "IE" were the ones that he won in sports as a young child in the 1930's in his grade school "Instituto Edison". He first became National Champion in the early 40's and reigned as the best in Cuba for 12 consecutive years.



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1936 Club Ferroviario Cuban National Squash Championship



- This cup is all original from 1936 when Cuba held their National Squash Championships.
- In the front, the trophy reads “National Championship of Tennis Squash Three Walls per Team. Winners Club Ferroviario.”
- The back is engraved with the team members’ names.



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1940's Track Medal



- This track medal contains the initials D.G.D. which stood for the National Amateur Union.



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1941 Most Outstanding Cuban Basketball Player Award - Antonio Ordenana

- Although the Cuban Telephone Company had one of the strongest baseball teams, this trophy is evidence that they had an excellent Basketball team as well.

- 12" tall and inscribed "Liga Intersocial de Amateurs de Cuba; Campeonato de Basketball; Segundo lugar; Cuban Telephone Club 1928.



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1950's Sports Medal - Unknown



- Although there is no indication of which sport this medal was given for, it was from the Cuban National Sports Organization.



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1950's "Big Five" Swimming Medal



- This swimming medal shows 5 different letters around its border. These letters stood for the 5 different social clubs known as the "Big Five".



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1954 Central-American Archery Bronze Medal



- This medal was awarded to the 3rd place finisher in archery at the 1954 Central-American Championships held in Mexico.
- The medal shows a kneeling archer and the word Mexico on the right corner above the year 1954.
- The back shows a stadium and the words 3rd place on the top.
- A great piece of sporting history.



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1957 World Rowing Championship Cup



- The home team of Cuba was victorious during the World Rowing Championships held in Cuba in 1957 as evidenced by this Championship Trophy.
- This is the third place trophy.



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Orland Garrido's International Weightlifting Patches



- These are the patches that weightlifting great Orlando Garrido collected as he traveled to different countries representing Cuba.

- They include the following countries; Argentina, Panama, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, two from Mexico and in the middle is the patch he wore on his jacket traveling from Cuba.



Chavez Collection - Misc. Sports Awards

1951 Bolivarianos Volleyball Games Gold Medal



- This medal was awarded to the winners of the volleyball tournament at the games held in Caracas, Venezuela, 1951.
- The top is engraved 1st place and the ribbon has the colors of the host nation.
- The back of the medal has a volleyball player jumping and hitting the ball.
- Cuba has been, as still is, a world power in this sport.



Special Items



Chavez Collection - Special Items

Oswaldo Fernandez Baseball Bag used during deflection from Cuba.



- Oswaldo Fernandez, member of the Cuban National Team, used this bag to defect from Cuba.
- The bag shows his initials, his #25 and the Cuban Flag.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1920's-30's Hand Painted Women's Havana Bracelet

Two of the bracelets are from the arch rivals Havana Lions and the Almendares Scorpions and dates from the 30's. Each bracelet has five separate parts all hand painted and each showing its dominance over the other team. The Havana bracelet even shows the lion stepping on the scorpion on one of the pictures. The Almendares bracelet shows the scorpion sitting on the table with a cooked lion on the table. Another picture shows the scorpion inside a cage with a whip dominating the lion, tiger and elephant. The third bracelet is even a rarer type and has the word "Almendares" hanging on it and a bat by the "A" and a ball after the letter "S".



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Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Havana Key Chain



- Here we have two rare key chains. The first dates from the 40's from the Cuban Professional League in the 40's.
- Along with a picture of their mascot, the lion, the back displays their motto "red whip takes time, but it arrives." A true rarity.
- The second key chain was given out on Tony Taylor day at Veteran's Stadium on August 3, 1975.
- This keychain has a likeness of Tony's face on the front and a image of him standing in a batters' stance on the back.



Chavez Collection - Special Items



1940's Almendares Bracelet



This rare charm-type bracelet spells out Almendares flanked by a bat and a ball at each end.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Havana Hand Fan with Players Signatures



When one speaks about rare items this makes the list every time. Most collectors haven't even seen this item and just a handful even knows it exists. The fan is a bright red and features the teams' mascot, a lion, the letter "H" and two crossed baseball bats. Each individual piece of wood making up the fan has the signature from one of the players. A total of 24 signatures appear. A stunning piece of history.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Havana B.B.C. Hand Painted Wood Emblem



- Extremely Rare.
- This one of a kind, never seen before seen wood emblem represents the Havana Lions of the Cuban Professional League.
- The emblem is made of wood and is painted in red and white which were the colors of this famous team
- A small bat lies across the top.
- Original Paint - over 60 years old.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Almendares B.B.C. Hand Painted Wood Emblem



- This is a **one-of-a-kind**, **extremely** rare wooden emblem for the Almendares Team of the Cuban Professional League.
- The emblem is made of wood and is painted in blue and white which were the colors of this famous team
- A small bat lies across the top.
- Original Paint - over 60 years old.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Women's Almendares Bracelet



This is a **rare** Almendares bracelet that was worn by their many fans. The silver bracelet has the famous "A" in the middle and the scorpion mascot. This is one of the **rarest** of all the Cuban Baseball souvenirs.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Almendares Belt Buckle



- **Extremely rare** belt buckle representing the Almendares Baseball Club.
- Very nice design with the teams' mascot, the Scorpion in the middle.



Chavez Collection - Special Items



1940's Mariano Belt Buckle



- **Extremely rare** belt buckle representing the Mariano Baseball Club.
- Very nice design with the M for Mariano and the team's mascot, the tiger, in the middle.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1940's Cuba Deportiva Vehicle Tag



- This is an **extremely rare** vehicle tag with the original paint. The letters, DGND stand for General Direction of National Sports.” This was started by Col. Marine who was appointed by the then Cuban President Batista, to head up the Cuban Sports Committee.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1945 Cuban National Team Passport

- The following is one of the most unique items pertaining to Cuban Baseball!
- The next page shows the passport for the complete team traveling to Barranquilla, Columbia to participate in the V Central American and Caribbean Games in 1946.
- The cover id on the letterhead of the Cuban Minister of state and names the complete baseball team and is signed by the Sub-Secretary of State.
- When opened, 21 pictures appear with players names underneath. (2 pictures are missing).
- A letter is also included in the inside cover from the Vice-Consul of Colombia signing and approving.
- One of the players pictured is Rene “Tata” Solis and at least 10 more stars that represented Cuba various times.
- A true Museum piece!



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1945 Cuban National Team Passport



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1950's Havana Team Silk Handkerchief



- This silk handkerchief is so rare, it has never before been seen by the collector.

- Over 50 years old and was available to the public during the baseball hey-days. One would imagine it was a must for any woman who rooted for the Havana lions.

- Mint condition.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1950's Havana Team Ladies Silk Hair Handkerchief



- This women's handkerchief was another item available to fans.
- This beautiful piece is in remarkable condition considering it is over 50 years old and the colors are still vivid.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1950's Kids Almendares Vest



- This is an all original kids dress vest from the 1950's. The shows a pitcher and batter. The back has a beautiful scorpion.
- A rare item pertaining to the Cuban League.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1950's Kids Cienfuegos Vest

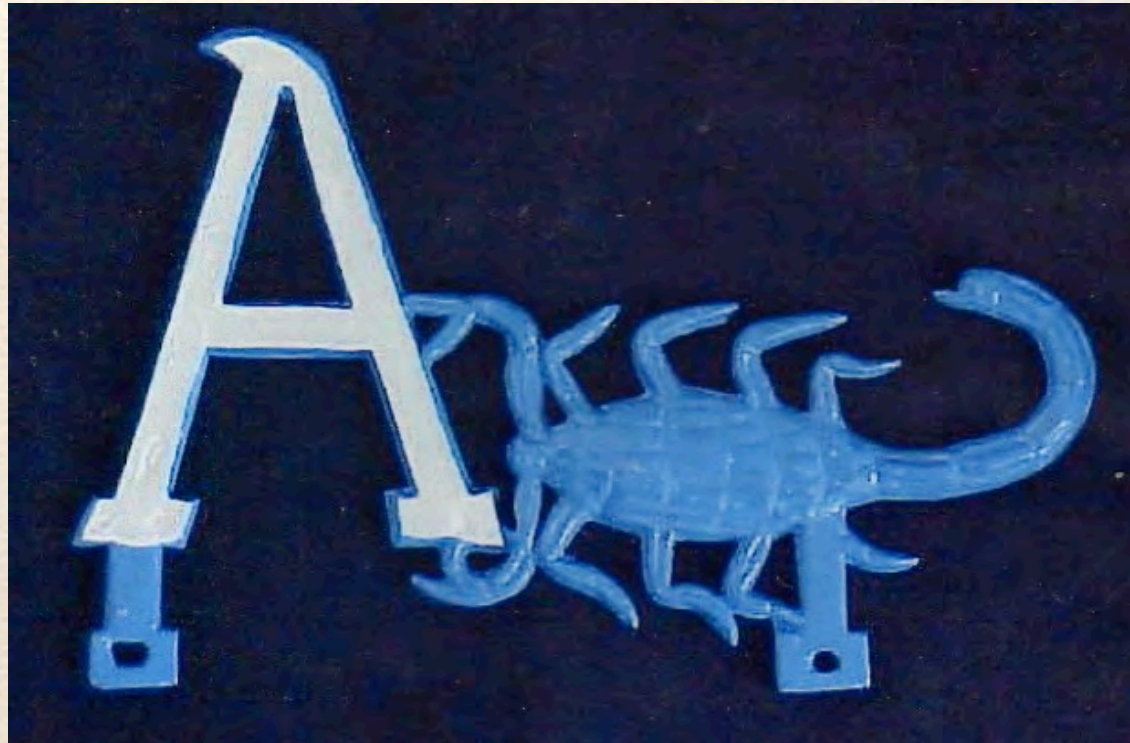


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- A rare item pertaining to the Cuban League.



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1950's Almendares License Plate Attachment



- This rare attachment was to be screwed to the top of a vehicle's tag to show your support of our favorite team. **This is the only known sample.**



Chavez Collection - Special Items

1958 Panchon Herrera Signed Stirrups



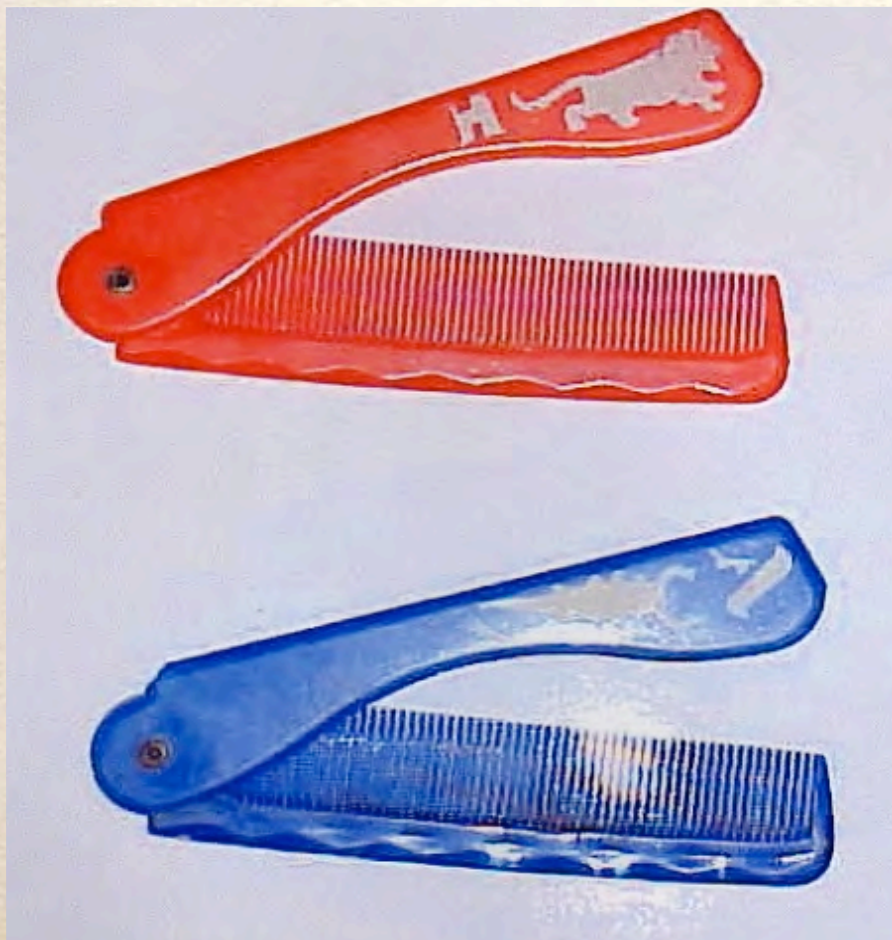
- 1958 Game worn stirrups from Francisco “Penchon” Herrera.
- These were obtained and signed from him directly.



Chavez Collection - Special Items



1940's Havana & Almendares Baseball Combs



- These are very rare and special items. Both of the combs have either the Havana Lions or the Almendares Scorpions painted on handle.
- The comb hides like a switchblade.
- These items were sold to fans in the 1940's and **are the best of the few that have surfaced.**



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The End