



HHBM NEWS

Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum

Dedicated to the recognition of the contributions made to baseball by Hispanic players

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The Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum is committed to preserving the history and profound influence that Hispanic players have had on "America's Favorite Past Time".

Our primary purpose is to provide a center where displays of Hispanic baseball history will educate visitors on the true meaning of diversity, as exemplified in sports. We also offer traveling exhibitions of our prized collection throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

Tony LaRussa Induction
April 11
AT&T Park
San Francisco, CA

A's Little League Day #1
April 20th, 1:00pm
McAfee Coliseum
Oakland, CA

Stockton Ports
Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Sun May 4, 2008
Banner Island Park
Stockton, CA

Oakland A's Amigos Day
May 20, 2008, 7:05 pm
McAfee Coliseum
Oakland, CA

Chevrolet Latino Legends
& HHBM Exhibit
MLB All-Star Game FanFest
July 11-15, 2008
Jacob Javits Center

Preston Gomez Injured

Preston Gomez, who was critically injured when he was hit by a truck, as he walked around gas pumps at a gas station in Blythe, CA, this while driving back to Los Angeles from Spring Training in Arizona, is on his way to recovery. The HHBM sends it's best wishes to one of our Hall of Fame inductees. - Amaury Pi-Gonzalez



Photo by Eric Ritzberg-AP

HHBM joins the fun at the A's & Giants Fanfests

Exhibits and Front Office staff honored

By Jason Sanchez

The Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum started off the New Year with exhibits at the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics fanfests. The HHBM was invited by both teams to participate in their annual fan appreciation festivities. The fun filled family events marked the unofficial start of the 2008 baseball season.

The Oakland Athletics held their fanfest on Saturday, January 26th at the Oakland McAfee Coliseum. The HHBM featured a photo and video exhibit along with merchandise table in coliseum's Eastside Club. Hundreds of diehard baseball fans visited the HHBM table, expressing their interest and support for the museum. During the day A's rookie pitchers Jerry Blevins and Dallas Braden visited the HHBM table. And they brought the crowd with them. Hundreds of fans lined up at HHBM table looking for autographs from the rookie pitchers. The A's elephant mascot, Stomper, also stopped by to join the fun. At the fanfest the HHBM also honored members of the A's front office. The HHBM Community Service Award was presented to Ken Pries, Vice President of Broadcasting and Communications, Warren Chu Broadcasting Services Manager, and Detra Paige, Director of Community Relations.



Melvin Ashley and Gabriel "Tito" Avila presenting Albert Jaimes of the San Francisco Giants with the HHBM Community Service Award

Across the bay the San Francisco Giants kicked off the KNBR 680 FanFest on February 9th at AT&T Park. Thousands of Giants fans in orange and black turned out to show their team loyalty. The HHBM exhibit table was a major draw as people gathered looking to learn about the museum. Many fans showed their support with words of encouragement

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Play Ball 2008!

By Amaury Pi-González, Vice-President HHBM

The Oakland Athletics travel to Japan's Tokyo Dome to open the 2008 Major League Baseball season against the World Champion Boston Red Sox on March 31. For the Athletics, 2008 is their 40th Anniversary since moving from Kansas City to Oakland in 1968. The San Francisco Giants will travel to Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles to open their season against the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 1. Both teams, Dodgers and Giants will be celebrating their 50th season in California.

Both Bay Area teams are not figured to be contenders this season, the A's are rebuilding and the Giants find themselves 'in between'. Giants and Athletics will try to reverse their fortunes of 2007 when they both finished behind in the standings.

This will be the 40th season for the Oakland Athletics at the Oakland (McCafee) Coliseum. The team has plans to build a new stadium in Fremont while the Giants will open their 50th season in San Francisco and their eighth season at AT&T Park.

A's without their star pitcher Dan Haren and the Giants without their star Barry Bonds will try to forget the past and concentrate on the future. For the Giants their young pitching staff of Cain, Lincecum, Lowry will have to pitch their very best to offset a week hitting line-up with new Giants star and center fielder Aaron Rowand. For Oakland the new faces are abundant with veterans Eric Chávez, Mark Ellis and Bobby Crosby anchoring the infield.

The Oakland Athletics still hold bragging rights having won four World Championships; 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1989. The Giants are still looking to win their first World Series since they moved to San Francisco in 50 years. Maybe the biggest bragging rights are etched in history in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake World Series when the A'S beat their San Francisco Bay rivals.

On behalf of the HHBM staff, we wish both team a winning season in 2008!

HHBM Hall of Fame Player & Broadcaster Inductees

Sandy Alomar, Sr., Felipe Alou, Matty Alou, Luis Aparicio, Billy Berroa, Buck Canel, Bert Campaneris, Rene Cardenas, Rod Carew, Orlando Cepeda, Jose (Cheo) Cruz, Roberto Celemante, Julio Cruz, Martin Dihigo, Tito 23 Fuentes, Alfredo Griffin, Lefty Gomez, Preston Gomez, Amaury Pi-Gonzalez, Jaime Jarrin, Al Lopez, Hector Lopez, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Minnie Minoso, Jose Mendez, Orlando Mercado, Manny Mota, Millito Navarro, Tony Perez, Alex Pompez, Rafael (Felo) Ramirez, Cookie Rojas, Deigo Segui, Tony Taylor, Dickie Thon, Luis Tiant, Rusty Torres, Critobal Torriente, Alex Trevino, Fernando Valenzuela, Omar Vizquel, Ted Williams

HHBM Trivia

Did you know HHBM HOFer Bert Campaneris was the first player in Major League history to play all nine positions in a single game? It happened on September, 8, 1965 when he was playing with the Kansas City Royals in a 13 inning 5-3 losing effort against the Oakland A's.

Join the HHBM Today!

Presently the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame is a traveling treasure with our visions and mission to construct a permanent San Francisco address.

You have a unique opportunity to help in accomplishing the goal of a permanent Museum Hall of Fame address for future generations. Simply commit your financial support by pledging monthly, annual or a one time donations. Choose a dollar amount that you are most comfortable with. We are 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which permits you the luxury of a one hundred percent write off for your generous gifts and donations! Each and every donation is welcomed and significant towards the Museum Hall of Fame goal.

Join today! For more information go to www.hispanicbaseballmuseum.com

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Which Latin Stars Will Bring Home The 2008 Hardware?

By Michael Lecke

After a grueling season, all baseball players love a little hardware. Their eyes are on the biggest prize, a World Series trophy, and after that they love the MVP, Cy Young and Silver Slugger awards.

The World Series trophy is the American League's to lose. David Ortiz earned his hardware for the 2007 champion Red Sox and seems ready to make another run. Big Papi may finally earn his first AL MVP along with a chance at his fifth straight Silver Slugger.

Standing in Big Papi's way is last season's AL MVP, Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees. No team is more feared and hated by Red Sox Nation than the Yankees, who looks every bit ready to restore the Yankee universe back to order. Mariano Rivera is perhaps the best closer of all time and would love to face Big Papi with the pennant on the line, a duel between a devastating cutter and a lightning fast bat.

A team on the rise is the Detroit Tigers. Most of their regulars are candidates for winning the Silver Slugger, including Ivan Rodriguez, Placido Polanco,

the amazing Magglio Ordonez and newcomers Edgar Renteria and Miguel Cabrera. The Tigers also have the pitching to transform the Yankees and Red Sox into merely also-rans. Under Jim Leyland, the Tigers believe they are ready to compete for a crown. Yankees backstop Jorge Posada may win his sixth straight Silver Slugger in 2008, but Ivan Rodriguez may finally get another ring.

In the National League, perhaps the biggest star is newcomer Johan Santana. Paired with Pedro Martinez at the top of the Mets rotation, Johan has a different New York universe to set right. Going into 2008, Santana is the favorite for the NL Cy Young. MVP candidates Carlos Beltran and Jose Reyes will look for NL Silver Slugger honors as well.

The Phillies, Diamondbacks, Rockies, Dodgers, Cubs and Brewers will all give Johan and the Mets a good fight. Veterans Moises Alou and Carlos Delgado must remain strong all season if the Mets plan to steal the headlines in New York again.



Chevrolet Presents Latino Legends & HHBM Exhibit

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and by purchasing HHBM merchandise. During the festivities the HHBM recognized Albert Jaimes, the Giants Hispanic Sales and Marketing Coordinator, by presenting him with the HHBM Community Service Award.

Both fanfests featured baseball exhibits and clinics, Q & A sessions with players, autograph and photo sessions, stadium tours, activities for kids, sponsor displays, and much more. The HHBM would like to thank both the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants for us inviting us to these great events.



HHBM presents Oakland A's Broadcasting Services Manager Warren Chu with Community Service Award



HHBM presents Oakland A's Vice President Ken Pries with Community Service Award



HHBM presents Oakland A's Director of Community Services, Detra Paige with Community Service Award