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MANAGERS, ROSTERS AND GAME SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED FOR THE MEXICALI AND PANAMA CITY WBC QUALIFIERS

Five-Time All-Star Adrian Gonzalez of the Los Angeles Dodgers to Play for Team Mexico, Team Panama Roster Features All-Star Catcher Carlos Ruiz of the Philadelphia Phillies;

Former Major League All-Stars Carlos Lee, Eric Gagne among the Eight Managers;

Eight Rosters Feature a Combined 65 Players Affiliated with Major League Clubs

World Baseball Classic, Inc. (WBCI) today announced the managers, rosters and game schedules for the Mexicali, Mexico and Panama City, Panama WBC Qualifiers, which will be played March 17th-20th at Estadio B-Air and Rod Carew National Stadium, respectively. The Qualifiers will feature the Czech Republic, Germany, Mexico and Nicaragua in Mexicali, and Colombia, France, Panama and Spain in Panama City. The winners of each Qualifier will advance to compete in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, the fourth installment of the baseball tournament featuring many of the world's greatest players. Last month, Australia advanced to the 2017 WBC after winning the Sydney Qualifier, which also featured New Zealand, the Philippines and South Africa.

The Qualifiers will open on Thursday, March 17th with a doubleheader at each site. The complete schedule of games is as follows:

QUALIFIER 2: Mexicali, Mexico			Estadio B-Air
CZECH REPUBLIC GERMANY MEXICO NICARAGUA			
Game Date	Local	ET	Match-up (Home team in bold)
Thur., Mar. 17	12:30 pm	3:30 pm	Germany vs. Nicaragua
Thur., Mar. 17	7:30 pm	10:30 pm	Czech Republic vs. Mexico
Fri., Mar. 18	12:30 pm	3:30 pm	Czech Republic* vs. TBD
Fri., Mar. 18	7:30 pm	10:30 pm	Mexico* vs. TBD
Sat., Mar. 19	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	TBD vs. TBD
Sun., Mar. 20	7:00 pm	10:00 pm	Finalist 2 vs. Finalist 1

QUALIFIER 3: Panama City, Panama			Rod Carew National Stadium
COLOMBIA FRANCE PANAMA SPAIN			
Game Date	Local	ET	Match-up (Home team in bold)
Thur., Mar. 17	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Colombia vs. Spain
Thur., Mar. 17	8:00 pm	9:00 pm	France vs. Panama
Fri., Mar. 18	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	France* vs. TBD
Fri., Mar. 18	8:00 pm	9:00 pm	Panama* vs. TBD
Sat., Mar. 19	8:00 pm	9:00 pm	TBD vs. TBD
Sun., Mar. 20	6:00 pm	7:00 pm	Finalist 2 vs. Finalist 1

* Teams will play at listed game time regardless of whether they win or lose their opening game.

In Mexicali, the host team Mexico will be led by former Major League infielder Edgar Gonzalez, who was a member of Team Mexico during the 2009 and 2013 installments of the WBC. In the three previous editions of the event, Mexico has combined to go 6-8 while advancing to



the second round in both 2006 and 2009. The 28-man roster features 16 players affiliated with Major League Clubs, including Edgar's brother and five-time All-Star Adrian Gonzalez of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 33-year-old Gonzalez, who will enter the 2016 season just 10 home runs shy of 300 for his career, will be participating in his fourth consecutive WBC. Other affiliated players on Team Mexico include right-handed pitchers Andres Avila (OAK), Carlos Fisher (TEX), Giovanni Gallegos (NYY), Stephen Landazuri (SEA) and Jake Sanchez (OAK); left-handed pitchers Oliver Perez (WSH), Hector Rodriguez (BAL) and Jesus Soto (SD); catchers Xorge Carrillo (NYM) and Sebastian Valle (NYY); infielders Alejandro Mejia (STL) and Efen Navarro (SEA); and outfielders Sebastian Elizalde (CIN), Leonardo Heras (HOU) and Juan Perez (CIN).

The Czech Republic will be managed by Mike Griffin, who served as a coach for the team during the 2010 Intercontinental Cup before managing the team at the 2014 European Championship. The Czech Republic went 0-2 during the 2013 Qualifier, which marked the country's debut in the WBC. Catcher Martin Cervenka (CLE) is the lone affiliated player on the team's 28-man roster.

Former Major League infielder and coach Garth Iorg will lead Germany in the country's second appearance in a WBC Qualifier. Germany made its WBC debut during the 2013 Qualifying Round and went 2-2 after falling to Canada in the final game of the Qualifier. The team will feature six affiliated players, including right-handed pitchers Sven Schuller (LAD) and Markus Solbach (ARI); catcher Bruce Maxwell III (OAK); infielder Nadir Ljatifi (CIN); and outfielders Donald Lutz (CIN) and Dominique Taylor (KC).

Nicaragua, which will be appearing in its second WBC Qualifier after going 0-2 in 2013, will be skippered by former Major League outfielder Marvin Benard, a nine-year member of the San Francisco Giants (1995-2003). The team will feature 11 affiliated players, including right-handed pitchers Kevin Gadea (SEA), Carlos Gonzalez (CIN), Osman Gutierrez (TOR), Jonathan Loaisiga (NYY), Diomar Lopez (SD) and Jhonny Polanco (BOS); left-handed pitcher Leonardo Crawford (LAD); catcher Melvin Novoa (TEX); infielders Alessandre Blandino (CIN) and Omar Obregon (ATL); and outfielder Jairo Beras (TEX).

In Panama City, the host team Panama will be led by former Major League outfielder Carlos Lee. The three-time All-Star, who hit 358 home runs during his 14-year career, played for Panama on both the 2006 and 2009 teams, and also appeared for Panama during the 2013 Qualifier. Overall, Panama is 2-7 in WBC play, including 0-5 during the main tournament. In 2013, the team went 2-2 during the Qualifier, ultimately losing to Brazil in the final game. Panama will feature 10 affiliated players on its 28-man roster, including All-Star catcher Carlos Ruiz of the Philadelphia Phillies. Other affiliated players on Team Panama include right-handed pitchers Dario Agrazal (PIT), Harold Arauz (PHI), Paolo Espino (WSH), Ariel Jurado (TEX) and Humberto Mejia (MIA); left-handed pitchers Alberto Baldonado (NYM) and Andy Otero (ATL); and infielders Javier Guerra (SD) and Edmundo Sosa (STL).

Colombia will be managed by Luis Urueta, who served as the team's first base coach during the 2013 Qualifier. Urueta, who currently serves as the short-season field coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks, has been a coach or coordinator in the D-backs organization since 2007. Colombia went 1-2 in its WBC debut during the 2013 Qualifier, with its lone victory coming in an 8-1 defeat of Nicaragua. The team features 16 affiliated players, including right-handed pitchers Nabil Crismatt (NYM), William Cuevas (BOS), Jhonatan Escudero (STL) and Yeizer Marrugo (BAL); left-handed pitchers Carlos Diaz (SF), Kevin Escorcía (CWS), Gregory Nappo (MIA) and Dewin Perez (STL); catcher Jesus Posso (PHI); infielders Dilson Herrera (NYM), Mauricio Ramos (KC) and Adrian Sanchez (WSH); and outfielders Tito Polo (PIT), Harold Ramirez (PIT), Reynaldo Rodriguez (MIN) and Carlos Vidal (NYY).

France will be managed by former Major League closer Eric Gagne, who served as the team's pitching coach during the 2013 Qualifier. During his 10-year career, the 2003 National League Cy Young Award winner and three-time All-Star recorded 187 saves, including a record-setting 84 consecutive successful saves from 2002-04. Catcher Andy Patz (OAK) is the lone affiliated player on the team's 28-man roster.

Spain will be skippered by Manny Cresso, who served as the team's bench coach during the 2013 WBC, as well as the 2009 IBAF World Cup and 2010 European Championship. During its WBC debut in 2013, Spain went 0-3 after going 3-1 during the Qualifier, which they won with a 9-7 victory over Israel in the final game. Spain will feature four affiliated players, including right-handed pitchers Rogelio Armenteros (HOU), Lazaro Leyva (BAL) and Carlos Sierra (HOU); and infielder Luis Guillorme (NYM).

Each Qualifier features a six-game, modified double-elimination format. The composition of the pools was determined after venues were selected, with consideration given to competitive balance, existing rivalries and each national team's geographic location.

The fourth and final Qualifier for the 2017 World Baseball Classic will be held at MCU Park in Brooklyn, New York on September 22nd-25th, featuring Brazil, Great Britain, Israel and Pakistan.

The winners of each Qualifier will advance to the World Baseball Classic, scheduled for March 2017. The remaining three Qualifier winners will join the 13 countries – Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, United States and Venezuela – that have already received invitations based on their performance in the 2013 tournament or in prior Qualifiers (Australia).

The Qualifiers were originally introduced prior to the 2013 World Baseball Classic, when Qualifiers were held in Panama City; Regensburg, Germany; Jupiter, Florida; and Taipei, Taiwan during the fall of 2012. The inaugural World Baseball Classic was held in 2006 prior to ensuing editions in 2009 and 2013.

Complete rosters for the Mexicali, Mexico and Panama City, Panama Qualifiers accompany this press release.

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ABOUT WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC, INC.

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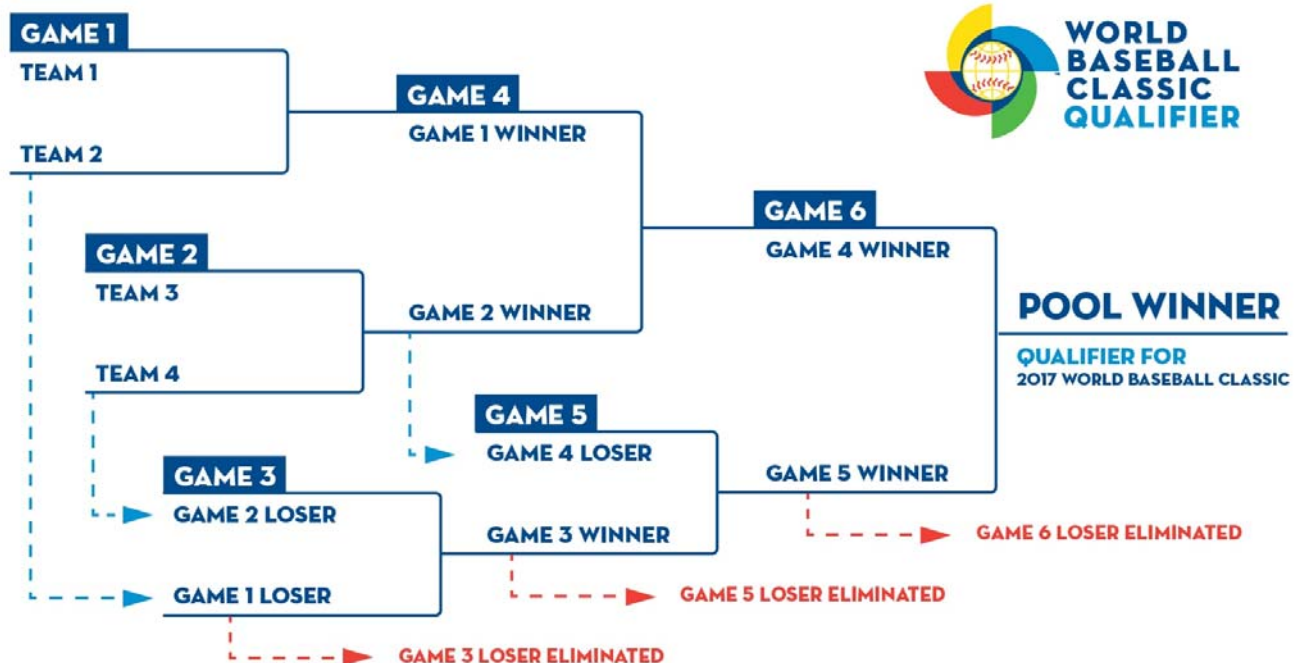
ABOUT THE WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

The World Baseball Classic is the premier international baseball tournament, sanctioned by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), as the sport's official National Team World Championship, and features the best players in the world competing for their home countries and territories. More than 2.4 million fans from all over the world have attended the tournament games, held in March 2006, March 2009 and March 2013. Team Dominican Republic is the reigning World Baseball Classic Champion after going undefeated during its 2013 championship run. The upcoming World Baseball Classic will be played in March 2017 and will again feature the greatest baseball-playing nations in the world. The tournament will be held every four years thereafter.

ABOUT THE WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION

The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the global governing body for the sports of baseball and softball resulting from the merger of the International Baseball Federation and International Softball Federation in 2013. WBSC governs all international competitions, including Premier12, World Baseball Classic and the Baseball World Cups, which involve any of the National Teams of its 208 National Federation members in 141 countries and territories worldwide. For more information, visit www.wbsc.co

World Baseball Classic Qualifier Modified Double-Elimination Format



CZECH REPUBLIC

CZECH REPUBLIC 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Mike Griffin

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Blazek	Jan	RHP	FA	-
Bokaj	Boris	RHP	FA	-
Cech	Petr	C	FA	-
Cervenak	Mike	3B	FA	-
Cervenka	Marek	RHP	FA	-
Cervenka	Martin	C	CLE	Akron RubberDucks (AA)
Chroust	Premek	UTI	FA	-
Duffek	Tomas	LHP	FA	-
Hajtmar	Adam	INF	FA	-
Hajtmar	Jakub	INF	FA	-
Hejma	Matej	OF	FA	-
Junec	Tomas	1B	FA	-
Malik	Jakub	OF	FA	-
Minarik	Marek	RHP	FA	-
Minarik	Petr	RHP	FA	-
Mraz	Daniel	RHP	FA	-
Novak	Jan	LHP	FA	-
Ondracek	Michal	OF	FA	-
Polansky	Tomas	RHP	FA	-
Schneider	Martin	RHP	FA	-
Sila	Petr	OF	FA	-
Sladek	Jakub	INF	FA	-
Sobotka	Michal	RHP	FA	-
Sogard	Alex	LHP	FA	-
Straka	John	RHP	FA	-
Tomek	Jan	RHP	FA	-
Vojak	Petr	INF	FA	-
Zyma	Petr	INF	FA	-

Deutschland

GERMANY 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Garth Iorg

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Boldt	Max	INF	FA	-
Brenk	Eric	SS	FA	-
Dewald	Martin	RHP	FA	-
Dickman	Lucas	RHP	FA	-
Glaser	Ludwig	INF	FA	-
Gühring	Simon	C	FA	-
Hinz	Daniel	RHP	FA	-
Howard	Christopher	C	FA	-
Jahn	Lukas	SS	FA	-
Koch	Sascha	RHP	FA	-
Kotowski	Kevin	OF	FA	-
Ljatifi	Nadir	SS	CIN	AZL Reds (R)
Lutz	Donald	OF	CIN	Pensacola Blue Wahoos (AA)
Lutz	Sascha	OF	FA	-
Marquez	Enorbel	LHP	FA	-
Matthes	Kent	OF	FA	-
Maxwell III	Bruce	C	OAK	Nashville Sounds (AAA)
Ohman	Will	LHP	FA	-
Schüller	Sven	RHP	LAD	Ogden Raptors (R)
Solbach	Markus	RHP	ARI	Mobile BayBears (AA)
Sommer	Luke	LHP	FA	-
Steinlein	Lukas	RHP	FA	-
Stöcklin	Jan-Niclas	RHP	FA	-
Taylor	Dominique	OF	KC	Wilmington Blue Rocks (A)
Thieben	Daniel	RHP	FA	-
Trisl	Kevin	RHP	FA	-
Wilhelm	Maurice	RHP	FA	-
Ziegler	Christoph	INF	FA	-

MEXICO

MEXICO 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Edgar Gonzalez

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Aguilar	Armando	LHP	FA	-
Avila	Andres	RHP	OAK	Nashville Sounds (AAA)
Barradas	Arturo	LHP	FA	-
Bustamonte	Carlos	RHP	FA	-
Carrillo	Xorge	C	NYM	Las Vegas 51's (AAA)
Elizalde	Sebastian	OF	CIN	Dayton Dragons (A)
Fisher	Carlos	RHP	TEX	Frisco RoughRiders (AA)
Gallegos	Giovanni	RHP	NYN	Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders (AAA)
Garcia	Jesus	RHP	FA	-
Gonzalez	Adrian	1B	LAD	Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB)
Heras	Leonardo	OF	HOU	Corpus Christi Hooks (AA)
Ibarra	Walter	INF	FA	-
Landazuri	Stephen	RHP	SEA	Jackson Generals (AA)
Mejia	Alejandro	SS	STL	Memphis Redbirds (AAA)
Murillo	Agustin	3B	FA	-
Navarro	Efren	1B	SEA	Tacoma Rainiers (AAA)
Perez	Juan	OF	CIN	Louisville Bats (AAA)
Perez	Oliver	LHP	WSH	Washington Nationals (MLB)
Quiroz	Esteban	INF	FA	-
Rodriguez	Hector	LHP	BAL	Bowie Baysox (AA)
Salas	Francisco Issmael	INF	FA	-
Sanchez	Jake	RHP	OAK	Midland RockHounds (AA)
Serrano	Mark	RHP	FA	-
Solano	Javier	RHP	FA	-
Sosa	Humberto	C	FA	-
Soto	Jesus	LHP	SD	DSL Padres (R)
Valle	Sebastian	C	NYN	Trenton Thunder (AA)
Vazquez	Jorge	1B	FA	-

NICARAGUA

NICARAGUA 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Marvin Benard

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Beras	Jairo	OF	TEX	Hickory Crawdads (A)
Blandino	Alessandre	SS	CIN	Daytona Tortugas (A)
Britton	Dwight	OF	FA	-
Campbell	Darrel	3B	FA	-
Castro	Ofilio	SS	FA	-
Crawford	Leonardo	LHP	LAD	AZL Dodgers (R)
Espinoza	Berman	RHP	FA	-
Estrada	Samuel	RHP	FA	-
Flores	Fidencio	RHP	FA	-
Flores	Juan Ramon	OF	FA	-
Gadea	Kevin	RHP	SEA	DSL Mariners 2 (R)
Garth	Ronald	2B	FA	-
Gonzalez	Carlos	RHP	CIN	Pensacola Blue Wahoos (AA)
Guido	Sandor	1B	FA	-
Gutierrez	Osman	RHP	TOR	Buffalo Bisons (AAA)
Loaisiga	Jonathan	RHP	NYN	DSL Yankees (R)
Lopez	Diomar	RHP	SD	AZL Padres (R)
Martinez	Gustavo	RHP	FA	-
Montes	Janior	C	FA	-
Morales	Renato	OF	FA	-
Novoa	Melvin	C	TEX	AZL Rangers (R)
Obregon	Omar	SS	ATL	Rome Braves (A)
Polanco	Jhonny	RHP	BOS	Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA)
Reyes	Elmer	SS	FA	-
Saenz	Jose	RHP	FA	-
Teller	Carlos	LHP	FA	-
Tellez	Junior	RHP	FA	-
Vasquez	Wuillians	UTI	FA	-

COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Luis Urueta

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Acosta	Horacio	RHP	FA	-
Batista	Kendy	RHP	FA	-
Brown	Steve	OF	FA	-
Consuegra	Randy	RHP	FA	-
Crismatt	Nabil	RHP	NYM	Las Vegas 51's (AAA)
Cuevas	William	RHP	BOS	Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA)
Diaz	Carlos	LHP	SF	Richmond Flying Squirrels (AA)
Escorcía	Kevin	LHP	CWS	DSL White Sox (R)
Escudero	Jhonatan	RHP	STL	Johnson City Cardinals (R)
Herrera	Dilson	INF	NYM	New York Mets (MLB)
Luna	Ronald	SS	FA	-
Marrugo	Yeizer	RHP	BAL	DSL Orioles (R)
Martinez	Luis	C	FA	-
Mirabal	Charlie	INF	FA	-
Mota	Arismendy	RHP	FA	-
Nappo	Gregory	LHP	MIA	New Orleans Zephyrs (AAA)
Perez	Dewin	LHP	STL	Peoria Chiefs (A)
Polo	Tito	CF	PIT	West Virginia Power (A)
Posso	Jesus	C	PHI	Williamsport Crosscutters (A)
Ramirez	Harold	CF	PIT	Pittsburgh Pirates (MLB)
Ramos	Mauricio	SS	KC	Northwest Arkansas Naturals (AA)
Rodriguez	Reynaldo	OF	MIN	Rochester Red Wings (AAA)
Salazar	Yesid	RHP	FA	-
Sanchez	Adrian	2B	WSH	Harrisburg Senators (AA)
Triana	Karl Lewis	RHP	FA	-
Valdez	Jesus	OF	FA	-
Vidal	Carlos	CF	NYN	Pulaski Yankees (R)
Vilchez	Angel	RHP	FA	-

France

FRANCE 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Eric Gagne

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Boucheron	Jacques	OF	FA	-
Brown	Felix	INF	FA	-
Camou	Dan	RHP	FA	-
Cespedes	Leonel	RHP	FA	-
Cros	Gregory	RHP	FA	-
Dagneau	Bastien	OF	FA	-
Duforest	Jonathan	UTI	FA	-
Gleeson	Dylan	C	FA	-
Hanvi	Frederic	OF	FA	-
Hereaud	Jorge	INF	FA	-
Jongerius	Norbert	OF	FA	-
Le Mestre	Pierrick	RHP	FA	-
Lefevre	Maxime	INF	FA	-
Leveret	Rene	1B	FA	-
Martinez	Ernesto	C	FA	-
Martinez	Ernesto Wilson	LHP	FA	-
Meurant	Samuel	RHP	FA	-
Mottay	Jonathan	RHP	FA	-
Ozanich	Owen	RHP	FA	-
Paz	Andy	C	OAK	Beloit Snappers (A)
Perez	Keino	RHP	FA	-
Piquet	Anthony	RHP	FA	-
Prioul	Esteban	LHP	FA	-
Rodriguez	Douglas	UTI	FA	-
Serafin	Lucas	RHP	FA	-
Vaugelade	Yoann	RHP	FA	-
Villard	Antoine	RHP	FA	-
Walter	Frederic	INF	FA	-



PANAMA 28-MAN ROSTER

Manager: Carlos Lee

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Acosta	Alberto	RHP	FA	-
Agrazal	Dario	RHP	PIT	West Virginia Black Bears (A)
Amaya	Anthony	OF	FA	-
Arauz	Harold	RHP	PHI	Lakewood BlueClaws (A)
Baldonado	Alberto	LHP	NYM	St. Lucie Mets (A)
Bethancourt	Euclides	RHP	FA	-
Bishop	Jorge	SS	FA	-
Camarena	Jose	C	FA	-
Castillo	Luis	OF	FA	-
Castillo	Ramon	C/1B	FA	-
Chin	Gerald	2B	FA	-
Corpas	Manny	RHP	FA	-
Cuan	Angel	LHP	FA	-
Espino	Paolo	RHP	WSH	Syracuse Chiefs (AAA)
Gonzalez	Saul	RHP	FA	-
Guerra	Javier	SS	SD	Lake Elsinore Storm (A)
Jurado	Ariel	RHP	TEX	Hickory Crawdads (A)
Mejia	Humberto	RHP	MIA	GCL Marlins (R)
Miranda	Jorge	OF	FA	-
Munoz	Edgard	SS	FA	-
Navarro	Eliecer	LHP	FA	-
Otero	Andy	LHP	ATL	Mississippi Braves (AA)
Quiroz	Carlos	1B	FA	-
Romero	Davis	LHP	FA	-
Ruiz	Carlos	C	PHI	Philadelphia Phillies (MLB)
Sosa	Edmundo	SS	STL	Peoria Chiefs (A)
Thomas	Eduardo	INF	FA	-
Velasquez	Isaias	OF	FA	-



SPAIN 28-MAN ROSTER
Manager: Manny Crespo

Last	First	Pos.	MLB Org.	Current Club
Angulo	Oscar	INF	FA	-
Armenteros	Rogelio	RHP	HOU	Quad Cities River Bandits (A)
Balboa	Jorge	RHP	FA	-
Beltre	Engel	OF	FA	-
Castillo	Richard	RHP	FA	-
Cruz	Jose	RHP	FA	-
Cruz	Rhiner	RHP	FA	-
Franco	Iker	C	FA	-
Galvan	Lesther	CF	FA	-
Golindano	Jesus	3B	FA	-
Gomez	Yasser	OF	FA	-
Granados	Ivan	LHP	FA	-
Guillorme	Luis	SS	NYM	Columbia Fireflies (A)
Hernandez	Ricardo	LHP	FA	-
Leyva	Lazaro	RHP	BAL	Aberdeen IronBirds (A)
Martinez	Daniel	OF	FA	-
Merchan	Jesus	INF	FA	-
Merino	Rolando	C	FA	-
Nacar	Leslie	RHP	FA	-
Noguera	Antonio	LHP	FA	-
Ochoa	Blake	C	FA	-
Perez	Andres	RHP	FA	-
Perez	Sergio	RHP	FA	-
Salazar	Richard	LHP	FA	-
Sanchez	Yunesky	INF	FA	-
Sierra	Carlos	RHP	HOU	GCL Astros (R)
Suarez	Gabriel	C	FA	-
Ustariz	Jesus	INF	FA	-