

Indians, Marlins square off in fall classic

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It may not be the most popular, but this year's World Series promises to be an exciting one.

The National League champion Florida Marlins, an expansion team in only their fifth year of existence, became the first wild card team to participate in the fall classic. It is the fastest any expansion team has reached the World Series.

Florida finished the year with a 92-70 record, good for second place in their division and a wild card berth.

In the offseason, the Marlins brought in a number of key free agents, totaling over \$80 million. Moises Alou, who came over from Montreal, led the team with 23 home runs and 115 RBI's.

Bobby Bonilla, a free agent pick up who played with Baltimore last year, was second on the team with 96 RBI's and a .297 batting average. The Marlins also signed Alex

Fernandez, the ex-Chicago White Sox pitcher, who led Florida with 17 wins.

It wasn't just the free agents that led the Marlins to the World Series.

Right fielder Gary Sheffield, who struggled the first half of the year, came to life down the stretch. Despite battling injuries throughout the year, Sheffield managed to hit 21 home runs and drive in 71 runs.

First baseman Jeff Conine, the only player who has been with the organization all five years, had another solid year, finishing with 17 home runs.

Catcher Charles Johnson, who made no errors and had only one passed ball, hit a career-high 19 home runs.

However, if it weren't for ace pitcher Kevin Brown, the Marlins would not be where they are. Brown finished the year with a 16-8 record, with a 2.69 ERA and 205 strikeouts.

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Clackamas students sing the American National Anthem to visiting Costa Ricans on campus last Monday, October 13.



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Costa Rica and CCC converge

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The Spanish Club and Associated Student Government hosted a luncheon last Monday for 23 Costa Ricans that are part of the Retired Persons' Exchange Program.

The Costa Ricans were visiting the campus as part of their one-month tour in Oregon. They were able to tour campus and see the college's facilities and organizations.

The luncheon began with a welcome and opening remarks from Carlota Holley, Spanish instructor and head of the Foreign Languages Department. The Costa Ricans then expressed gratitude and feelings of "brotherhood" that have grown from the RPEP. RPEP was pioneered 10 years ago by Holley. Holley was all smiles at the progress she has seen since then.

The Costa Ricans then proudly shared their national anthem, followed by the students and staff singing the Star Spangled Banner. An American meal was served and warm conversations began.

Jorge Infante, a banker from Costa Rica, said he was very fond of the people, mountains, and the conservation of the forests

in Oregon, "but not the cold," he said smiling, because Costa Rica is hot and humid all year round.

Vicky Betti said, "I like the flora, the street organization and how advanced the system of life is." Vicky and her sister Coralia are elementary school teachers in Guanacaste and are visiting the U.S. for the first time. They found the hospitality of Oregon amazing. Coralia showed equal hospitality by inviting the Americans to visit Costa Rica. "We are a very small country, but have very big hearts," she said.

In 1961 President John F. Kennedy formed Friends of the Americas (FOA), the largest welfare program in the western hemisphere. The FOA was created to foster relations between the U.S. and Latin America. States were matched with countries from Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Oregon was matched with Costa Rica.

The meeting ended with Jose Orozco reciting a poem he had written that demonstrated the feelings of warmth and gratitude the Costa Ricans had for our people and environment in "For you Oregon, with much love." The last lines read...

"Rivers hidden with nature's forests, never let this special gift be destroyed."



Carlota Holley, Spanish instructor, was instrumental in bringing the Costa Rican visitors to Clackamas.

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