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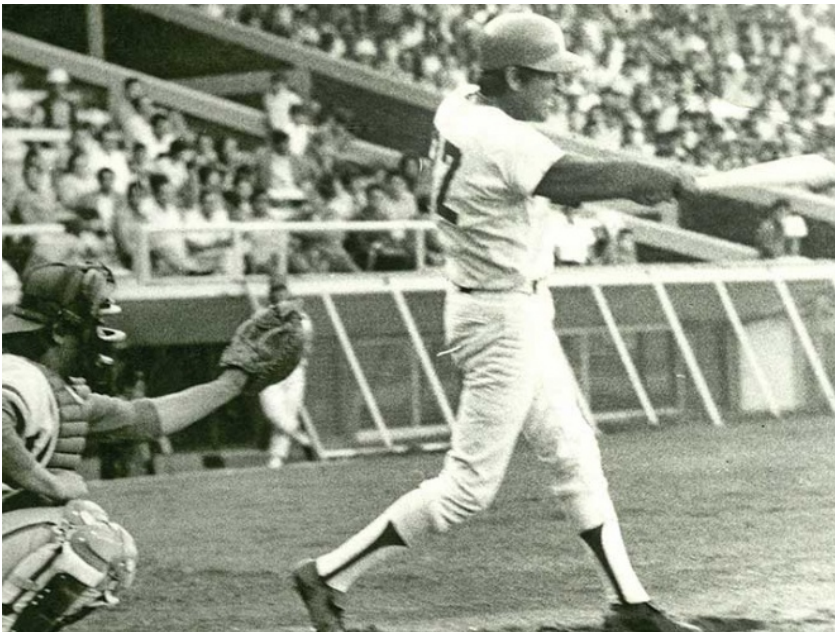
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# Ramón Montoya, legend of the Devils, passes away

*One of the great icons of the Red Devils died at age 77; he played 15 campaigns, always in scarlet; hit .316 average*

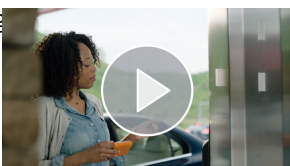
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Ramón Montoya Lerma. He achieved four championships with the Devils: 1968, 1973, 1974 and 1976, when he announced his retirement. In 1983 he returned to receive a tribute. He entered the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame on July 13, 1990. Photos: Courtesy Red Devils

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El leg... mon *Diablo* Montoya died yesterday at age 77.



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player, where he was referred to by his speed with that same nickname, without thinking that years later he would be widely remembered for his step with the organization of Mexico.

After a long career as an amateur baseball player, where he attended a large number of national and international tournaments, Montoya signed for the Kansas City Royals and was chosen to play for Mexico, where he debuted in 1961.

For the following year he started a great career in Mexican baseball that included 15 campaigns, all with the pingos, where he hit .316, with 44 homers, 680 produced and 96 steals.

He distinguished himself by his fielding in the center. On several occasions he had to leave on a stretcher of the Social Security Park after crashing into the fence when looking to catch balls deep. His career earned him entry to the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame and his number 32 was withdrawn in the organization of the Devils.

## His title as manager conquered him with the Deer

As manager, Ramón Montoya led Unión Laguna, Aguascalientes, Tabasco, Jalisco and Monclova, in the Mexican Baseball League.

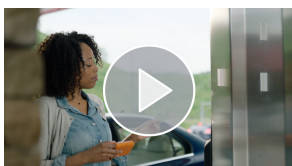
In the 1991 season he led, along with the legendary Benjamín Cananea Reyes, the Devils who fell in the final, in seven games, against the Sultans of Monterrey.

But shortly after he won the title in Mexican League of the Pacific with the Mazatlan Deer, which in the Final Series came from behind a 3-1 to beat the Águilas de Mexicali in the 1992-1993 season.

In recent years he served as an instructor at the Alfredo Harp Helú Academy, Diablos Rojos del México and Guerrero de Oaxaca.

Montoya worked as a youth trainer for seven years at the Scarlet Academy, where players such as Roberto Osuna, Julio César Urías, Luis Urías and Luis Cessa, among other players who are now consolidated, have emerged.

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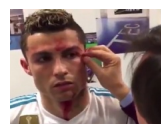
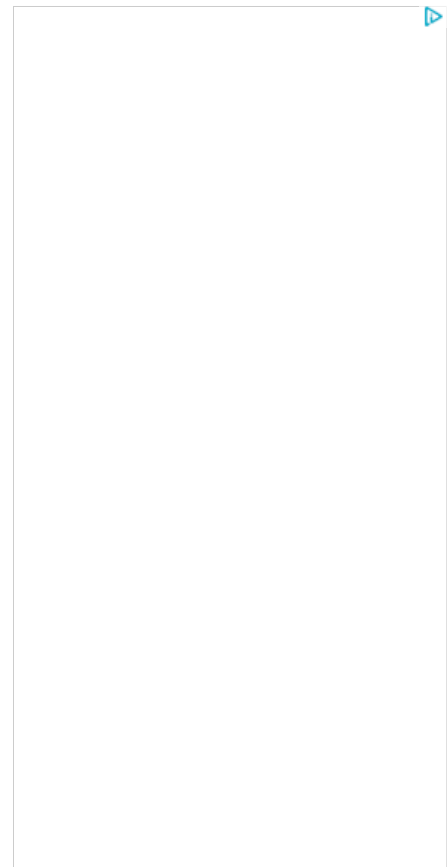
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Isidro Márquez, the best closer of all time in Mexican baseball, is very clear about what it helped to have Ramón Diablo Montoya as his manager ... the discipline.

Márquez was the closer of the Venados de Mazatlán, champions of the 1992-1993 season, under Montoya, but before that he suffered to adapt the conditions that he put in the team.

"The truth is I was very undisciplined," confessed Marquez. "At that time I was going to party a lot and he did not like that. He made me understand that, if he disciplined me, he would give up. "

Two years later, Márquez, the lifeline leader of all time in the Mexican League of Pacific and the Mexican Baseball League, came to the big leagues with the Chicago White Sox.

"I think in part it did have to do, it changed my way of looking at my career," explained the now coach of the Mayos of Navojoa.

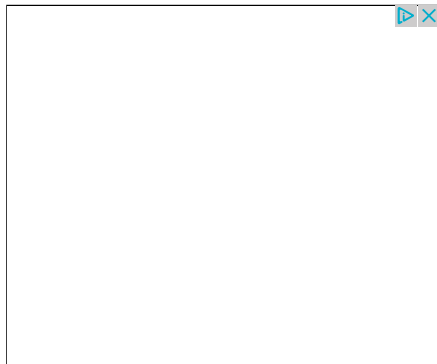
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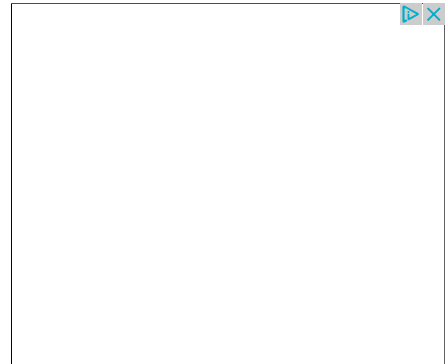
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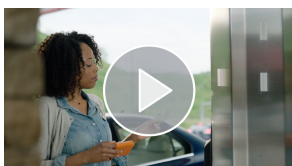


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