



## **Pedro Sierra**

Pedro left his native Cuba at age 16 to come to America to play in the Negro Leagues with the Indianapolis Clowns. It was with the Clowns in 1954 that Pedro played for Hall of Fame legend Oscar Charleston. Here, Sierra put into action his father's advice that "you are what you want to be ... and not what you can be."

Following a stint with the Clowns, Pedro moved on to play for the Detroit Stars from 1955 to 1958 and was a Negro Leagues East-West All-Star in 1956. He was an aggressive pitcher who didn't hesitate to strategically throw the brush back pitch.

In 1959, The Washington Senators signed Sierra and shortly thereafter he was drafted into the US Army. It was while in the service that he helped his team with the U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Army Championship with a 17-5 record and a 1.75 ERA. After his tour of duty ended in 1962, Pedro played in the Minnesota Twins farm system until 1966. In 1967, he went to play in the Provinciale League in Quebec, Canada where he went 14-3 in 1969 winning his team's MVP award and finishing second in voting for the league's MVP. In 1970, the legendary Ted Williams gave Pedro a try-out with the Senators again and he was assigned to AA ball and later became the big club's batting practice pitcher. He ended his playing career with time spent playing in Panama and Mexico.

Following his playing career, Pedro was instrumental in the state of Maryland working with troubled youth in the delinquency prevention program and created a Get High on Sports drug prevention program.



But the lure of baseball never left Pedro and he returned to be a pitching coach for the Pennsylvania Roadwarriors in 2002. In 2004, he partnered with the great hitter Bill Madlock as bench coach of the Newark Bears. Then, ever the travelling man, Pedro went to Taiwan in 2005 as pitching coach of the LaNew Bears.

Pedro loves to share the great stories of the Negro Leagues and, as one of the few remaining Negro Leagues legends, will entertain and educate an audience which wants to hold on to this amazing piece of history.



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