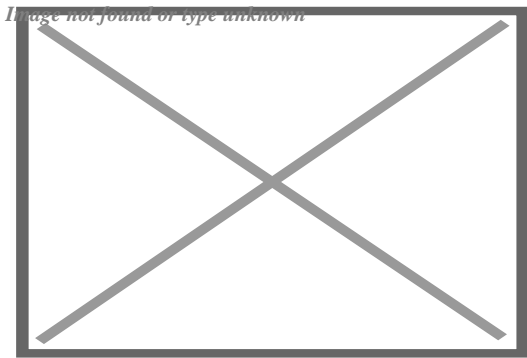


# *Full respect for Raidel Martinez in baseball in Japan*

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**Raidel Martinez**

Havana, Jan 15 (JIT) The Yomiuri Giants' manager, Shinnosuke Abe, declared that this year he will again use the so-called Group S during the club's spring training and that it will include the team's most veteran players, among them Cuban reliever Raidel Martinez.

The idea of the section at this time "translates" into the fact that the players who make up the group will be responsible for their own practices and will decide for themselves what type of exercises they will do to get in shape.

Normally in the demanding baseball on Japanese soil, both the manager and the coaches of the team determine the players' work schedule during practice, including the exercises they perform.

This initiative reveals an enormous trust and respect for the club's veteran players, a space that Raidel has earned on his own merit.

The lanky, speedy closer from Pinar del Río, who will make his debut this season with the Giants, had a dream 2024 campaign with the Chunichi Dragons. He set a personal record of 43 games saved, which was the best record of the entire tournament.

He appeared in 60 games, in which he worked 58.0 innings with only seven earned runs allowed, to show an effectiveness of 1.09.

In addition, the right-hander allowed 35 hits with only one home run, gave 59 strikeouts, gave 12 tickets and had a WHIP of 0.81.



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