

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Palmeiro, Rafael Corrales

DATE OF INTERVIEW: July 3, 2009

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Daniel U. Sánchez

FORMAT: 1 – CD, 1- MiniDV videotape and 2 - DVDS

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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 47 minutes

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Rafael Palmeiro discusses his life growing up in Cuba and then moving to Miami at the age of 9. He discusses his high school career and then his collegiate career at Mississippi State. He also discusses his major league baseball career. This interview was done during Palmeiro’s visit to Lubbock during his 2008 induction to the College Baseball Foundation’s Hall of Fame.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Introduction	0:00
Parents	
Siblings	
Athletics	
Started at 9 years old	
Father was a baseball player	
Best influences	
Father was backbone	
Education	
Struggled in college	
Education is more important	

Education (continued)

Major

Architecture

Switch to Commercial Art

Stressed education

High School

Baseball team'

Played for championship

Differences between college and high school

0:10

Baseball

Lateral move

Mississippi State

Chance to play

Goal was to play in the majors

Freshman year

1st game

Upperclassmen

Cultural change

Key games

SEC games

Career as a whole

Drafted out of high school

Skills picked up

Discipline

Team accomplishments

0:20

Won 1 SEC championship

College World Series

Personal accomplishments

All-American

Going to the pros

Separate each game

Baseball is your job

Weight training

New techniques

Player likability

Never felt the best
Fear of losing job 0:30

Induction to Hall of Fame
Meaning
Will Clark

Minor Leagues
Less than two years

Lessons learned

Memorable Moments
500 home runs
3000 hits
Family visits during his college career

College coach
Good friend

Consider coaching

College Baseball Foundations 2009 Hall of Fame Class
A thrill to be inducted 0:40

Personal credo
Living in the moment

Far exceeded expectations

Advice about a sports career
Just play baseball
The game humbles players
Believing in yourself
The importance of receiving an education

Interview ends

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1964

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: Hispanic