Armando Marsans

The first native-born Cubans to break into the major leagues are Armando Marsans and Raphael Almeida, who joined the Cincinnati team midseason in 1911. Marsans is the son of a wealthy resident of Havana and comes from an old Spanish family. He learned to play the game in Cuba and came to the United States in 1910 as a member of the New Britain team of the Connecticut League. The following season he was sold to the Cincinnati team and has since played outfield positions for the Reds. He is a splendid fielder and has a great throwing arm. In 1911 Marsans batted .261 and fielded .963.