

Cuba Boasts of a "Babe Ruth."

Cuba has its Babe Ruth, but he is of darker hue than the famous home run king of the Yankees. His name is Christopher Torriente and he attracted considerable attention during the winter season now drawing to a close in the Cuban League. Critics who ought to know regard him as one of the surest and hardest hitters the island yet has produced. Besides batting at a .450 clip in his own league Torriente, big, muscular and keen eyed, proved a terror to the major league pitchers who played in Cuba during the winter.

In sixteen games against such twirlers as Ed Pfeffer and Leon Cadore of the Brooklyn team and Carlson and Ponder of the Pirates, who played under the management of George Cutshaw, and against Jack Quinn, Bob Geary and Mule Watson of the All America aggregation, Torriente had a batting average of .393. Home runs flew off his bat about every other game, and on two occasions he had two circuit smashes to his credit. One of his drives off Carlson travelled so far into right centre field that he had completed the circuit of the bases before Max Carey, one of the fastest men in the major leagues, could reach the ball.

He has been playing five years in the Cuban League and has toured America with colored teams and never has his average fallen below .350. His careless, natural hitting posture at the plate has reminded major leaguers of the batting style of Frank Schulte, who was champion home run hitter of the National League for many years.

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