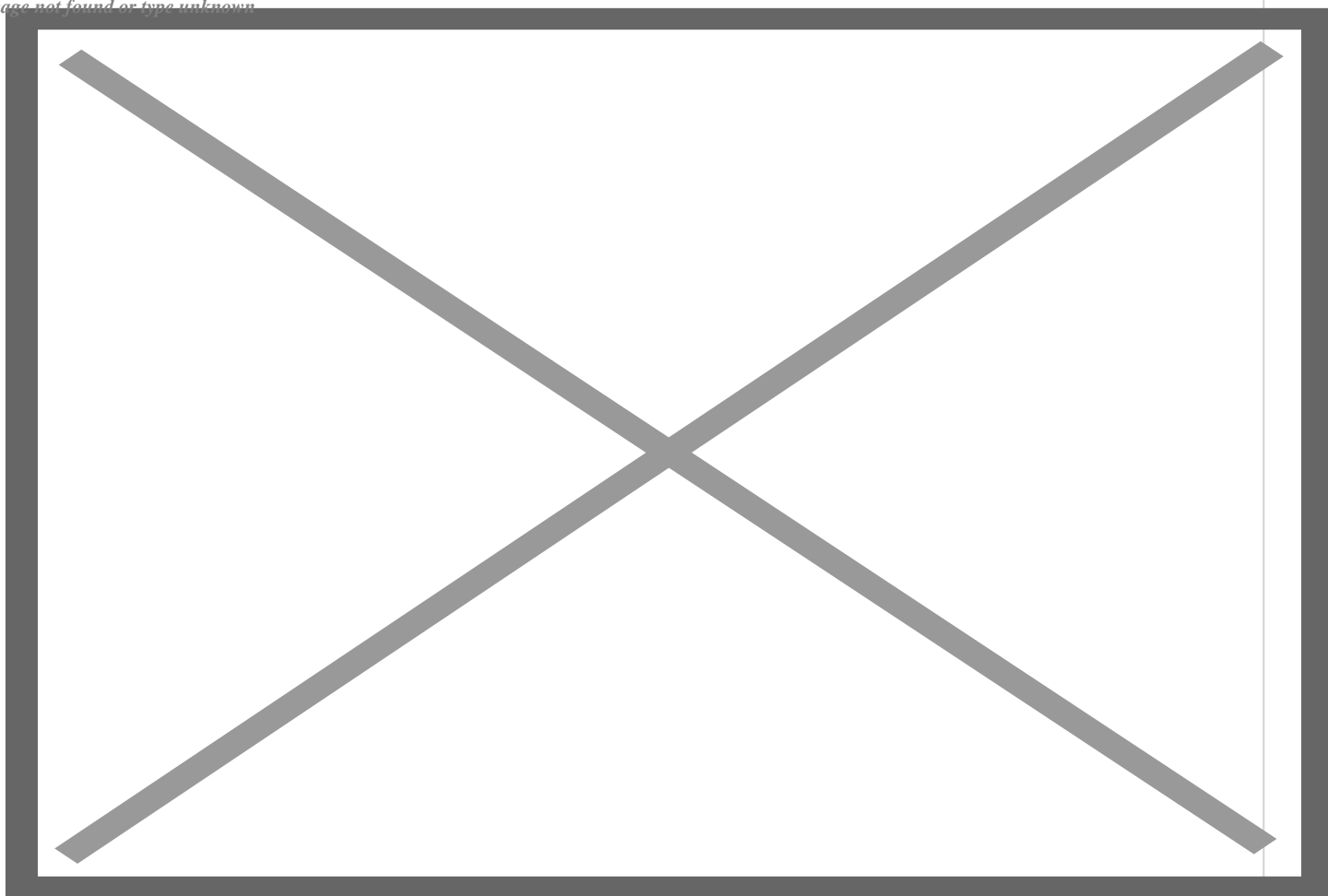


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Havana, February 1 (RHC)-- The sub-series between Mayabeque and Ciego de Avila stands out among the eight particular clashes that animate from today the continuation of the 61st National Baseball Series in Cuba.

The undefeated leader with four wins in the same number of games, the Huracanes from Mayabeque receive the Tigres from Avila, a team with the same number of victories but with one setback, at the

Nelson Fernandez Stadium.

The rest of the games will pit teams at the top of the standings against those at the bottom, although this is not something to worry about since the tournament is only in its second week of action.

According to the official schedule, the lineup from Tuesday to Thursday is completed by the matches Guantánamo-Pinar del Río, Santiago-Artemisa, Granma-Isla de la Juventud, Holguín-Industriales, Sancti Spíritus-Matanzas, Camagüey-Cienfuegos and Las Tunas-Villa Clara.

In the individual order, pitchers Carlos Font (SCU), Yander Guevara (CAV) and Joel Mojena (GRA) appear as the only ones with two wins so far, a figure that could be extended this week.

For his part, Cienfuegos' Richel Lopez leads the hitters with an average of .667, but his escorts Erisbel Arruebarrena (MTZ) and Yoelkis Guibert (SCU) have accumulated .571 and .563, respectively, in addition to leading one in home runs (three) and the other in RBIs (11).

The new Cuban baseball season started last January 23 and will extend its regular calendar until April when the 75 games per team will be completed, to give way to the quarter-final playoffs.

The last championship, of similar structure, was dominated by Granma, champion after defeating Matanzas in the final.

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