

Grand final: Yamichel Pérez wins and predicts home run from the dugout



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Matanzas, June 23 (ACN) - The left-handed Yamichel Pérez, pitcher of the Cocodrilos de Matanzas team, got an important victory against Alazanes de Granma (5-3) in the fourth game of the Cuban baseball grand final, a game in which he also predicted a home run from the dugout.

The victory caused a tie in the grand final between the Cocodrilos de Matanzas and the Alazanes de Granma, at two wins apiece.

Perez, who gave a solid performance of 7.1 innings of work, with three runs allowed and nine hits, told Agencia Cubana de Noticias that above all he thought about the importance of the victory for the team, which came in disadvantage (1-2) to the important match in the battle for the title of Cuba.

In the meeting prior to the challenge we made it clear that the result would depend on what we were able to do on the diamond and we went out with the greatest willingness, said the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 59th Baseball Series final.

Decisive was the support of the offense that was very good, even when I was already in the dogout I said that Camejo (Yoisnel) was going to hit a home run and incredibly it happened, confessed at a press conference the left-hander from the municipality of Taguasco, in the central province of Sancti Spíritus.

Yamichel made it clear that, in the event of a seventh and defining game, he is ready to go up to the mound again to start a battle in which practically all the pitchers must be ready to contribute to the cause of the team led by Armando Ferrer Ruz.

Ferrer Ruz valued as very positive the possibility of leveling the play off, to go out tomorrow in search of a key victory in the aspirations of winning the highest trophy, although he preferred not to announce the starter until after meeting with the management team this very night.

Carlos Marti Santos, manager of Alazanes de Granma, acknowledged the great work of the rival pitching and agreed that his players could have been affected by the recent decision to incorporate eight reinforcements to the team of the eastern province that will represent the largest of the Antilles in the Harlem baseball week.

Without hesitating too much, the experienced helmsman announced Leandro Martinez as the first pitcher for this Friday's challenge, which will be held for the third time in this great final at the Victoria de Giron stadium, located on Martin Dihigo Avenue, in this city.

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