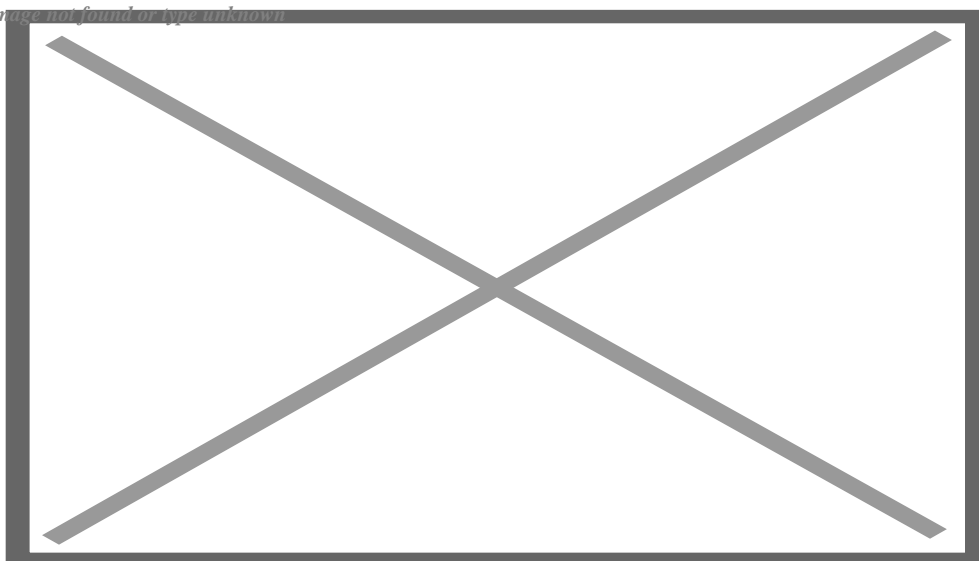


Portuarios sign first slurry in Cuban Elite Baseball League

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Havana, November 16 (ACN)-- The Portuarios team seems to raise its spirits and on Tuesday, in its second consecutive success, got rid of the unproductive Ganaderos 2-0 to sign its first sweep of the First Elite League of Cuban Baseball, which began the eighth particular subseries.

In the only duel of the day, held at the José Antonio Huelga stadium in Espiritu, the fusion of players from the provinces of Havana and Mayabeque counted on the good work of the four pitchers employed by the mentor Michael González, especially his starter Pável Hernández, who threw 5.1 innings with four hits and five strikeouts to sign his first smile in the face of four losses in the tournament.

Also pitching for the visitors were Andy Vargas -returning after his participation with the U-23 World Cup team-, Mailon Cruz and closer Juan Xavier Peñalver, who earned his second save.

The Portuarios scored the first run in the third inning on a ticket to first baseman Alberto Calderón, and after Juan Carlos Torrente's sacrifice fly came Dennis Laza's run-scoring jit.

And the second run, the one that gives some breathing space, came in the sixth act with a single by Yasiel Santoya, a double by Alexander Pozo and a sacrifice fly by the leadoff man Lazaro Martinez.

This was the fourth consecutive defeat -including three consecutive losses- suffered by the Ganaderos team (Sancti Spiritus, Ciego de Avila and Camagüey), which now has a whopping 27 innings without a

home run: nine today against Portuarios, 16 against Centrales in two games with white paint, and another two in the final innings in the 15-3 knockout against Centrales.

The Agricultores-Centrales and Cafetaleros-Tabacaleros duels could not be played, teams that tomorrow will have to discuss a doubleheader at the Mártires de Barbados (Bayamo) and Nguyen Van Troi (Guantánamo) stadiums, respectively.

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