

Baseball: Portuarios extends winning streak to five games

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Havana, December 21 (RHC)-- Portuarios defeated Tabacaleros on Tuesday and extended its winning streak to five games in the continuation of the 1st Elite Cuban Baseball League, a result that brought it half a game closer to its rival, which is the runner-up and escort of the leader Agricultores.

With the scenario in the Cristóbal Labra stadium, in the Isle of Youth, the port team gave a 1-0 defeat to the tobacco growers, who in spite of losing, remained second in the standings.

The winning run came in the top of the sixth inning, when Roberto Acebedo, who batted 3-1, hit the go-ahead run.

Also outstanding on offense were Jorge Luis Barcelán (4-2) and Alexander Pozo (3-2), while the victory went to starter Marcos Ortega, who achieved his third success with three setbacks, and the first game saved for Marlon Vega, while Kendry Hernández took the loss.

Portuarios accumulated eight hits and made no defensive errors, and Tabacaleros closed with five hits and one error.

In the other two games on Tuesday, Centrales and Ganaderos defeated Cafetaleros and Agricultores, 9-4 and 10-4, at Augusto César Sandino in Villa Clara and José Antonio Huelga in Sancti Spíritus, respectively.

Alaín Sánchez (2-2) and Ángel Luis Márquez (1-0) deserved the win for the central and farmers, in that order, while the losers were Uberley Estévez (3-2) and Yoel Mogená (2-5), respectively.

In the encounter between the farmers and the cattle ranchers, Frederich Cepeda (GAN), who batted 4-3, with two doubles, one run scored and three runs batted in, and Pavel Quesada (CEN) hit the ball out of the park in the challenge between the coffee growers and the Central.

The actions of these sub-series will continue today, in an Elite League that is nearing the end of the qualifying stage. With these results, Agricultores remains at the top of the standings, with 29 wins and 17 losses, followed by Tabacaleros (24-22), five games behind, Portuarios and Centrales (24-23), five and a half games behind, Ganaderos (19-26), nine and a half games behind, and Cafetaleros (18-27), 10 and a half games behind.

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