

Avispas topple Leones in Cuban Baseball Classic

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The good performances of the feline pitchers were of no use without the support of an artillery that only fires blanks, and that has not been able to produce effectively since the beginning of the tournament.

A Yoelquis Guibert's first-inning homer with a teammate in circulation was all the Avispas needed to win 2-0, on a day when the pitching staff was asleep.

Blue starter Marcos Ortega walked the entire route with six strikeouts and only four hits allowed, but he made a mistake in a delivery against the Santiaguero that cost him the game.

In the opposite trench, veteran Alberto Bisset worked for 5.1 innings, gave up five hits with an equal number of strikeouts, and used all his experience to keep the gates of the plate closed.

Luis Ángel Torres earned the save in an effective relief performance, where he retired all five opponents he faced.

In the afternoon game, a rocket by Dasiel Sevilla brought home the only run the Easterners needed, in another game that has nothing to do with this scandalously offensive tournament.

The young left-handed Julio Rodriguez could not do better from the industrialist box, but the powder of his hosts continued to be wet and all his work only served to improve his individual statistics.

Yosmel Garcés was the executioner on duty from the mound of the indomitable, with a work of five immaculate chapters where he was hit by a trio of unstoppable hits and killed an equal number of opponents by the bitter way.

Once again Torres came out to pitch balls in the late innings, and scored his second save of the day, amid the frustration of the faithful gathered in the stands of the Latinoamericano stadium.

The Industriales now have a 7-16 record at the bottom of the tournament and with each passing day they see their chances of qualification slipping even further away.

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