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Havana, April 29 (RHC)-- On a day that included the fifth Super KO of the season, the teams of Pinar del Río and Santiago de Cuba won their respective duels and, given the failure of Artemisa, embraced at the top of the LXII National Baseball Series, which today closes its sixth particular subseries.

The Vegueros defeated Ciego de Avila 8-6 at the Capitán San Luis stadium, with an offense of 14 hits and homers by Frank Raúl González and Lázaro Emilio Blanco. Reliever Yancarlos García's fourth smile and fifth save for Orisbel Borges, who got the last two outs of the game.

Meanwhile, also as host, Santiago de Cuba defeated Villa Clara 8-2 at its Guillermán Moncada stadium. International Yoelkis Guibert led the Avispas, hitting 3-2 with two RBIs. The victory was for the rescuing Yasser Pérez and the ejection in the first chapter of the starter Dany Betancourt.

Meanwhile, national runner-up Matanzas defeated Artemisa 12-9 as visitors at 26 de Julio Park. The Crocodiles hit 17 hits, with the experienced third baseman Ariel Sanchez, who is another year in charge of the team.

During the day, the left-hander from Jovellanos went 5-3 with a triple, home run and four RBIs. Yariel Duque also hit the ball out of the park and the former SoftBank Falcons, Yurisbel Gracial, went 3-2 and is the new leader in batters (475). In this game, Dayán García, from Artemisa, hit his ninth home run.

After these results, Vegueros and Avispas have a balance of 18-11 and have a one-game lead over Cocodrilos and Cazadores (17-12).

In addition, the fifth Super KO of the tournament was won by Mayabeque against Cienfuegos (24-3) in six innings, with an offense of 21 hits, including three home runs by Yasniel González (5-4, six towers) and two by Frank Alfonso (4-4, seven runs). This was Luis Miguel Vázquez's fourth victory despite allowing eight singles and three runs in just 5.0 innings.

In the remaining results, La Isla defeated Sancti Spíritus 5-1, Las Tunas 11-9 against Camagüey, Holguín 4-3 against monarch Granma and Guantánamo 8-3 against Industriales, whose pitching staff conceded a whopping 12 bases on balls.

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