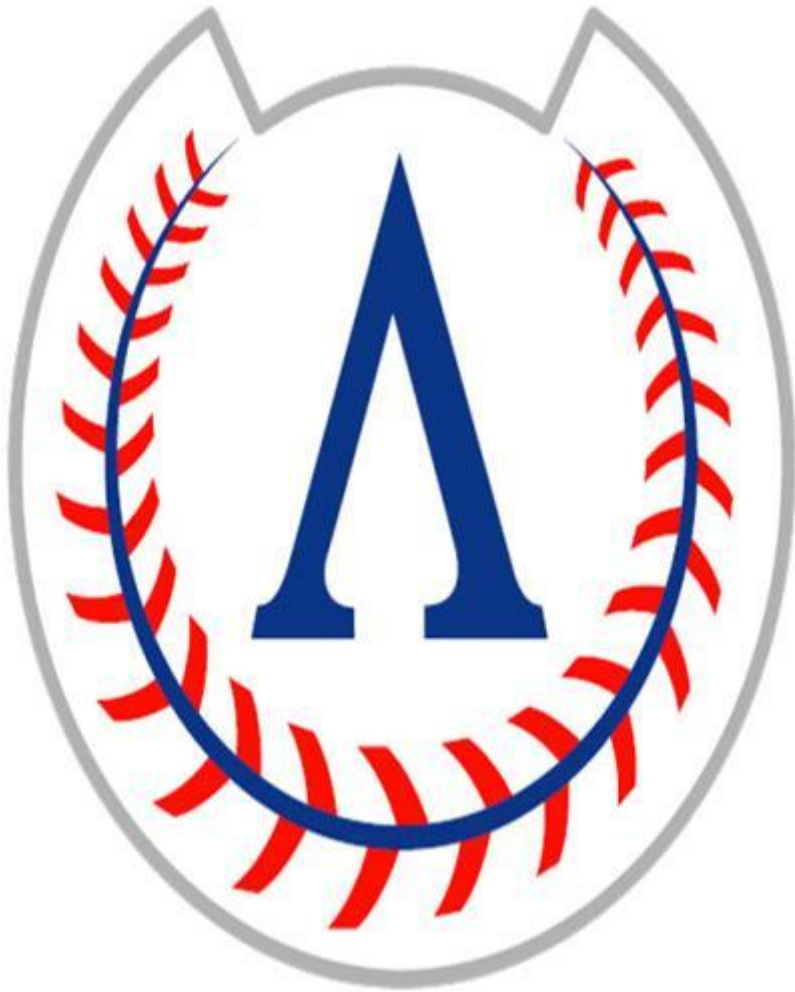


# *Cazadoress hurt Gallos and second place in Baseball Series*

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At their 26 de Julio stadium, the Cazadores, under new mentor Yulieski García, counted on the complete pitching of right-hander Yunieski García, who gave up 10 hits and solved the dangerous moments with a whopping eight strikeouts and without conceding a run. Thus, he signed his fifth success in the tournament and equaled in that leadership with Luis Mario Macías from Camagüey and Jonathan Carbó from Pinar del Río.

With this success, Artemisa is now 20-14, barely half a game behind leader Pinar del Río (20-13) and half a run ahead of Santiago de Cuba (20-15), which is in third place.

The Vegueros had scored a run against Cienfuegos in the first inning at their home park, Capitan San Luis Park, but the rain came in the bottom of the fourth and the game was sealed.

Holguín won 4x3 against the Avispas santiagueras -they won four successive games- as a visitor at the Guiller món Moncada stadium, thanks to a home run by left fielder Jorge Luis Peña in the ninth inning against third reliever Kevin Rosales, when the game was tied 3x3.

The victory was won by reliever Luis Caser, who pitched two episodes with one hit and two strikeouts. After winning this sub-series 4-1, the northeastern Cubs have a record of 18-16 and share the seventh and eighth positions with the Tigres avileños (17-15), who lost this Thursday 5x10 against La Isla.

With this success, the Pinar del Río Pirates, who have had a satisfactory season, are now alone in fourth place (19-15). Outstanding at bat was Eddy Rodríguez, who hit 4-3 with a trio of runs. In addition, Luis Felipe Rivera and Eliseo Rojas took the ball out of the Cristóbal Labra Park, in Nueva Gerona, to support the reliever and winner Lisvier Reyes.

In the remaining results, Villa Clara defeated 12x7 to the champion Granma, the national runner-up Matanzas 11x3 to Mayabeque, Las Tunas 4x2 to Industriales and Camagüey 11x5 to Guantánamo.

After the seventh subseries, Pinar del Río (20-13) leads followed by Artemisa (20-14), Santiago de Cuba (20-15) and La Isla (19-15). Fifth and sixth places are shared by Las Tunas (18-15) and Matanzas (19-16), while Ciego de Avila (17-15) and Holguin (18-16) are in seventh and eighth places.

In ninth place is Mayabeque (18-17), followed by Villa Clara and Sancti Spíritus, both with 17-17. Finally, Guantánamo (15-19), Camagüey (15-20), Industriales (14-21), Cienfuegos (13-21) and Granma (13-22).

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