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Havana, May 9 (ACN)-- Right-hander Renner Rivero entered the history of Cuban baseball by giving a zero-hit, zero-run game in the victory of his team, runner-up Matanzas 6-0 against Pinar del Río, in the LXII National Baseball Series, which is in its eighth particular sub-series.

On the mound of the Victoria de Girón stadium, the right-hander from Unión de Reyes was phlegmatic and, supported by his breaks that he combined with the fastball, he tied up the Vegueros' offense, to which he gave 10 strikeouts and barely gave them a ticket.

For the Cocodrilos Matanzas, who hit 14 singles, Yariel Duque, who went 4-3 with two towers, was the best hitter, while middle infielder Aníbal Medina hit 5-2, including a double with the bases loaded to drive in three runs in the five-run sixth inning. The Saurios left 11 runners on the pads.

With Rivero's victory, the Crocodiles have a 22-16 record and share second place with Santiago de Cuba, both half a game behind the leader Artemisa, which had to play a doubleheader with seven-inning games, and split honors with the host Ciego de Avila.

Artemisa's Cazadores won by 10-0, with the fifth victory of left-hander Geonel Gutiérrez, who worked a complete game with five hits, two walks and one base on balls. Dayán García hit his twelfth home run of the season, going 3-2 with three walks and moved to within one run of leader Osday Silva (SCU).

In the closing duel, the Tigres de Ciego de Avila won 4-2, with the ninth save for leader Vladimir García.

Meanwhile, at the Cándido González stadium, the left-hander Rodolfo Soris from Camagüey painted Santiago de Cuba (SCU) 5-0, when he pitched a complete game with five singles, two strikeouts and no free passage to the first pad.

Guantánamo also gave another of the day's highlights with its 9-4 victory over Holguín, which broke a string of six consecutive victories. The bat of starter Robert Luis Delgado, who was fourth in the lineup, hit 5-2, with two runs.

There was also a division of the point in the double game between the Isle of Youth and Cienfuegos. First the Piratas pineros won (5-0) and then the southern Elefantes won (3-2).

In the other results, Industriales defeated 6-2 to the monarch Granma and Villa Clara 4-1 to Las Tunas. The Mayabeque-Sancti Spíritus match was sealed.

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