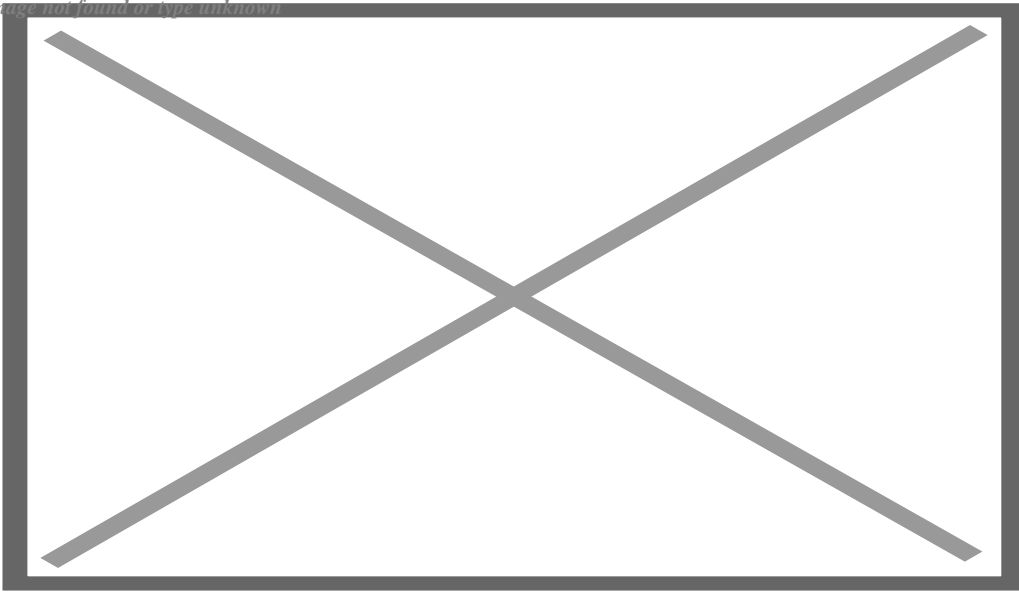


Santiago reaches 30 wins first in Cuban baseball

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Alberto Bisset

Havana, May 22 (ACN) - Guided by veteran Alberto Bisset, the Santiago de Cuba team beat Guantnamo 7-1, became the first to reach 30 victories and kept the top of the National Baseball Series, which closed the tenth particular sub-series.

Bisset, a 39-year-old right-handed pitcher, left the stands of the Van Troi stadium speechless with an 8.0 innings pitching performance, with three strikeouts and only one hit allowed to reach his fifth success of the tournament without the shadow of a setback.

Dasiel Sevilla, who hit 3-3 with three RBIs, was the standout hitter. The Avispas now have a 30-29 record and are marching smoothly towards post-season qualification, with a half-game lead over Mayabeque, which beat Pinar del Río 7-4.

The Hurricanes had their best man with the wood to their designated Osmel Cordero, who went 3-2 with a home run and three runs batted in. Fifth win for Yadián Martínez and ninth save for Adrián Sosa, who moved to within two of leader Vladimir García (CAV).

And Artemisa remained one game from the top with its fifth consecutive smile, this time 5-2 against La Isla.

Right-hander Yunieski García consolidated his position as leader in wins (7) by throwing 8.2 innings with six singles and two runs batted in.

In other results, Ciego de Avila defeated the national runner-up Matanzas 4-0, Granma defeated Las Tunas (3-2) and Sancti Spíritus defeated Cienfuegos 2-1. Based on pitching, Industriales beat Holguín (2-1, 6-0) and Villa Clara did the same with Camagüey (4-3, 2-0).

At the end of the tenth subseries of 15 scheduled in the baseball calendar, Santiago de Cuba (30-19) leads, followed by Mayabeque (29-20), Artemisa (28-20), Matanzas (27-22), Holguín (26-23), Sancti Spíritus (25-23) and Ciego de Ávila (24-23).

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