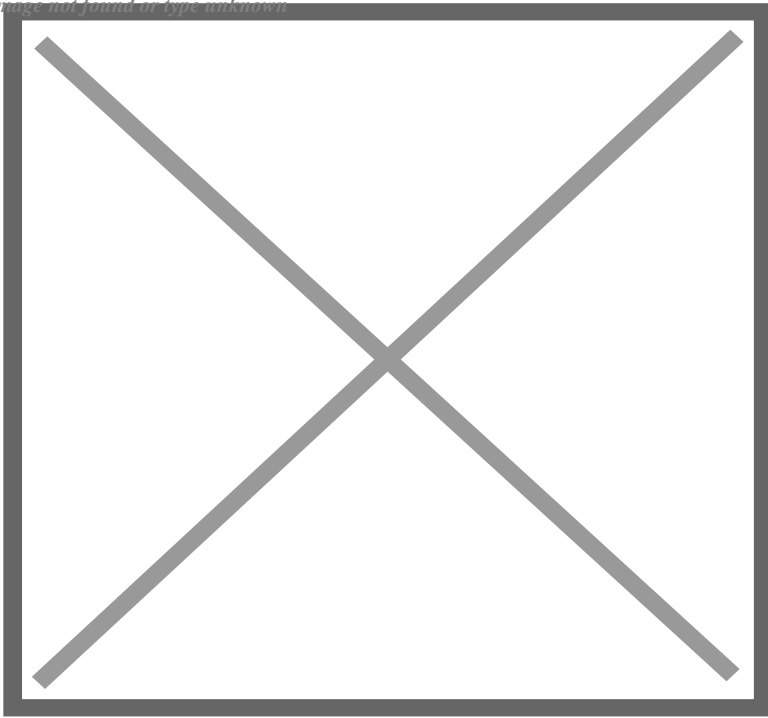


Cubans stand out in Baseball All-Star Game in Japan

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Cuban pitcher Ridel Martinez has total control over his fast deliveries and made his eighteenth save of the season.

Havana, July 20 (BJ) - The second game of the NPB All-Star Series will be played this Thursday in Hiroshima, with the presence of two Cuban players.

In the first game, held on Wednesday in Nagoya, Cuban Ariel Martinez connected a single in two innings in the 8x1 victory of the Pacific League over the Central League.

The Cuban catcher, a first-time participant in the event, left his starting average at 500 after entering the game as a pinch hitter in the sixth inning.

For the Central League, Cuban Ridel Martinez also allowed a hit with no runs in one inning of relief to leave his starting ERA at 0.00.

Starter Roki Sasaki earned the victory after conceding a scoreless single in a full inning of work.

Outfielder Yuki Yanagita was named the game's most valuable player after connecting a home run and a single in three innings and driving in two runs for the Pacific League.

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