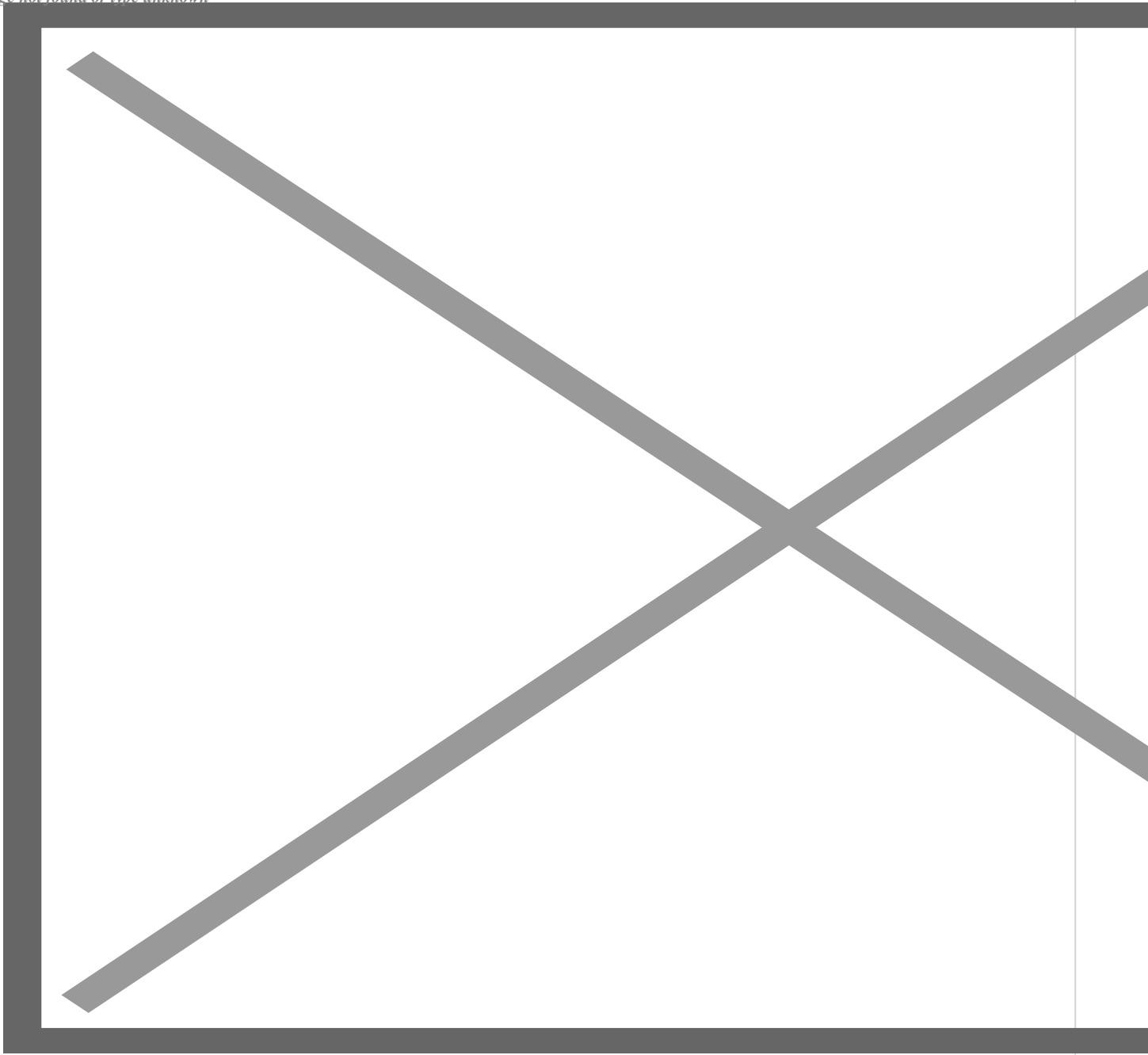


Las Tuna sweeps Industriales and are the 62nd SNB champions

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By Orlando González Cruz.

Havana, August 13 (RHC) - The Leñadores de las Tunas completed this Friday the sweep against the Leones de Industriales, after defeating them with a score of six runs to one and becoming the deserved champions of the 62nd National Baseball Series (SNB).

The Tuneros took the lead in the third inning, and then added a run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, to complete the two runs that sealed the score in the last innings of the game.

The victory went to the account of the lanky pitcher Alejandro Meneses, who once again presented a fabulous control and managed to dominate ten batters in a row.

With the lumber, the Alarcón brothers stood out, who brought four teammates to the plate.

Yassiel Santoya, for the Blue Jays, and Yordanis Alarcón, for the Islanders, hit homers in the challenge.

One of the most important players of the Tunera team, Danel Castro, told us seconds after being crowned champion of Cuba: "It is wonderful to win a title. I am grateful to be on this team. We dedicate this victory to the people of Las Tunas, who have suffered and enjoyed along with us. Let them wait for us, we are on our way there with the title."

For his part, Meneses, when asked about his work in the decisive game, told us: "I am happy with the work, I went out to the field to give my all. I relied on control, fundamentally in locating the pitching. I am very happy with the result."

Abeysi Pantoja, manager of the verdirrojos, joined the select club of managers who debut as champions, and had words of praise for his people: "They have been supporting us for days, that's why I went to greet them. A large number of people came and now we are going to Las Tunas to celebrate with those who stayed there".

At the end of the game, the awards ceremony was held, where the Avispas de Santiago de Cuba, bronze medalists; the Leones de Industriales, national runners-up; and the new monarchs of Las Tunas were honored. In addition, pitcher Kenier Ferraz was chosen as the MVP of the final.

With this victory, the Leñadores won the SNB crown for the second time in history, and travel to the so-called balcony of eastern Cuba happy and full of pride. Now they will enjoy with their people the sweetness of the triumph before getting ready for the second Elite League of Cuban Baseball, which will take place in November.

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