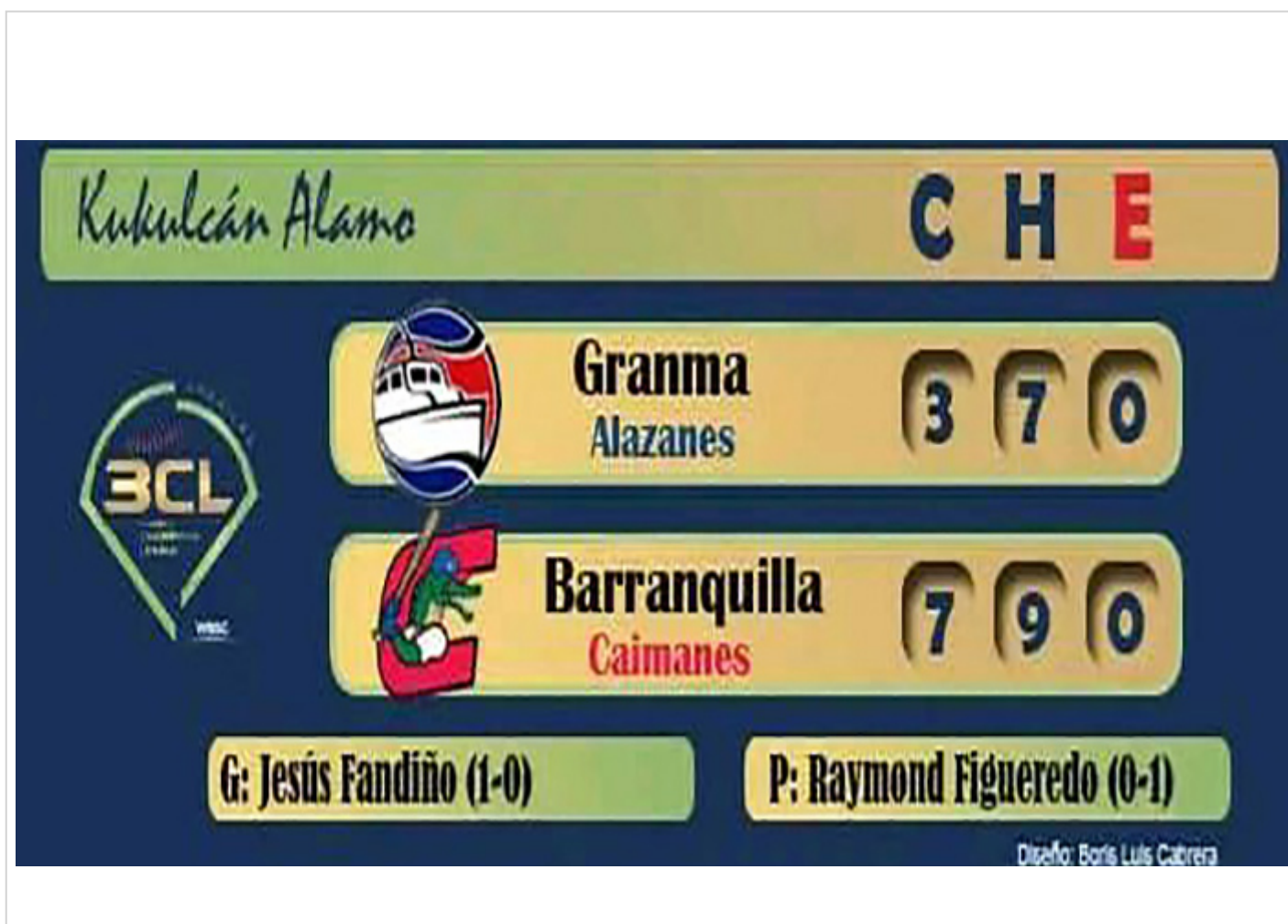


Key games to decide finalists of baseball's Champions League



Mérida, September 30 (PL)-- Today's two games, the last day of the qualifying round, will be crucial to decide which teams will dispute tomorrow, Sunday, the title of the baseball Champions League.

Friday's results left all four clubs with options, although the most comfortable is Caimanes de Barranquilla, undefeated leader with 2-0, and on the opposite side appears the host Leones de Yucatán with a 0-2 balance.

The Colombians defeated Cuba's Alazanes de Granma, 7-3, with three consecutive home runs in the first inning and a double in the fifth with the bases loaded that settled the score.

In the other game of the second day, the American Red Hawks defeated the Mexican Yucatan Lions 2-1, despite the second home run in the tournament by Cuban Yadir Drake, who plays for the felines.

After these results, Caimanes leads the standings, followed by Alazanes and Halcones, both at 1-1, and the Leones are at the back with a pair of consecutive losses.

The preliminary round concludes with the duels between the Colombian team and the U.S. team, and the Cuban team against the Mexican representative.

Two variants of a three-way tie are possible. The rules of the competition stipulate that the first criterion to decide is the result of the game between the teams involved, and if it persists, the TQB formula is applied (runs scored/innings on offense-runs allowed/innings on defense).

If that is not enough to break the clinch, the order will be established by batting average. Finally, a coin would have to be flipped for luck to take care of the order in the standings.

The first two places at the end of Saturday's games will face each other on Sunday for the Champions League baseball crown.

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