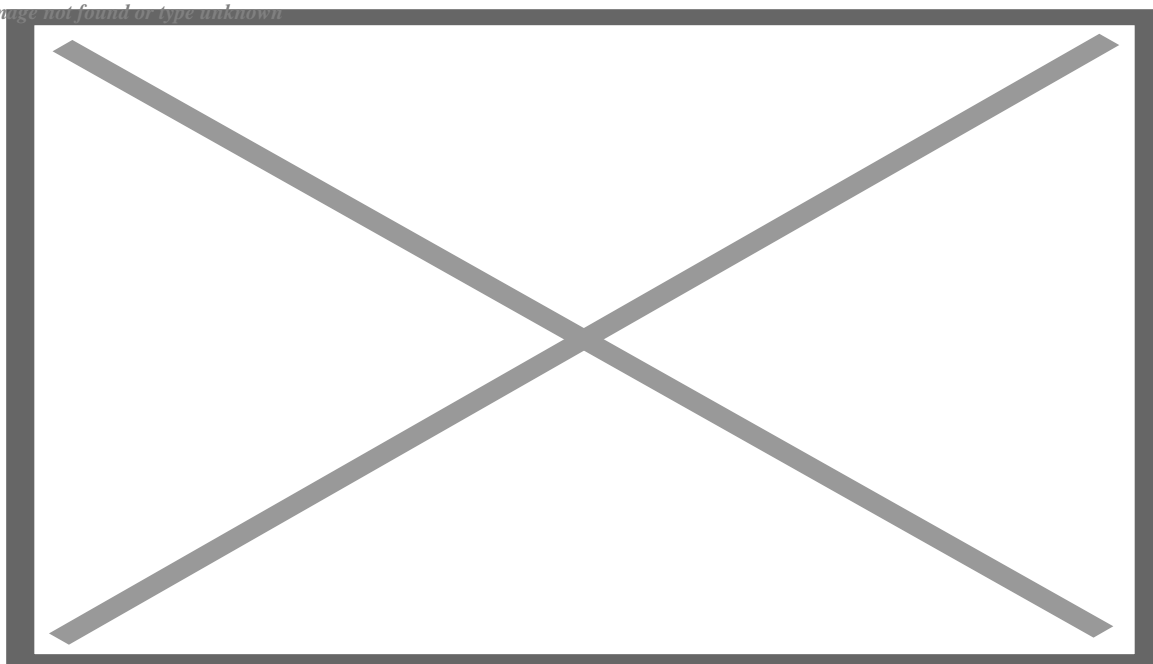


Vegueros of Pinar del Rio continue their lead in the National Baseball Series

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Havana, April 26 (JIT).- Pinar del Río relied on a 17-hit offense to beat Sancti Spíritus 10-8 and retain the top spot in the National Baseball Series.

Although they made four errors on defense, the Vegueros de Pinar had the eleventh home run from slugger Yaser Julio González on Thursday.

The long-range hitter went 3-for-5 with three RBIs to reach 41, like his teammate William Saavedra.

Yaser and Saavedra were one behind leader Eduardo García, who hit his ninth home run and scored two in Santiago de Cuba's 6-3 victory against Ciego de Ávila.

The six runs of the Santiago Wasps were billed by home runs by García, Euclides Pérez and the first in the national series by Yoel Yanqui, all with a runner on base.

It was the first smile for Yoendris Montero and the fifth save for the supersonic closer Reynaldo Álvarez, with deliveries of 94 miles per hour.

The champion Las Tunas painted Villa Clara white 5-0 with the third victory of rookie Leandro Cañada, who barely allowed one hit in 5.2 innings, although he walked six.

For the Lumberjacks from Las Tunas, who paid 11 hits and left the same number of runners on base, Yosvani Alarcón, who hit 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles, stood out. Rafael Viñales drove in two runs.

Granma defeated Artemisa 6-1 with the fourth victory without defeats for the experienced left-hander Leandro Martínez and Guantánamo gave Industriales a 12-2 knockout, with the eleventh homer by Over Cremet.

In the remaining results, Cienfuegos defeated Camagüey 2x0, Matanzas 10x3 against Isla de la Juventud and Holguín 4x3 against Mayabeque.

Pinar del Río advances comfortably at the top with a balance of 25-10, followed by Las Tunas (19-11), Granma (21-14), Ciego de Ávila (20-15), Camagüey, Industriales and Santiago de Cuba (20 -16), in the first positions.

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