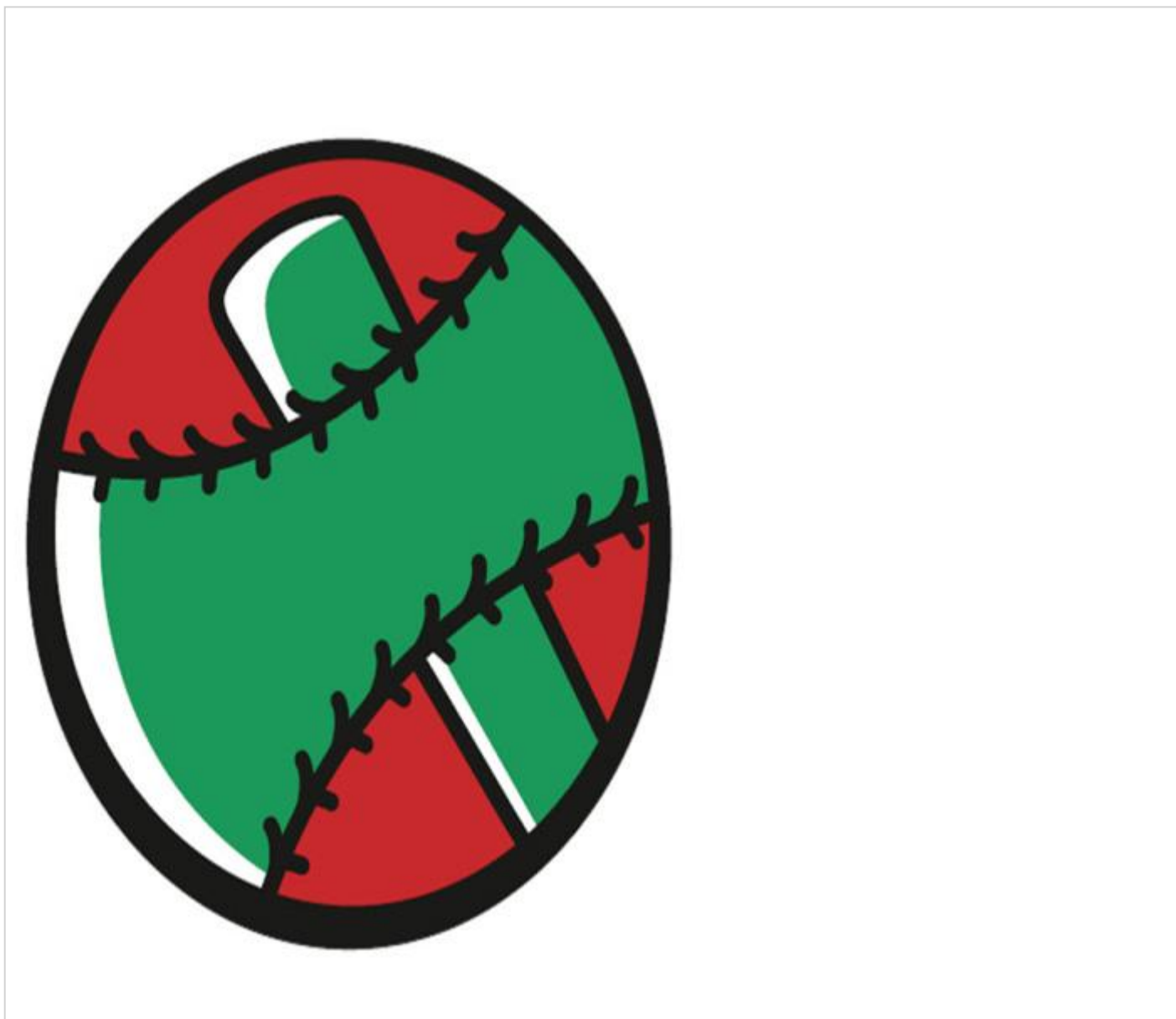


Las Tunas Lumberjacks approach the top of the Baseball Series



Havana, May 3 (ACN)-- The current monarchs Lumberjacks of Las Tunas brandished their axes on the grass of the Julio Antonio Mella stadium and beat the Santiago Avispas twice to take the top of the LXIII National Baseball Series by storm.

Although in the standings the eastern troop appears half a line behind the Vegueros of Pinar del Río, who fell again to the Pirates of La Isla, they surpass them in winning average (676.4 by 666.7) by having five fewer games played.

A home run at the time of picking up the bats by Denis Peña (his ninth of the campaign) with two bags occupied gave the green-and-red team a 5-3 victory in the first game.

Alberto Pablo Civil won his sixth game (co-leader) despite enduring Eduardo García's tenth home run, who reached 46 RBIs to take control of that lead.

In the second hour the victory came with a score of 6-5, in a game where Yordanis Alarcón hit a home run and Yuniesky Larduet went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs.

Reliever Anier Pérez scored his third success without defeats and Rodolfo Díaz saved his fourth game by getting four outs via strikeout and ensuring the sixth consecutive success for his team.

The Pirates took Captain San Luis again and defeated the Vegueros with a final score of 6-3, with the fourth victory coming from Roberto Rodríguez and the sixth save from Yadier Garay.

Jeffrey Pérez hit a home run for the winners and for the defeated, former Major League Baseball Alexei Ramírez hit his tenth of the contest and number 100 in our domestic championships.

William Saavedra went 3-for-5 and remained at the top of the tournament's hitters with an average of .471.

The Toros de Camagüey took advantage of the day very well by beating the Holguín Cubs in their doubleheader to climb to third position in the championship.

Marino Luis's pitchers at the Cándido González scored 2-0 and 3-0 losses, supported by full-round hits from Alexander Ayala and Ermindo Escobar.

Mario Marzo was the first executioner by spacing seven hits in the same number of innings pitched and Yusmel Velázquez was the second with just three hits allowed in the same journey.

The Alazanes of Granma fell to fifth place in the series by dividing honors with the Guantanamo Indians at the Mártires de Barbados grounds.

In the first match they left their rivals on the field thanks to a walk with the bases loaded in the tenth inning and then they were defeated 5-2, in a game where Enyer Fernández took the credit and Leandro Martínez suffered his first setback of the season .

In other matches, the Tigres de Ciego de Ávila defeated the Leopardos de Villa Clara 7-3 to remain alone in fourth place in the standings.

Of the eight undisputed players who connected, three went beyond the limits of the field to the accounts of Jonathan Bridón, Héctor Labrada and Osvaldo Vázquez, this being their 150th in the National Series.

Dachel Duquesne walked a route of seven sections with three goals for his record and won his sixth game to tie with Civil and Albert Valladares, who scored it today in the 4-0 victory of his Hurricanes over the bottom-ranked Elefantes.

In that challenge, Adrián Sosa scored his fourth save and Dennis Laza hit his eleventh full-round hit and the 150th of his career.

The Leones de Industriales defeated the Cazadores de Artemisa 7-3 at the Latinoamericano stadium, with José Ernesto Pérez's first victory in the National Series and home runs by Roque Tomás and Ariel Hechavarria.

Finally, the Gallos de Sancti Spíritus mutinied in the ninth inning with a six-run rally and beat the Crocodiles of Matanzas 9-7.

The rebellion, where Frederich Cepeda was key with a home run with two on board, erased in one fell swoop the five errors that the people from Sancti Spiritus had committed in the lawsuit.

For the defeated, Eduardo Blanco scored a home run and Yariel Duque reached the undisputed thousand in his career.

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