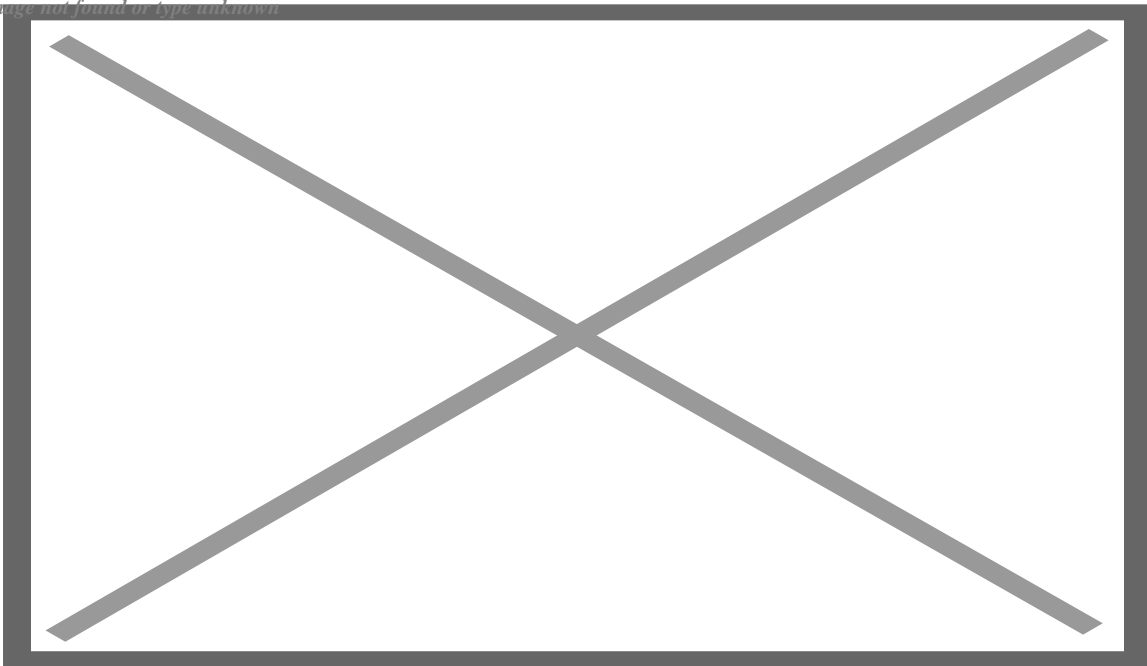


Vegueros de Pinar reach 40 victories in baseball series

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Havana, May 30 (JIT).- Vegueros de Pinar del Río obtained their 40th victory in the 63rd National Baseball Series, by winning their home stadium at the Capitán San Luis stadium over Cienfuegos with a score of 11x4.

Key to that success was the 14th home run by former major leaguer Alexei Ramírez, who hit 3-for-4 in the game and drove in three runs. In addition, slugger William Saavedra contributed to the cause by going 2 for 4 and sending a couple of teammates to the plate.

Sixth smile from Jenier Álvarez, who hit six hits in seven innings and struck out four.

Now the return team leads the tournament with a level of 40-19 and has a 3.5-game advantage over the champion Las Tunas, their closest pursuer (34-20, five games suspended), which won the double challenge of the day against Holguín with 9x4 and 5x4 markers.

At bat for the Lumberjacks from Las Tunas, Roberto Baldoquín stood out, who hit a home run and drove in three runs.

A summary of that doubleheader reflects the third victory of reliever Rodolfo Díaz -in the first duel-, and sixth save of rescuer Alberto Pablo Civil, in the second, when the winners left 10 runners on the pads.

In another double confrontation of the date Granma and Villa Clara shared honors.

First thing in the morning, the Azucareros from Villa Clara triumphed (14x5), thanks to a bunch of 11 runs in the ninth inning. In the closing match, the Alazanes' revenge (5x4) came to fruition.

In the remaining results, Sancti Spíritus defeated Industriales 6x1, Artemisa 8x7 to Matanzas, Mayabeque 7x3 to Isla de la Juventud, Ciego de Ávila 5x2 to Guantánamo and Santiago de Cuba 8x4 to Camagüey.

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