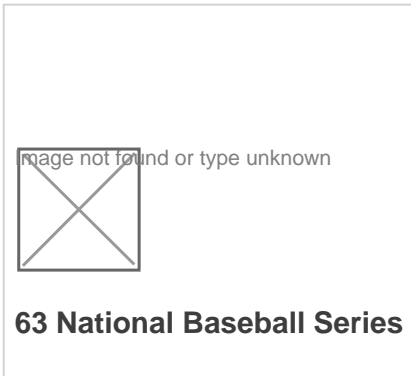


Santiago leads in the classic



Havana, Jun 29 (RHC) In Friday's quarterfinals of the 63rd National Baseball Series, the Avispas de Santiago de Cuba extended their lead, two games to zero, against the Leones de Industriales. On the other hand, the Cocodrilos de Matanzas and the reigning champions, Leñadores de las Tunas, made their debut with a victory.

At the Guiller món Moncada Stadium in Santiago de Cuba, the Avispas defeated the Leones 8-6.

Veteran Alberto Bisset won, while Carlos Manuel Cuesta took the loss, in a game in which the blues committed no more and no less than seven errors. With such a defense a positive result can't be expected. In this way, the indomitable ones guarantee to define the playoffs at home.

On the other hand, at the Mártires de Barbados stadium in Granma, the Cocodrilos achieved an important victory as visitors over the Alazanes (7-1).

The smile went to left-hander Yoennis Yera, the loss to César García, while Noelvis Entenza got the point for the game saved. In the challenge, the best at bat for the Cocodrilos were Eduardo Blanco, who batted 4-3, and Ariel Sánchez, who brought three runs to the plate.

Other teams that came out on top were the Leñadores de Las Tunas in their home forest, Julio Antonio Mella Stadium , 2-1. Alberto Pablo Civil was victorious and Yunier Batista, also a reliever, was defeated. The offensive hero was Yosvani Alarcón, who batted 5-3, including the home run that gave the Tunas team the tie, and then the golden jit in the tenth chapter to leave the Avileños on the field.

Today, the Gallos espirituanos evened the play off against the Vegueros of Pinar del Río to one win each side, after beating them 2-0.

The victory went to José Eduardo Santos, assisted by Yanielquis Duardo with a save. The setback went to veteran Bladimir Baños, in spite of his good work as pitcher.

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