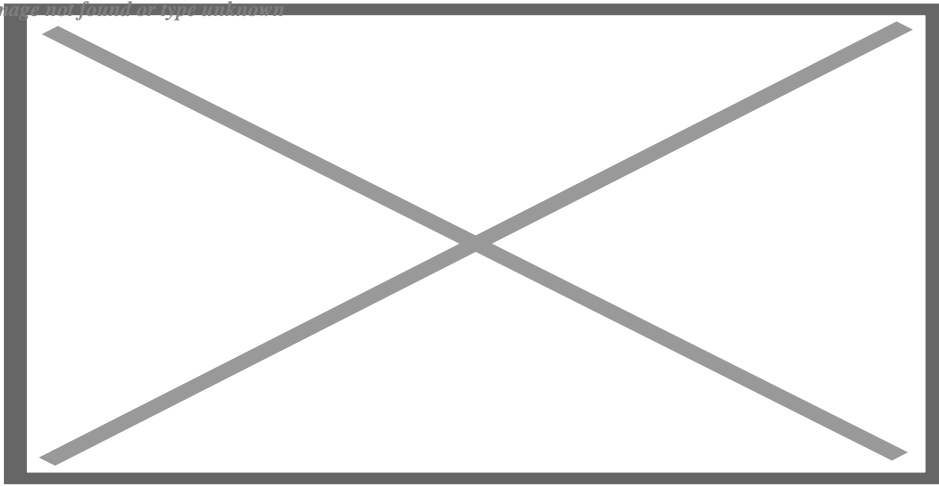


Moinelo and Gracial score good performance at Japanese baseball league

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Cuban left-handed pitcher Livan Moinelo

Havana, Oct 18 (RHC) - The victory of left-handed Livan Moinelo and the offensive contribution of Yurisbel Gracial stood out on Sunday in the game that the Falcons club of Softbank won 11x4 against the Rakuten Eagles in Japanese professional baseball.

Moinelo scored his second smile in the tournament, after throwing a relief pitch in which he allowed only one hit.

The Pinar del Río native accumulates two Ws and an equal amount of defeats in the tournament, but he shines in his usual task: preserving his team's advantage at the end of games.

At this moment, after 47 performances, he exhibits 38 hold points, one save, and 73 Ks.

Gracial again produced runs (2) for the third consecutive match, this time thanks to two base hits in five ABs. His average is now .286 and his RBI total is 26.

That result, along with Chiba Lotte Mariners defeat to Nippon Ham Fighters, better accommodated the Falcons at the top of the Pacific League.

The postseason begins in early November on that circuit, with a series of five to the best in three challenges. Clearly, Falcons and Mariners will meet on their way to the Japan Series.

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