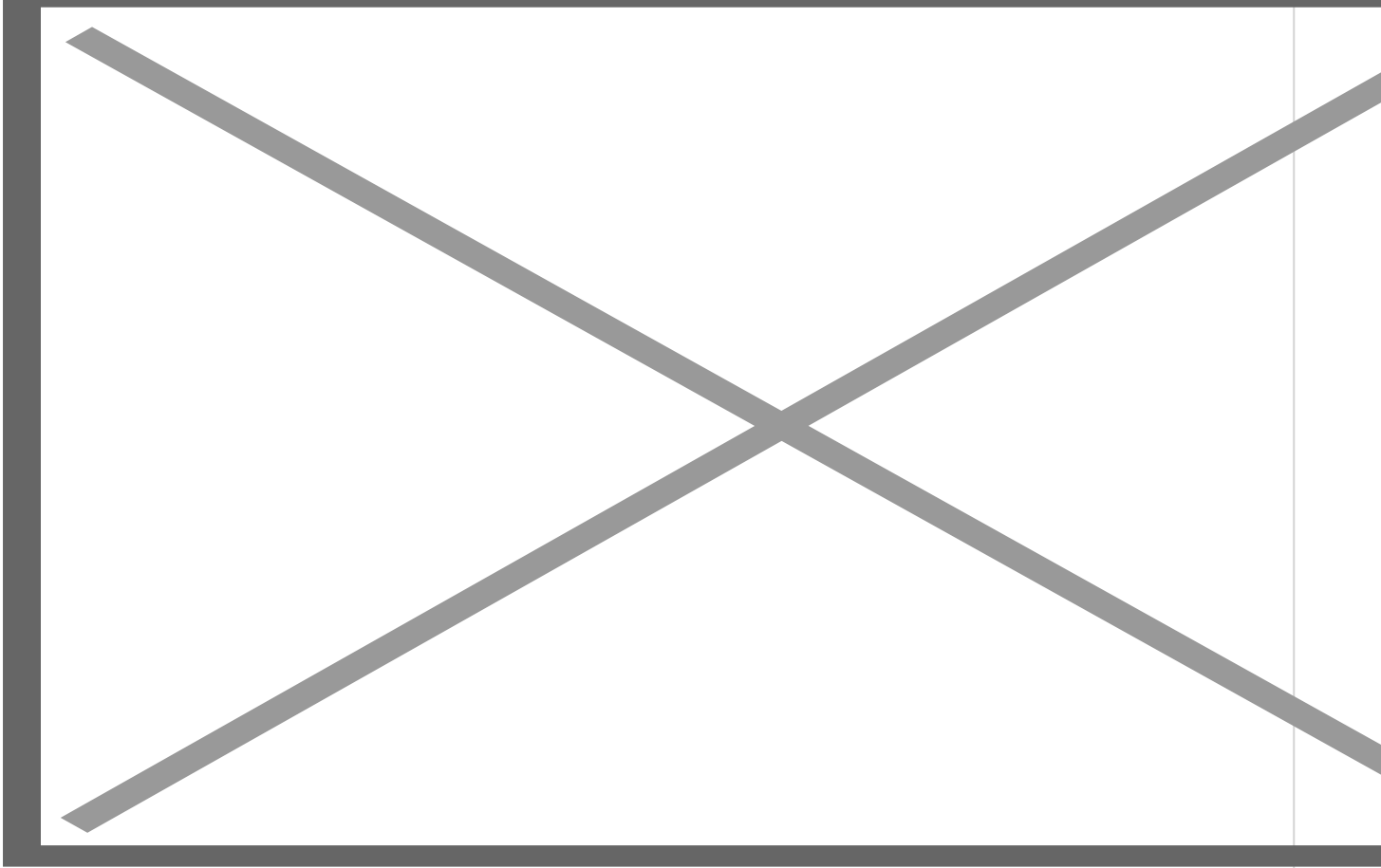


Huracanes de Mayabeque extend unbeaten streak at baseball summit

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Havana, January 30 (RHC)-- Huracanes de Mayabeque extended this Sunday its undefeated status in the 61st National Baseball Series in Cuba, by subduing Gallos de Sancti Spiritus (11-6) in a duel fought from start to finish, on the grass of the 'Nelson Fernández' Stadium in San José de las Lajas.

The locals were boosted by their fans and came from behind three times to extend to four consecutive victories in the incipient competition.

The winners had 14 hits, with highlights for designated player Juan Hernández (4-2, 1CI, 2CA), starter Yasniel González (4-2, 1CI, 2CA) and the rangers Denis Laza (5-2, 1CI, 1CA) and Alexander Pozo (4-2, 2CI, 2CA).

The win went to right-handed reliever Mario Batista (1-0), who silenced the opposing pitchers for 3.2 innings, in which he allowed just one hit, with no walks or retirements on strikes.

It was a different story at the 'Latinoamericano', in Havana, as the current champions, Alazanes de Granma, took revenge for the 2-1 setback suffered the day before against Leones de Industriales.

Home runs by Guillermo Avilés and Raico Santos, both with clean pads and in the epilogue of the game, decided the game in favor of the team once again led by coach Carlos Martí.

Right-handed flamethrower Joel Mojena (2-0) had a near-perfect afternoon, after walking all nine chapters with surgical precision in his pitches, to the point of only giving away one ticket and spraying five rockets against the respected lineup of the capital.

In other results in the closing of the second private sub-series, Avispas de Santiago de Cuba, Cazadores de Artemisa and Piratas de Isla de la Juventud blanked Vegueros de Pinar del Río (2-0), Indios de Guantánamo (3-0) and Cachorros de Holguín (3-0), in that order.

Tigres de Ciego de Avila defeated Cocodrilos de Matanzas 4-2, Leñadores de Las Tunas defeated Elefantes de Cienfuegos 5-1 and Azucareros de Villa Clara knocked out Toros de Camagüey 12-2.

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