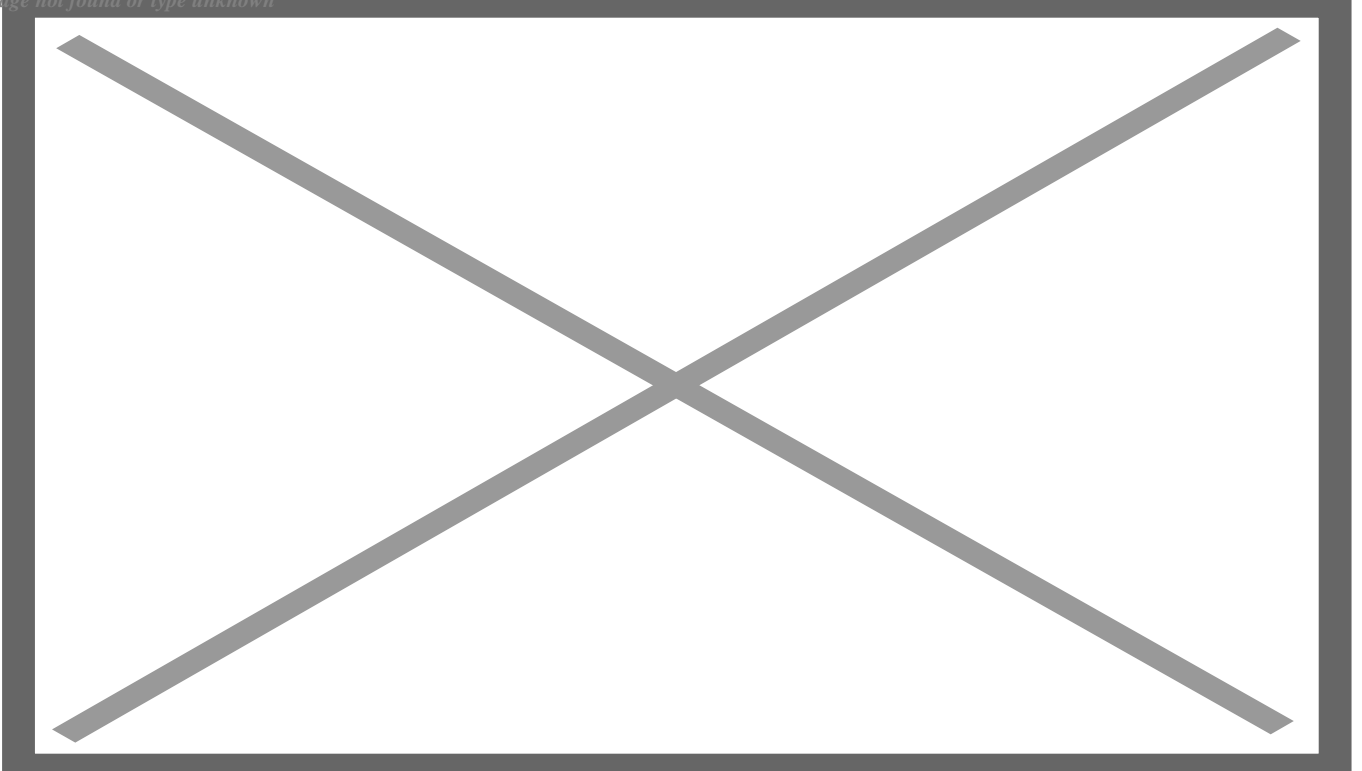


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Havana, February 10 (ACN) -- The double victory of Matanzas against Holguin (18-11 and 7-4), together with the victory of Mayabeque against the monarch Granma (7-4) and the suspension of the Santiago de Cuba-Villa Clara game, has led to a triple tie in the standings of the 61st National Baseball Series.

The two successes of the Crocodiles, as visitors at the Calixto García stadium against the Cubs, were in extra innings. The first game, which came after a sealed game yesterday, was extended to 13 innings and the troop of mentor Armando Ferrer scored a decisive seven runs in the last inning.

Eduardo Blanco stood out offensively by hitting 5-2, with a double, two RBIs and another pair of runs scored. The win was won by fast reliever Armando Dueñas, who based his work on deliveries over 90 miles.

And in the second half, in a seven-inning game, the Saurios made a decisive four-run rally in the tenth act, supported by Yadil Mujica's two-run triple and a two-run double by William Luis. Victory for left-hander Naykel Cruz, who combined his fastball with his effective breaking and barely accepted a hit, with no runs in 3.1 innings with three strikeouts.

In this doubleheader between Cocodrilos and Cachorros, 10 errors were committed, five for each team.

Meanwhile, at the Mártires de Barbados Park, in Bayamo, the Huracanes took revenge for yesterday's defeat and beat the Alazanes 7-3, supported by the work of their bullpen. First reliever Adrián Sosa, who scattered four hits in three innings and admitted only one run, won the game, while the fast Marlon Vega threw 2.2 innings at a rate of three strikeouts to obtain his second save of the tournament.

With these results, Cocodrilos, Huracanes and Avispas have a balance of 8-3 and are equal in the lead. Tomorrow, Santiago de Cuba and Villa Clara will play a doubleheader at the Guiller món Moncada stadium.

In today's other duels, Pinar del Río knocked out Las Tunas 11-1, Industriales secured the sub-series against Ciego de Ávila by winning 13-5 in a game of seven errors -four for the Leones-, Cienfuegos defeated Guantánamo (8-3) and Camagüey defeated Artemisa 10-2.

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