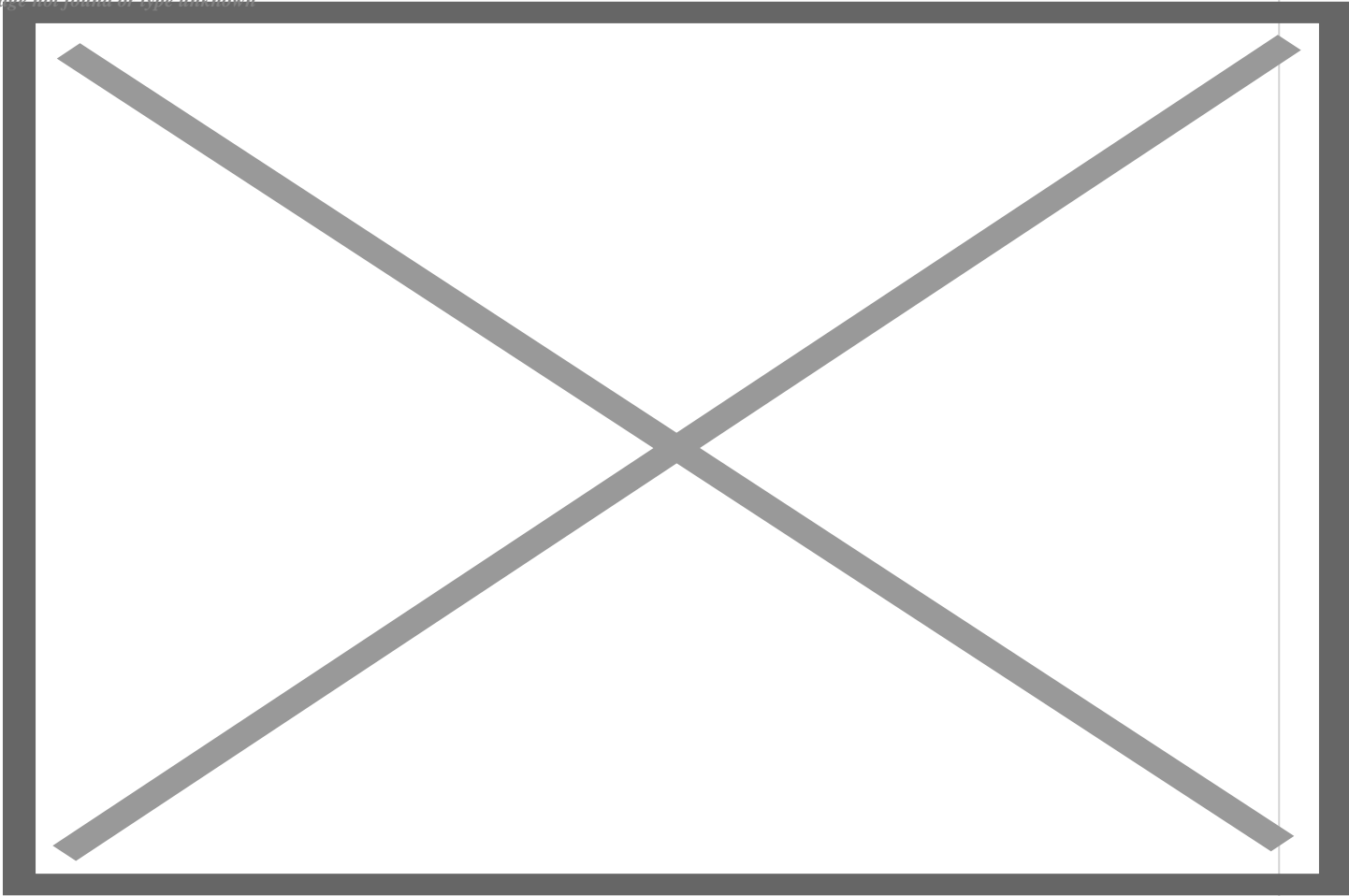


Cubans stand out in Dragons' victory in Japan

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Ariel Martinez is today totally recovered from a stroke.

Havana, May 12 (JIT) - Cubans Ariel Martinez and Raidel Martinez underpinned the victory of the Chunichi Dragons in the Japan Professional Baseball League on Thursday.

Ariel, a catcher turned outfielder, batted 3-2, with an RBI and a ticket.

For his part, Raidel was in charge of closing the game, and in one inning of work he struck out two of the four batters he faced.

In Chunichi's 2x0 victory over the Yakult Swallows, Dayán Viciado, who went 4-1, was also in the game.

Cuban Yurisbel Gracial also had an identical performance, although with two strikeouts, in the Softbank Falcons' 2x0 success against the Seibu Lions.

Meanwhile, Cuban Adeiny Hechavarría was unable to connect in four trips to the plate in the Chiba Mariners' 3x1 win against the Rakuten Eagles.

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