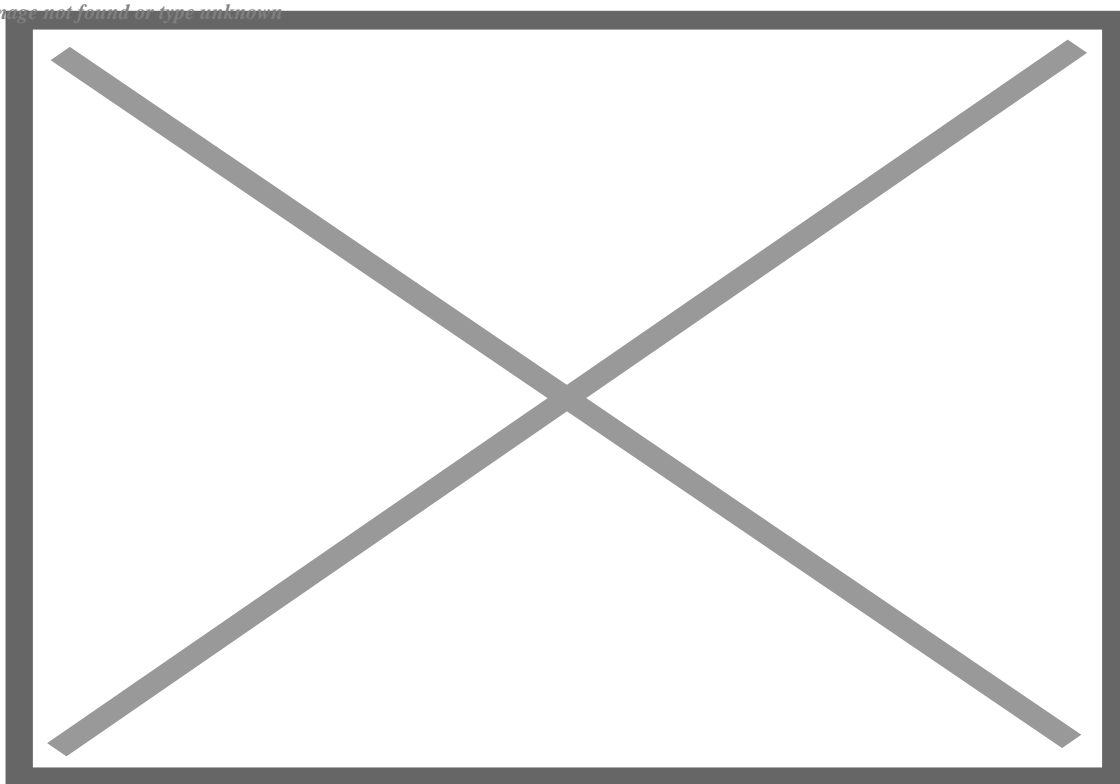


Cuba loses by a score of 10-0 to Venezuela in Women's Baseball Pre-World Cup

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Havana, August 20 (RHC)-- The Cuban women's national baseball team lost 10-0 to host Venezuela in the semifinal phase of the pre-World Cup tournament at the Jorge Luis García Carneiro stadium in La Guaira, Cuba.

For Cuba, Yanet Cruz, who was co-leader in games won (2), opened the game for Cuba, but she did not last long on the mound as a result of her lack of control, because in just two innings she gave two bases on balls, hit a ball and sent a pitch outside. Although he was hit with only two hits, his performance was negatively affected by a couple of runs in the second inning, which would have been enough.

Among the four relievers employed by the Camagüeyan mentor Jorge Luis Pimienta, there were also deficiencies in the box, as three of their opponents were given free passes to first, and they gave up six hits.

The Venezuelan pitchers produced a defining six-strikeout cluster in the fourth act, in which they hit four hits, including an inside-the-park home run by the torpedo player Johelis Colina with two teammates in circulation, in front of a delivery by the batter Mayumis Solano. In addition, the Cuban pitchers conceded three tickets and hit one ball.

Venezuela scored the knockout blow in the fifth inning with a double by the pop-up hitter Leonela Reyes, an error by the shortstop on a hit by Valerie Torres and another run-scoring run by the pop-up hitter Sthepany Suárez, with two outs on the scoreboard.

Cuba opened the game with two players grounded out for bases on balls: the speedy Libia Duarte and Dayana Batista. But both were caught on a steal attempt by catcher Yakary Molina, who really has a powerful arm and her throws come fast on top of the second pad.

The director of women's baseball in Cuba, Margarita Mayeta, told ACN "the pitching failed us and the team did not bat well. Tomorrow we are going in search of a victory against Mexico that will give us the bronze medal". Referring to today's game on Saturday.

In the dispute for fifth place, the Dominican Republic defeated Nicaragua 11-5, while in the other semifinal Puerto Rico defeated the Mexican team 1-0.

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