

Only Tabacaleros remains undefeated in Elite League of Cuban Baseball

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Havana, October 26 (ACN)-- With an offense of 11 hits and excellent relief by Franky Quintana, the Tabacaleros team overcame Agricultores 9-2 and remained as the only leader and undefeated in the 1st Elite League, which on Tuesday began the second private sub-series.

In this third successive triumph of the team led by Alexander Urquiola, from Pinar del Río, at the Cristóbal Labra stadium in Nueva Gerona, Dayán García, who went 4-2 with one run batted in, stood out with his lumber in his hands.

The victory went to the first reliever Kendry Hernández, who endured three hits in 2.1 innings. But to his rescue came Quintana, who combined his fastball well with side pitches to throw 3.0 unblemished innings, with six strikeouts and just one single.

For the Agricultores, who lost their undefeated record and left a whopping 10 runners on base, second baseman Yordanis Alarcón, who went 4-3 with a pair of doubles and a tow.

Meanwhile, at the Jose Ramon Cepero Park, and as visitors, Centrales achieved their first win of the series with a 4-2 victory over Ganaderos with a masterful relief performance by Alain Sanchez, who in 3.0 chapters limited the opponent's offense to one run to earn the save. For the Centrales, Alain Sanchez opened and won, who in 6.0 innings, barely tolerated three hits, but two of them were solo homers by Leslie Anderson and Hector Labrada.

Pavel Quesada, 3-2 with a home run and a pair of runs, was the driving spark for the Centrales, led by Armando Ferrer.

And at the Calixto García stadium in Holguín, the host Cafetaleros also got their first smile when they defeated Portuarios 7-5, with a vital five-run cluster in the sixth inning, in which they were losing 0-2 due to a home run by catcher Oscar Valdés with a runner on base.

The game was tied at 5-5 going into the eighth inning when the Cafetaleros scored the two decisive runs on a double by third baseman Yoelquis Guibert and an infield single by Edilse Silva against left-hander Mario Batista. Then, a deflected delivery by Adrián Sosa and a line drive by Michel Gorguet put the final score at 5-5.

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