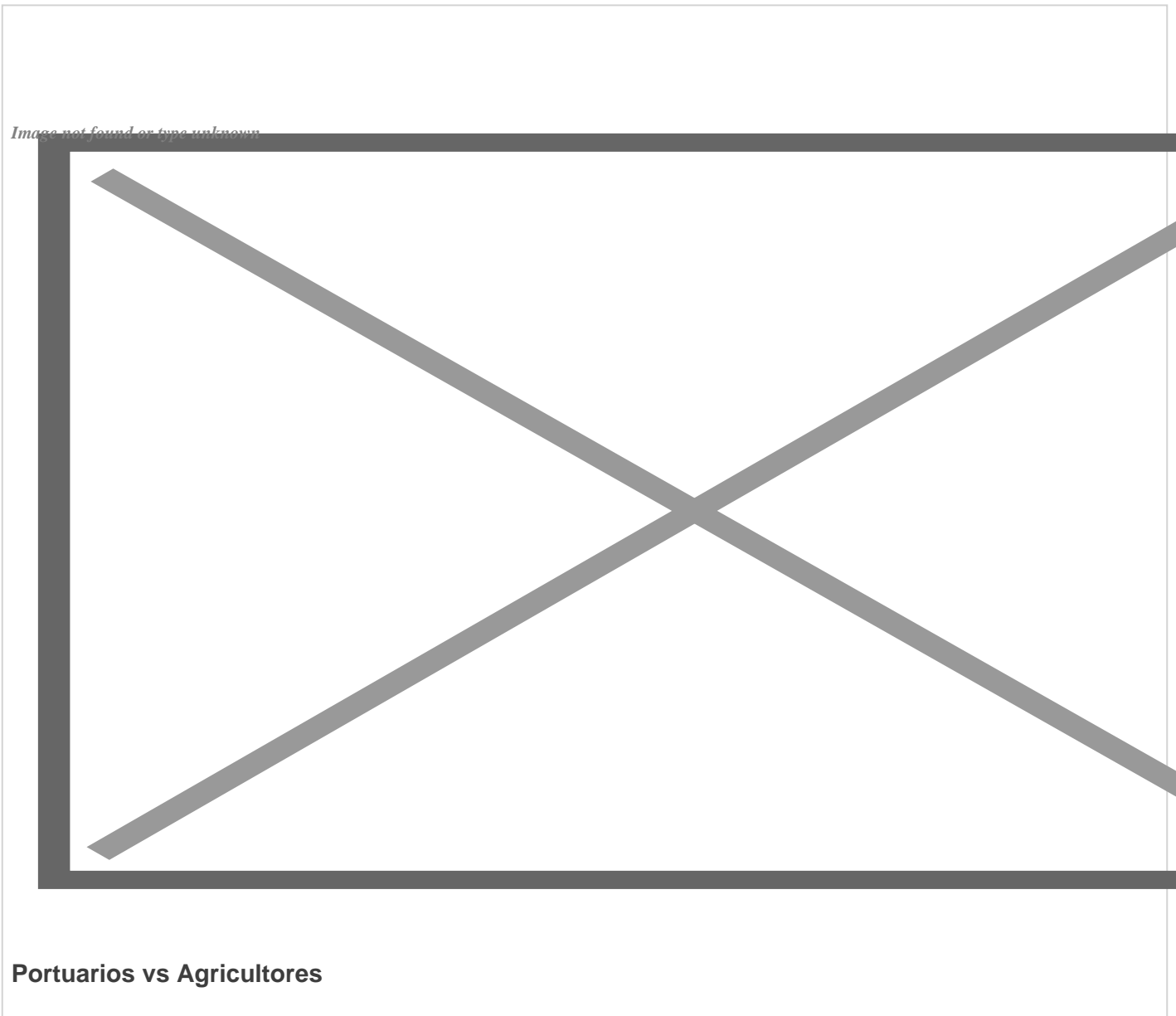


Baseball: Portuarios vs. Agricultores and the vital third game



Havana, January 17 (ACN) - With the series 2-0 in their favor, the combative Portuarios team receives this Tuesday the favorite Agricultores at the Nelson Fernandez Stadium, in Mayabeque, in the third game of the grand final of the First Cuban Elite Baseball League.

That old baseball slogan that in this sport there is nothing written until the last out, could go down if the team that brings together players from Industriales and Mayabeque wins, because it would put the match 3-0 and would give an almost mortal blow to the rival who would then have to win in the four remaining duels.

Meanwhile, if the team made up of players from Granma and Las Tunas manages to win, it would considerably shorten the distance, as it would be just one game away from tying the match.

Last weekend, during their visit to the Mártires de Barbados park in Bayamon, the Portuarios of mentor Michael González surprised specialists and followers of the competition with a couple of victories that allowed them to go home with their mission more than accomplished.

They maintained their cheerful game supported by precise offensive productivity, played very well in the defensive sector and their pitching, especially the relief team, did their job with highlights for right-handers Pedro Álvarez and Andy Vargas.

The Agricultores, managed by Carlos Martí, were not precise with their pitching and defense, especially in the second game, and their pitching and defense left much to be desired. With such unevenness it is impossible to win in baseball.

For today, Michael Gonzalez announced as starter the right-hander Raymond Figueredo, while Marti will give the teammate to the left-hander Angel Sanchez.

The winner of this 1st Elite Baseball League will be the Cuban representative in the Caribbean Series scheduled for next February in Caracas.

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