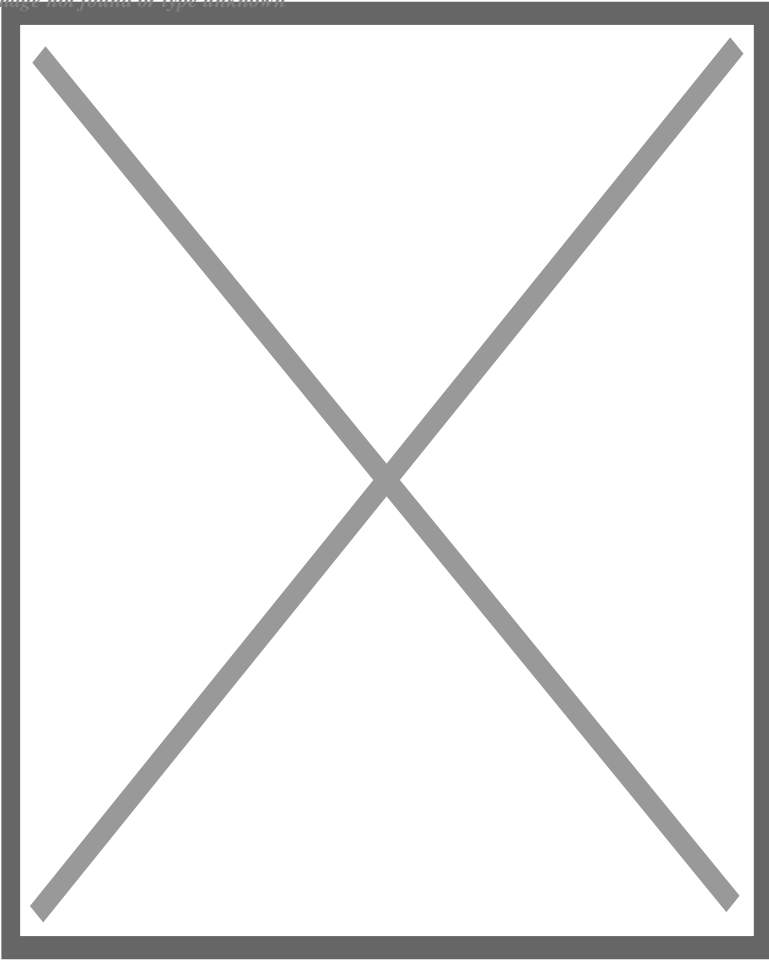


Cocodrilos sweep Vegueros to lead in Cuban baseball

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Havana, May 11 (ACN) - Cocodrilos de Matanzas left Vegueros de Pinar del Río on the field 6x5, swept the broom and remains at the top of the National Baseball Series, which dropped the curtains of its eighth particular sub-series.

In their home stadium of Victoria de Girón, and with the game tied 5x5 at the end of the ninth inning, the Cocodrilos scored the winning run against the reliever Orisbel Borges: two tickets, one intentional, two sacrifices on a bunt and a towering run by the emerging Moisés Esquerrez.

Third victory for the fast reliever Naykis Piedra, who with 95-mile deliveries did not allow any hits in 2.1 innings. Eduardo Blanco towed four of the six runs for the Saurios.

Meanwhile, Artemisa maintained its excellent pace and defeated Ciego de Avila 7x0 with the sixth victory of Yunieski García, the leader in victories, who threw a complete game with four singles, nine strikeouts and no walks. José Antonio Jiménez, a 5-2 starter with a double, home run and five runs batted in, was the standout hitter.

Santiago de Cuba knocked out Camagüey 10x0 with a complete work of veteran Alberto Bisset, who pitched the eight chapters with nine hits, seven runs and only one free pass. The middle infielder Dariel Sevilla, 5-3 with a double and three runs to the plate.

In a doubleheader, Villa Clara and Las Tunas divided honors. First the Azucareros won 5x2 and then the Leñadores Tunas took revenge (3-1) with the ninth save by Pablo Civil, co-leader in that department with Vladimir García.

In other results, the monarch exponent Granma defeated Industriales 4x0, Mayabeque 6x5 to Sancti Spíritus, Holguín 8x0 to Guantánamo and Cienfuegos 3x2 to Isla de la Juventud.

At the end of the eighth particular subseries, Matanzas leads Matanzas (24-16) followed by Artemisa (23-16) and Santiago de Cuba (23-17). Then, La Isla and Holguín (22-17) and Pinar del Río and Las Tunas (20-18) are equal. Mayabeque closes the classified segment in eighth place (21-19). In ninth and tenth places are Ciego de Avila (19-18) and Villa Clara (20-19), ahead of Sancti Spíritus (19-20).

Camagüey and Industriales share the twelfth and thirteenth places (17-23), ahead of Guantánamo (16-23), Cienfuegos (15-24) and the monarch exponent Granma.

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