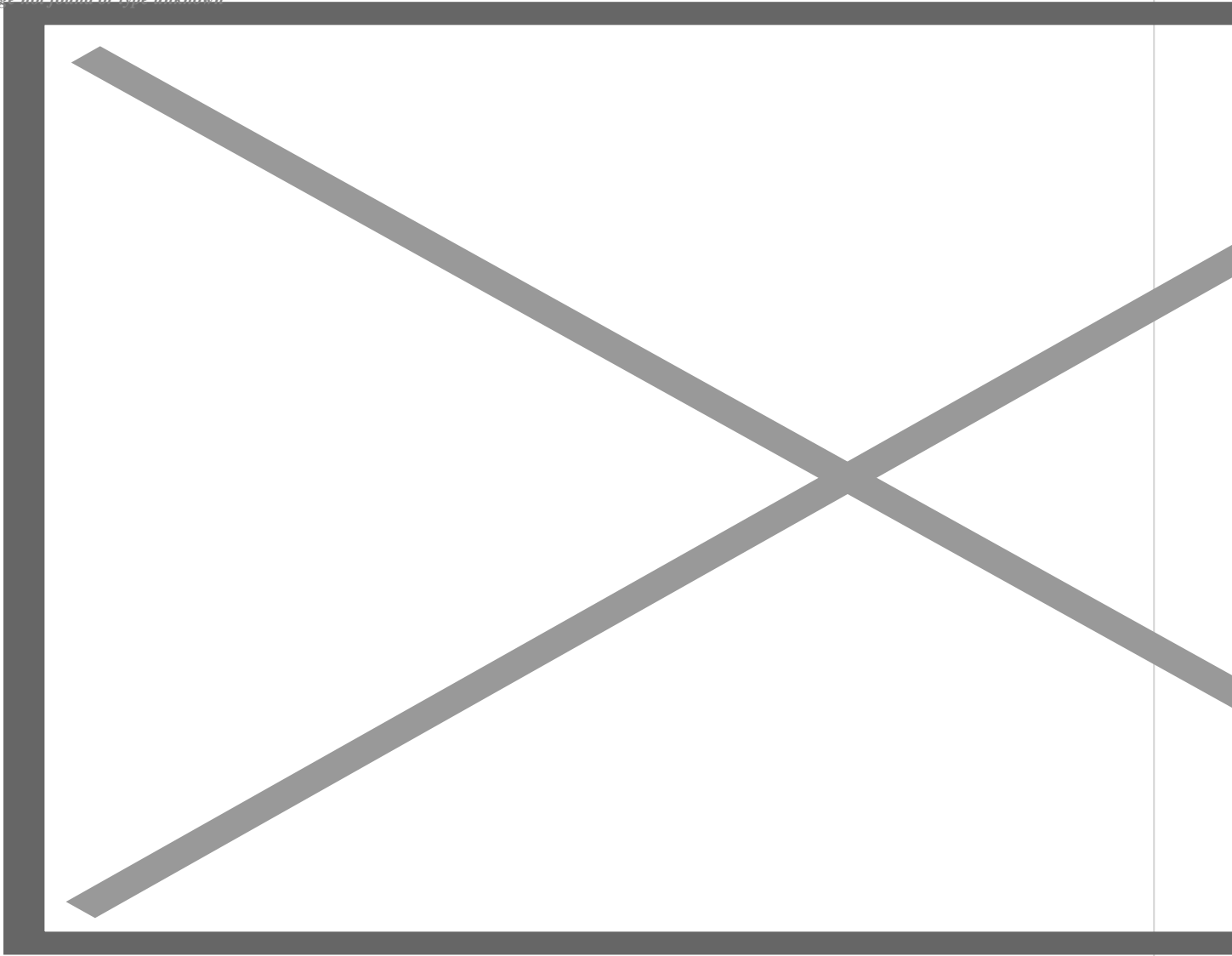


Leader vs. reigning monarch in Cuban baseball

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Santiago-Granma

Havana, May 23 (ACN) - The leader Santiago de Cuba receives this Tuesday the reigning monarch Granma, at the beginning of the particular sub-series of the National Baseball Series.

In their Guillermón Moncada stadium, the Avispas santiagueras of mentor Eddy Cajigal will try to maintain the good pace that has led them to keep the lead with a balance of 30 wins and 20 losses, supported fundamentally in their pitching staff, first of the tournament in clean runs (3.94), the only one below 4.00.

In addition, against the Alazanes de Granma pitchers, the Avispas de Santiago will include in their lineup the fearsome slugger Osday Silva, leader in home runs (14) and runs batted in (63).

Meanwhile, the runner-up Mayabeque (29-20) will wait for a slip by the Santiago Avispas and for that they need to show their best version in their game against La Isla (24-25).

The Mayabeque Hurricanes will try to show why they are the team with the most home runs this season (45).

And Artemisa (28-20), third place and the best hitting team among the 16 teams in the tournament (336), will visit Pinar del Río (24-24), which fared very badly in its previous sub-series against Mayabeque and now shares the eighth to tenth places with Villa Clara and Las Tunas.

For the Cazadores, the current batting leader Dayán García (403) stands out in the series.

The remaining duels will be based on Matanzas-Cienfuegos, Guantánamo-Las Tunas, Holguín-Villa Clara, Camagüey-Industriales and Sancti Spíritus-Ciego de Ávila.

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