

Baseball: Hurricanes remain on top

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Marlon Vega

Havana, May 26 (ACN)-- On a rainy day, the Mayabechense Hurricanes defeated the Isla team by a score of 4 to 0, and remained alone at the top of the LXII National Baseball Series, which this Friday will drop the curtains of its eleventh particular subseries.

Of the eight games scheduled, only five were played. And on their visit to the Nueva Gerona stadium, the Hurricanes of mentor Michael Gonzalez counted on the monticular jewel of the stellar right-hander Marlon Vega, who threw a complete game with eight strikeouts and only three hits, without conceding a ticket, to sign his fourth victory without the shadow of a setback.

At bat, Yasniel González hit 2-2 and drove in a run for Mayabeque, which showed offensive unproductivity by leaving 11 runners on base because they failed to take advantage of nine hits and 11 bases on balls.

The Hurricanes are now 31-21 and maintain a half-game lead over national runner-up Matanzas (31-22), which today won its fourth successive victory over Cienfuegos at 5 de Septiembre Park, where they came out on top 7-3.

Sixth smile for left-hander Naykel Cruz, who in 6.1 innings allowed only two singles and gave six strikeouts, but gave up four tickets. Second save for fast right-hander Armando Dueñas. Outfielder José Prens and infielders Aníbal Medina and Moisés Esquerres each drove in two runs.

In other results, Camagüey beat Industriales 7-4, Sancti Spíritus 12-6 against Ciego de Ávila and Villa Clara 11-3 against Holguín. The Azucareros scored nine runs in the fifth, with Victor Boch's home run with the bases loaded.

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