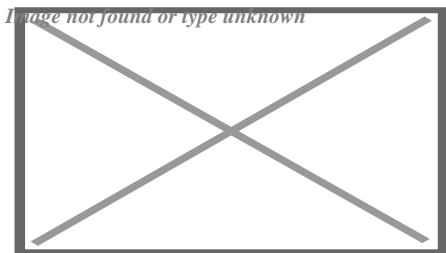


Las Tunas alone at the top of Cuban Baseball

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Havana, June 9 (ACN) - The Las Tunas team brought out its offensive power and defeated Matanzas 9-3, to shore up its position at the top of the National Baseball Series, which began its fourteenth and penultimate particular subseries.

The Tunera team hit 12 hits, including three triples and a home run by Roberto Baldoquín, who hit 3-2 and drove in five runs.

It was the first victory for left-hander Ángel Sánchez, who, despite giving up five tickets in 5.0 innings, allowed only three hits and struck out three.

With this result, the Leñadores Tuneros now have a 36-25 record and are half a game behind Santiago de Cuba (37-27), which suspended its game against Ciego de Avila.

Meanwhile, Industriales defeated Maya 8-3 and moved up to sixth place. Young reliever Rafael Perdomo, who is fighting for the Rookie of the Year nomination, earned his sixth win without defeat with a solid 2.1 innings of work.

Yosvany Peñalver, who went 4-3 with an RBI, and Oscar Valdés hit a three-run homer for the Leones de la Capital.

And Sancti Spíritus remained in fifth place after an 8-3 success against the monarch Granma. There was a home run by Frederich Cepeda and Yankiel Mauris signed his eighth save.

In the remaining results, Camagüey defeated Artemisa by a 12-1 knockout with a pair of home runs by Yordanis Samón; Pinar del Río 5-1 against Holguín and Isla de la Juventud 5-4 against Villa Clara. The games Santiago de Cuba-Ciego de Avila and Guantanamo-Cienfuegos were suspended.



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