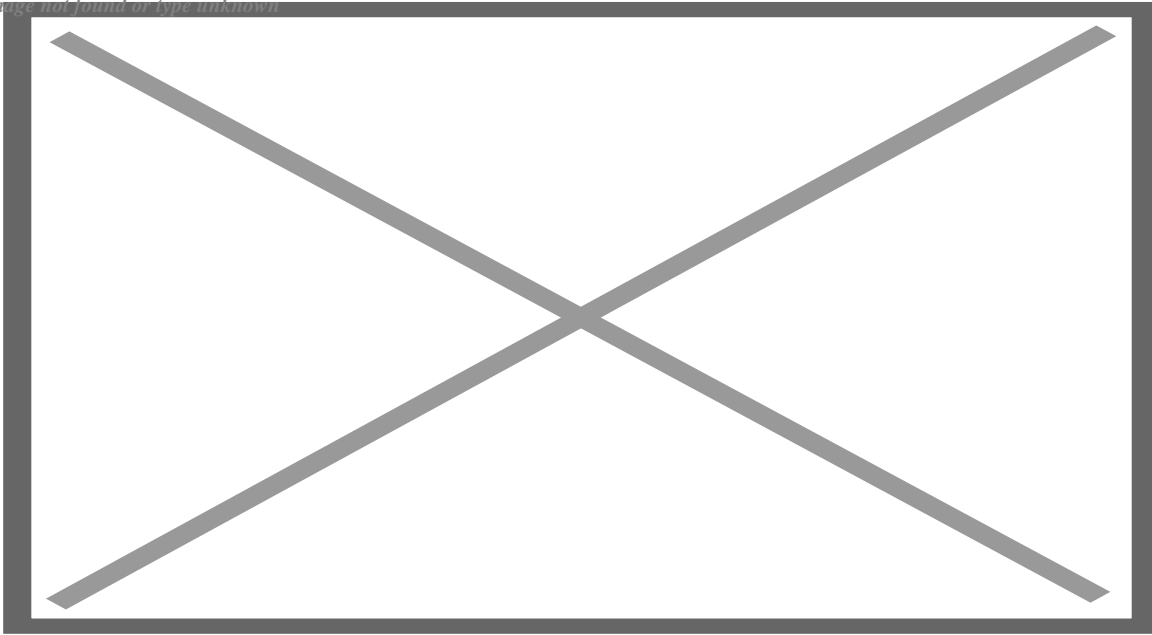


Manager clears doubts about Cuban team to League Baseball

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Matanzas, September 22 (ACN) -- Leonardo Soto Agüero, manager of the Alazanes de Granma team, which will represent Cuba in the Baseball Champions League, cleared doubts about the use of pitching in the promotional event, scheduled to begin on September 28 in Merida, Mexico.

Soto Agüero pointed out that from the very moment the final roster of the team was announced, which was largely reinforced with players coming from other local teams, a rotation of starters made up of Eryls Casanova, Raymond Figueredo, Leandro Martínez and Wilber Reyna was conceived.

Long relievers will be Kelvis Rodríguez, Kenier Ferraz and Yunier Castillo; while Carlos Santana, Yanieski Duardo and Miguel Paradelo (situational) will serve as ushers and Alberto P. Civil and Juan X. Peñalver will act as closers, argued the mentor.

Soto Agüero also pointed out that the motivation of the team is high, both for new and established players, and the purpose is to add success after success in search of a title that will quench the thirst for victory of the baseball fans in the largest of the Antilles.

Oswaldo Abreu, captain of Cuba's four-time champion team, said that the group that trains at the Victoria de Girón stadium in this city has a winning mentality and will travel to Mexico with the premise of worthily

representing the Caribbean nation's baseball.

Among our main strengths stands out the competitive experience, with athletes of the stature of Yordanis Samón, in addition to Yosvani and Yordanys Alarcón, but we will have to work on the deep hitting because we do not have many sluggers, and try to make the appropriate changes from the pitching mound, he considered.

Alazanes de Granma will debut on September 28 against the US club Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, to then face Caimanes de Barranquilla and Leones de Yucatán, in that order, according to the schedule announced at a press conference held at the headquarters of the fair.

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