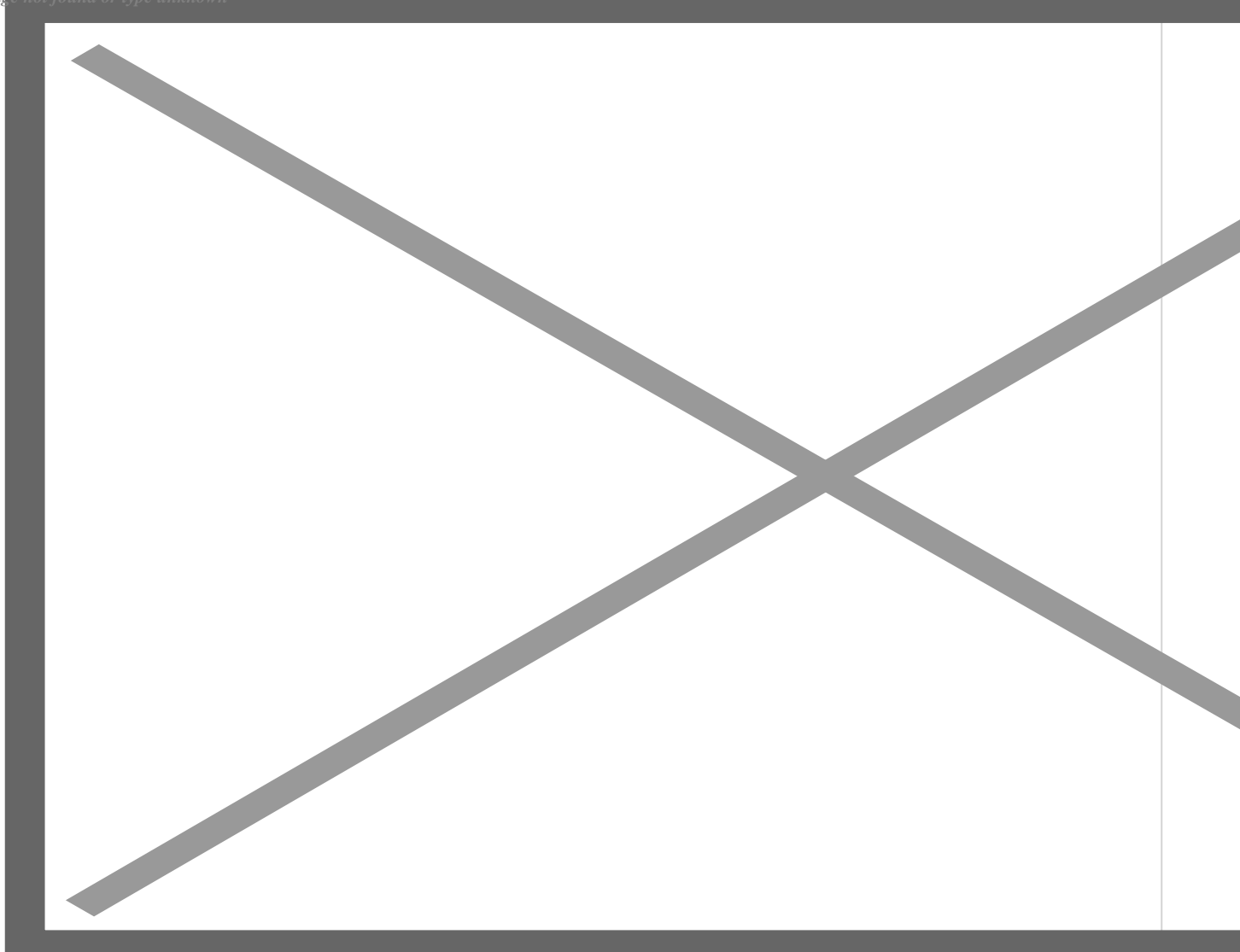


Venezuela's Tiburones vs. Dominican Tigres in Caribbean Series Final

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Havana, February 9 (PL) - Venezuela's Tiburones de la Guaira and the Dominican Tigres del Licey will dispute this Friday the title of the Caribbean Baseball Series in Miami.

The Venezuelan ninth reached the final by defeating Curacao 6-2, while the Tigers overcame the Federales de Chiriqui of Panama 4-1.

The team led by mentor Ozzie Guillen came back from a 0-2 deficit by scoring a three-run run in the bottom of the fourth inning, thanks to lead-off singles by Ramon Flores and Luis Torrens.

The Tiburones increased the lead in the sixth with another three runs, two of them pushed by a double by starter Leonardo Reginatto, which secured the victory for the Morocho, with individual credit to Cuban Miguel Romero, who in five innings and one third accepted six hits, allowed two runs, with one strikeout.

In the match between the Dominicans and Panamanians, the starter Cameron Gann pitched four innings and one third in blank, allowed three hits, gave up two bases on balls and struck out two men.

In the bottom of the third inning, Gann gave the Isthmians a big zero when, after two consecutive hits, he got the three outs with a double play.

Then, the winners' relievers would keep the Federales' batters at bay until the eighth episode when the first Panamanian run came in.

The Dominicans scored one in the first and extended the lead in the third episode, when captain Emilio Bonifacio combined with a jit and a sacrifice fly by Cuban outfielder Yadiel Hernandez. This Friday, Panama and Curaçao will discuss the third place and the Venezuelan Tiburones and Dominican Tigres, the latter being the champion of the previous edition, will clash for the title.

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