

Vegueros and Tigres lead in National Baseball Series

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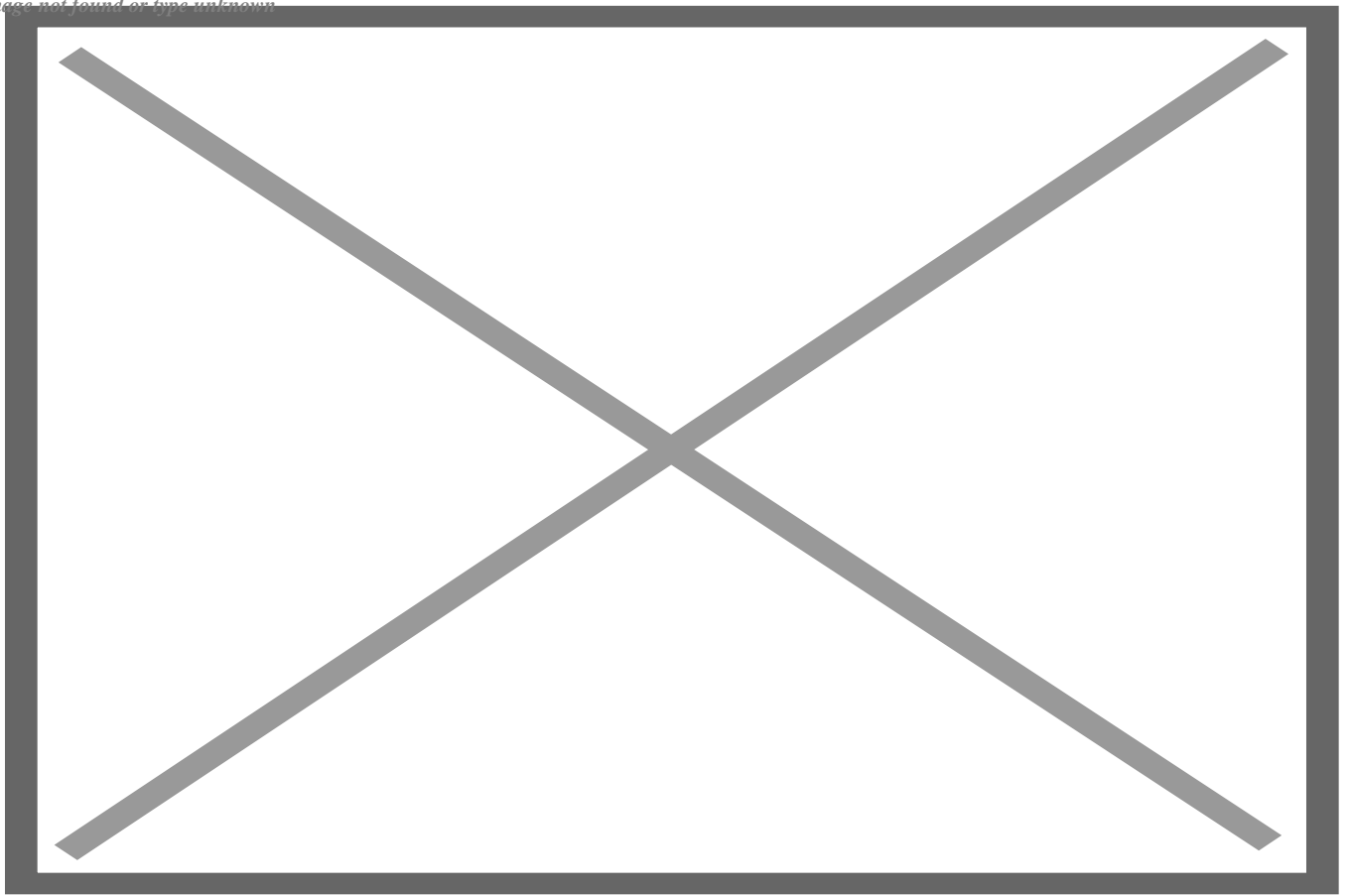


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Havana, March 12 (ACN)-- The Vegueros of Pinar del Rio and the Tigers of Ciego de Avila won today in their respective duels and remained as the only undefeated teams in the LXIII National Baseball Series.

In a day where the pitching staff lowered a little the fire with respect to the first two dates, the troop of the westernmost province of Cuba won as a visitor at the Latin American stadium to the Industriales of Havana with a score of 6-2.

Led by Alexei Ramírez, who compiled 5-3 with a trio of runs batted in, they scored a run in the seventh act to tie the game and a four-run run in the ninth to define the encounter.

Yancarlos García worked 3.1 unblemished innings in relief, but Mario Luis del Hoyo took the credit for retiring three opponents, the same ones that Orisbel Borges dominated to save the game.

The loss fell on the back of the relief pitcher Frank Herrera, who tolerated the four runs that decided the game.

The third success for the Tigres was also achieved as visitors at the Calixto García Stadium in Holguín, when they beat the Cubs of that province 6-1 to wipe out their undefeated record.

Kevin Soto achieved the victory with an opening of 5.2 chapters where only two hits and one run scored and Alexander Jimenez brought two teammates home.

The Gallos de Sancti Spiritus opened their losing streak by being blanked 5-0 by the Huracanes de Mayabeque at their own headquarters at José Antonio Huelga.

Julio Rodríguez pitched seven innings with only five hits allowed and one base on balls to score his first win in his new uniform and the third of his career.

Jeison Martínez and Johan Colomina hit solo homers and Yasniel González towed a pair of runners to the plate.

In other challenges, Artemisa knocked out La Isla 13-2 with a pair of Carlos de la Tejera's home runs and Santiago de Cuba disposed of Granma with Rayner Castillo's home run and the 163rd win in our domestic championships for Danny Betancourt.

Villa Clara achieved its first victory of the campaign by defeating Camagüey 8-4 with three runs batted in by Leonardo Montero and the note was given by Alexander Ayala for the defeated with a perfect afternoon (3-3 with homerun included), to lead the batters (.667).

Meanwhile, Las Tunas beat Guantanamo in a close duel 7-6 with a complete-game hit by Yosvani Alarcon and a trio of runs batted in by his brother Yordanis.

In that game, for the defeated team, Over Cremet disappeared the ball for the third time in the contest to become the leader in that department.

Finally, Matanzas relied on the fast reliever Armando Dueñas to defeat Cienfuegos 4-3, in a game in which Moisés Esquerré hit a home run.

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