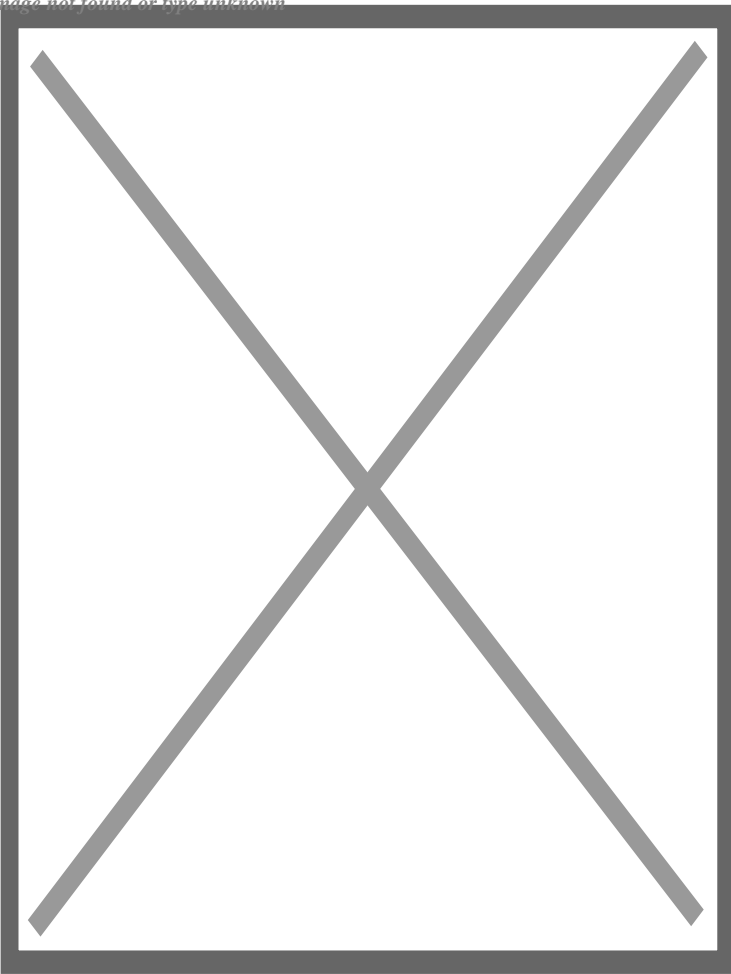


Artemisa wins in confiscated game and leader loses in Cuban baseball

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Havana, May 1 (PL).- On a day with barely half of the scheduled games, the media report of the Cuban baseball tournament occurred in the Latin American stadium in Havana, where Artemisa won by game confiscated from Industriales, on a date when Vegueros de Pinar remained the leader although it was defeated.

The Industrial Lions left their Artemisa opponents on the field (8-7), but the success was revoked when the claim of Yulieski González, mentor of the Artemisa Hunters, was successful after the use of an ineligible player in the eighth inning by those of Industrials.

The Industriales used Ariel Hechavarría as a pinch-hitter, who hit a home run that tied six and immediately after the at-bat was completed, González informed the game authorities of the error of the rival coaching staff.

Hechavarría was lowered to the reserve as stated in circular 25 of the National Baseball Commission and still remained disabled, since his discharge has not been officially notified.

This situation determined the 20th victory of the Artemis Hunters with a score of (9-0), with which both teams embraced positions seven and eight in the ranking, the last ones that guarantee places in the playoffs.

In the other games played, the Isla de la Juventud rebelled in the ninth inning with four runs to beat the leader Pinar del Río 7-5, despite the home runs by Jorge Rojas and the 12th by William Saavedra, one less than Alfredo Despaigne and Yasel Julio González, leaders with 13.

Matanzas beat Sancti Spíritus 10-2, supported by a winning opening from Noelvis Entenza and three trailers from Eduardo Blanco and Andrys Pérez, who also hit a full return.

Finally, Mayabeque took advantage of the six losses due to expulsion on the Cienfuegos roster to secure the first victory in the subseries by 12-3, individually noted in the service record of José Ignacio Bermúdez.

Ciego de Ávila had transportation problems and arrived in Santa Clara at dawn, which made it impossible to celebrate the first engagement between Villa Clara and Ciego.

The Granma-Guantánamo, Camagüey-Holguín and Santiago de Cuba-Las Tunas duels were sealed by rain in the eastern region of the island.

This May 1st there will be no games to facilitate the attendance of the members of all the teams at the events for International Workers' Day and that day will be recovered next Friday.

After Tuesday's games Pinar del Río maintained the lead with a balance of 26-12, followed by Las Tunas (21-11), Granma, Ciego de Ávila and Camagüey (21-16), Santiago de Cuba (20-17) and Artemisa and Industriales (20-18).

Outside the classification zone, Matanzas (18-20) and Sancti Spíritus (17-21) are in first place.

Villa Clara (16-21), La Isla (14-19), Mayabeque (16-22), Guantánamo and Holguín (15-22) and Cienfuegos (14-24) close the table.

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