

Vegueros of Pinar de Rio first team with 30 victories in the Cuban Baseball Series

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Havana, May 8 (ACN) --The Vegueros of Pinar del Rio came from behind on the scoreboard to defeat the Tigres of Ciego de Ávila, achieving their 30th victory and maintaining the top of the National Baseball Series, in a day marked by a game without hits or runs given by Industriales right-hander Pavel Hernández, the number 66 signed in Cuban tournaments.

A tubey by Tailon Sánchez in the eighth inning that led to a tie and advantage gave the Pinareños the victory 5-4 against the Avilanians at the José Ramón Cepero stadium.

Yancarlos García kept the Ciego de Avila tigers at bay for 3.2 innings to take the win and Orisbel Borges retired three opponents with an interspersed walk to add his seventh saved game.

In the only night game, the Industrial Lions beat the Holguín Cubs 7-0, on a day in which Pavel Hernández pitched the best game of his life.

Nine complete innings he pitched the Havana giant without accepting hits or granting walks, to score the first "No hitter" of his career.

The right-hander walked the nine innings without walking, hit a pitch and only a second man went into circulation by mistake, while striking out eight.

This was the first game without a hit or runs in the current season, the sixth for Industriales pitchers in history and the 14th for the Latinoamericano.

The Lumberjacks of Las Tunas remained on the lookout for Pinar by defeating the Gallos from Sancti Spiritus 11-4, who suffered their fourth consecutive defeat.

Yudier Rondón disappeared the ball with two on board and Yuniesky Larduet and Yordanis Alarcón, both 5-2, brought two runners home each.

Anier Pérez got seven outs in relief and had his fourth success without losses and Rodolfo Díaz pitched three innings with only one hit allowed to record his sixth save of the campaign.

The Toros de Camagüey, with an offensive of 23 undisputed hits, maintained their good pace by knocking out the Cazadores de Artemisa 16-4, in a game where all the regulars scored at least one hit with a highlight for Yordanis Samón who hit three, including two home runs, and drove in five runs.

Addiel Torres had four hits, and the duo of Leonel Moas and Alexander Ayala three each with a double included.

The Alazanes de Granma defeated the bottom-ranked Elefantes de Cienfuegos 13-5, in a challenge where Guillermo Avilés hit a home run and his thousandth hit in Cuban championships.

Yulián Milan and Raico Santos also scored home runs.

Lismay Ferrales fanned eight batters in six innings and took the credit.

With a 14-hit offensive, the Santiago de Cuba Wasps defeated the Matanzas Crocodiles 8-1 and took them out of the classification zone.

Danny Betancourt worked completely and won his fourth game of the season and number 166 of his career, to reaffirm himself as the active pitcher with the most wins in the National Series.

Yoelquis Guibert (4-2) hit his tenth homer of the campaign and Euclides Pérez (5-2) hit his third.

In a challenge that barely lasted six innings due to the impact of the rain, the Guantánamo Indians beat the Mayabeque Hurricanes 4-1, in a clash where Leovanni Brooks had a perfect day with a pair of singles in the same number of at-bats and drove a couple of runs and Randi Salazar took the credit by walking the entire route without accepting clean runs.

The match between Villa Clara and La Isla scheduled for the Cristóbal Labra stadium was suspended due to delays in the transportation of the athletes.

Pinar remains at the top of the table with 30-13, followed by Las Tunas 26-12, and Ciego de Avila 25-18.



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