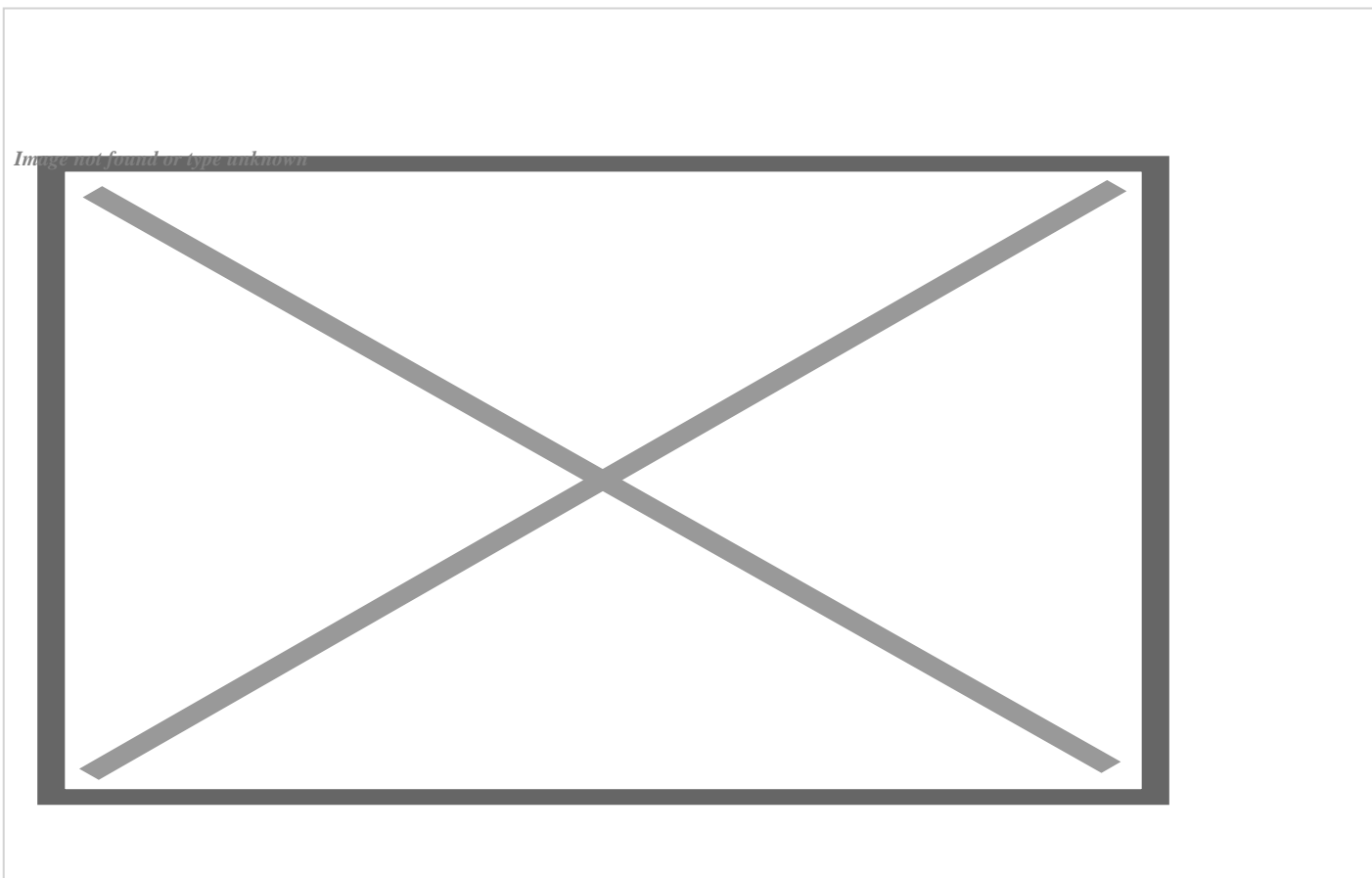


Pinar stops Villa Clara in the National Baseball Series



Havana, May 16 (JIT).- Leader Pinar del Río painted Villa Clara white 6-0 and broke its streak of six consecutive victories in the National Baseball Series.

In their Captain San Luis stadium, the Vegueros from Pinar del Río achieved their second victory in the tournament, with the second victory of starter Mario Valle and third save of Yan Carlos García.

At bat for Pinar's team, center fielder Luis Pablo Acosta stood out, who went 3 for 5, with a RBI

Meanwhile, the monarch exponent Las Tunas, enrolled at a bad time, suffered his fifth successive defeat on the day. The Las Tunas team fell by 18x8 knockout against Matanzas, a team that is going through an excellent stage marked by five consecutive wins.

The Crocodiles of Matanzas got the best of it in a festival of hits (26 runs, 34 hits, five home runs in total), in play with a terrible defense, as eight errors were committed.

The troop of mentor Armando Ferrer dispatched 21 hits, highlighted by Luis Ángel Sánchez, who hit 4 for 4, with two hits towards the plate.

Eduardo Blanco also contributed to the cause of the victors, immersed in one of his best campaigns with the wood. On Wednesday he had three hits in four at-bats with the same number of RBIs.

There were home runs from Matanzas José Amaury Noroña and Andrys Pérez, while in the Las Tunas ranks Yudier Rondón, Rafael Viñales and Denis Peña also took the Teammate out of the park.

Industriales also knocked out Camagüey 19-7, with 16 singles and home runs by Ariel Hechevarría and Yasiel Santoya, who drove in five runs and scored four.

And Mayabeque hit three full-round hits that led to the 14x7 victory against Granma. For the defeated, Alfredo Despaigne hit his 16th home run to extend his lead lead.

In the remaining challenges, Artemisa won 9x3 over Holguín, Guantánamo 9x7 over Cienfuegos and Ciego de Ávila 8x7 over Isla de la Juventud, with the sixth save by Yan Carlos Díaz and four RBIs on Alexander Jiménez's account.

In addition, Santiago de Cuba defeated Sancti Spíritus 5-4, with a home run and four RBIs by international Yoelkis Guibert.

Now Pinar rests at the top with 33-16, followed by Las Tunas (27-17), Granma (29-20) and Industriales and Ciego de Avila (28-21).

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