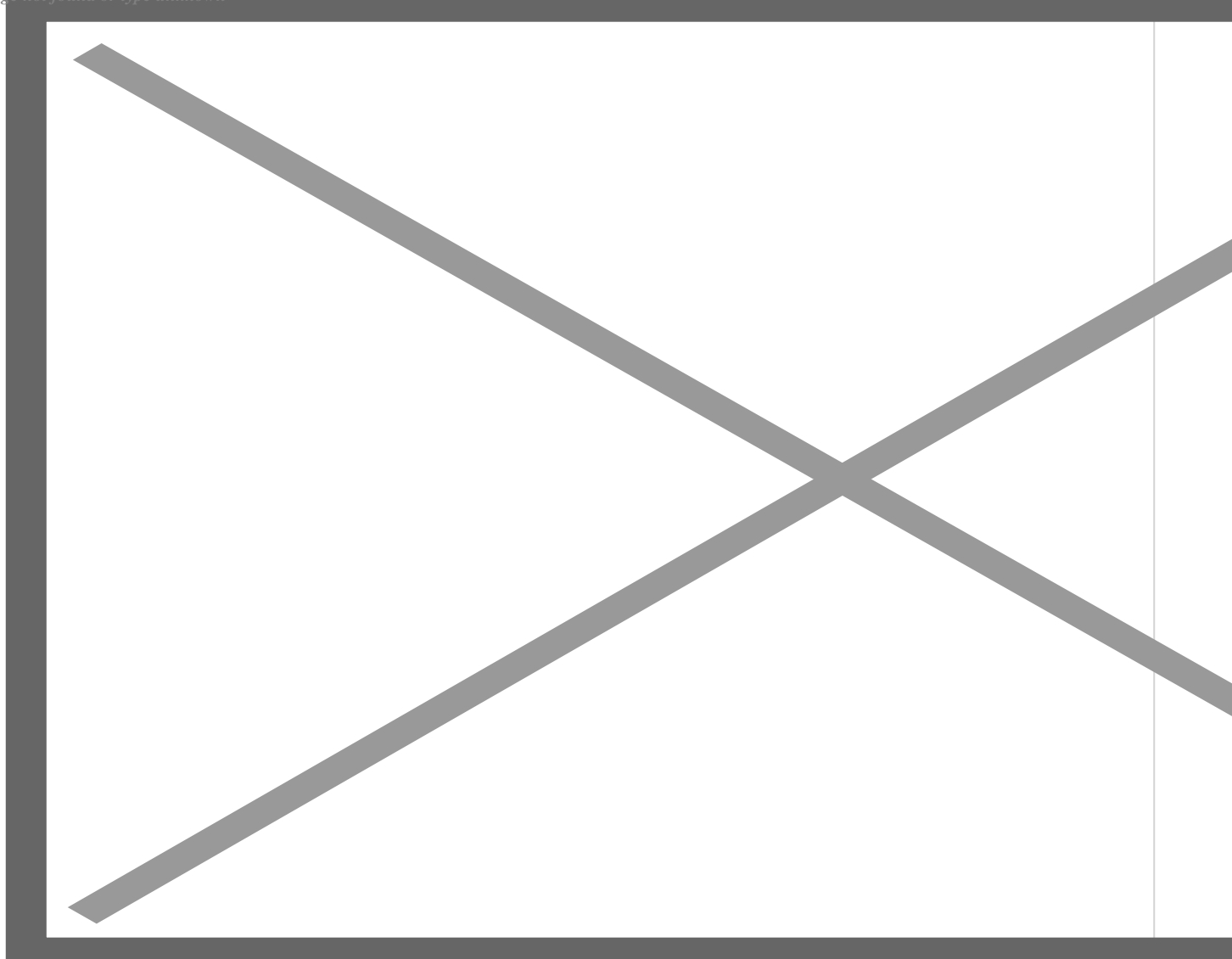


Cuba advances in Nicaragua for the Baseball Series of the Americas

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Managua, January 24 (RHC).- The first group of Cuban baseball players who will represent the island in the Baseball Series of the Americas is already in Nicaragua and the arrival of the second part of the delegation is expected today.

The day before, four players, part of the technical team and the president of the Cuban Baseball and Softball Federation, Juan Reynaldo Pérez, who heads the Cuban representation, arrived in this Central American nation.

Officials from the Cuban embassy went to the Augusto César Sandino international airport in the Nicaraguan capital last night to receive the advance of the Leñadores de las Tunas, who will debut tomorrow against the hosts from the National Sovereignty Stadium.

The first edition of this event is sponsored by the recently created Baseball Association of the Americas (ABAM), and it emerges as an alternative for those countries that are not invited to the Caribbean Series, a unique opportunity to measure strength between top-level teams in the region.

The Leñadores de Las Tunas, current national champions of Cuban baseball, will face in the next few days the representative teams of Panama (Águilas Metropolitanas), Curacao (Goats), Colombia (Caimanes de Barranquilla) and Argentina (Club Daom).

The Baseball Series of the Americas will be held at the National Sovereignty Stadium in the city of Managua, the Roberto Clemente Stadium in Masaya and the Rigoberto López Pérez Stadium in León, the three best and most modern sports facilities in the country. The president of the Nicaraguan Amateur Baseball Federation (Feniba), Nemesio Porras, recently told this agency how proud his country is to host this event and assured that it will be a very competitive tournament, because countries with a long history in the sport of balls and strikes will be attending.

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