

Only two Opening Series sweeps in Cuban baseball



Havana, August 13 (RHC) – Santiago de Cuba Wasps and Camaguey Bulls were the only team to sweep in the Opening Series of the Cuban baseball season.

The first team to achieve the sweep was Santiago de Cuba, after beating the Guantanamo Indians 10-0. Ulfrido Garcia got his first win of the season after permitting only two hits in 5 innings, and he was offensively supported by Ricardo Ramos and Denis Ala, both went 2-4 and brought home two runs.

The Camaguey Bulls defeated the Mayabeque Hurricanes 9-2, with a strong offensive performance of 17 hits, including homers by Pedro Smith and Leonel Moa. Pitcher Frank Madan showed off his control as he didn't walk a single batter in 7 innings.

In other results, Industriales defeated Ciego de Avila Tigers 13-3 with a three-run home-run of Lisban Correa. Isla de la Juventud Pirates won the series after defeating the Matanzas Crocodiles 13-4. The Pirates took the lead by scoring 10 runs in the final third of the game, helped by lead-off hitter Eliseo Rojas, who went 3-5 and drove in 4.

The Granma Sorrels defeated Pinar del Rio Vegueros 6-5 and saved themselves from a series sweep. The Artemisa Hunters kept Cienfuegos Elphants from sweeping them by winning the third game of the series by a score of 8-6, with yet another saved game by all-time saved games leader in Cuban baseball, Jose Angel Garcia.

In the Julio Antonio Mella Stadium, Las Tunas Lumberjacks defeated Villa Clara for the second time, helped by the homers Yordanis Alarcon and Denis Peña hit. In extra-innings, the Sancti Spiritus Roosters defeated Holguin Cubs 9-8 in extra innings, led by veteran Frederich Cepeda, who went 3-3, with two homers and 4 RBIs.

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