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Havana, March 13 (RHC)-- With a decisive four-run run bunch in the fifth inning, the champion Matanzas beat Las Tunas by a score of 4-3, putting the bilateral match 3-2 in its favor and only needs one win to

reach the grand finale of the LX National Baseball Series.

In the bubble of the José Antonio Huelga Stadium, the Crocodiles of Las Tunas of the mentor Armando Ferrer had lost their first two duels of this match, fundamentally because of the evident defensive inattentions shown that caused nine errors. In addition, their powerful lineup from the third to the sixth at bat had not responded.

But Ferrer has made notable and precise changes in the batting order in the last three games, and his men have rediscovered the tone they showed in the qualifying phase, to come back with three consecutive victories.

With a six-hit attack against the Tunero right-hander, including doubles by Yadir Mujica and Yadir Drake, they scored the winning run in the only game in which they were able to step on the plate. Viera threw a complete game, with 11 hits, six strikeouts and four tickets.

The victory went to left-hander Yoanni Yera, who pitched six innings with nine hits, three runs, two strikeouts and an equal number of transfers. Right-hander Noelvys Entenza was credited with a save, throwing 1.2 innings without a hit or run and only one ticket.

For the Crocodiles, left fielder Ariel Sanchez, who hit 5-3 and towed a run, stood out for the Crocodiles. The sixth game of this semifinal match will be played on Sunday. The possible starters will be left-handed Yudiel Rodríguez (LTU) and Noelvys Entenza (MTZ).

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