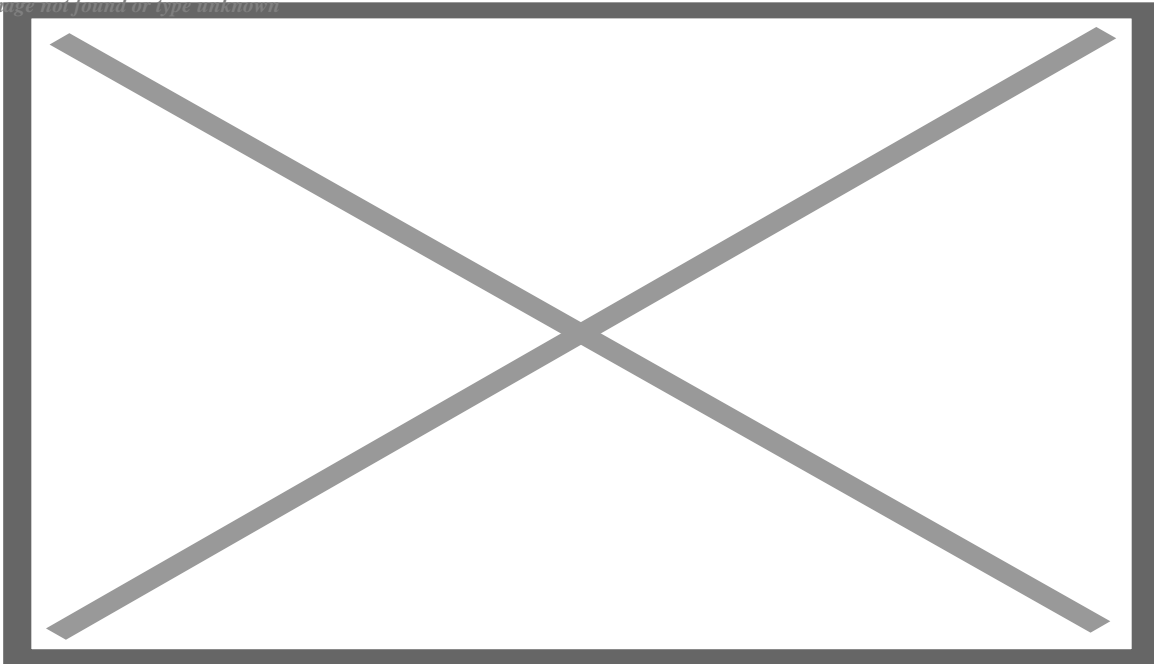


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Visiting the Cristóbal Labra stadium in Nueva Gerona, the team of seasoned manager Carlos Martí counted on the particular contribution of his first bat and center fielder, Yunieski Larduet, who, year after year, shows very good numbers. Today he went 6-4 with a tow.

For the victors, the bullpen's Andres de la Cruz hit 5-2 with a double and three runs batted in to support Labrada's relief, who in 4.1 innings only allowed two singles and one run. Alberto Pablo Civil earned his first save.

The low productivity of Agricultores in their four games, despite having three wins and one loss, which tied them at the top of the standings with Tabacaleros, is striking.

Today, Marti's boys left 12 runners on base, as they did not know how to take advantage of the 15 hits and the six bases on balls received.

Meanwhile, also as visitors at the Calixto García Park in Holguín, the Portuarios team broke a three-game losing streak with a 6x4 victory over Cafetaleros.

The Portuarios of mentor Michael González left 12 men on the pads, while the Cafetaleros of "Tico" Hernández hit 14 hits, but their low offensive productivity left them with only four scores.

The victory went to starter Marcos Ortega, despite allowing 11 hits in six innings. It happened that his team's defense made three double plays that solved several problems.

Adrián Sosa pitched 2.1 innings with a single and earned the save. Waiter Juan Carlos Torriente was outstanding with two hits and three RBIs in four at-bats.

Finally, at home, Ganaderos left Centrales 4x3 at their José Ramón Cepero stadium, by scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, when they were losing 1x3.

Yordanis Samón, 5-2 with a two-run homer and a tow, was at bat. The victory went to sixth reliever José Eduardo Santos, who threw 2.2 innings and gave up three hits and two tickets. Centrales had wet powder, as it left 11 runners in circulation.

This Thursday these sub-series will end. The game between Tabacaleros and Agricultores will start at 10:00 a.m. in order to favor the maritime transportation of both teams.

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