

Young pitcher achieves first baseball victory in Cuba



Matanzas, April 11 (PL)-- Wednesday will stand out as unforgettable for the young pitcher of the Matanzas Crocodiles Shaiel Cruz, who with just 17 years of age won his first victory in national series in Cuba.

With a performance of five innings and two runs allowed against the Indians of Guantanamo, the pitcher took possession of the victory after the Crocodiles won 12x2 and leveled the particular duel against their rivals as part of the match of the 63rd National Baseball Series.

"I am very happy, after two outings in which I could not win I got the victory and thus fulfill a dream that I have had since I was a child because I have dedicated a lot of time to baseball and winning a game is something exceptional," he commented.

I worked a lot with the straight line under my arm, with it I had good control from the bullpen and I knew that I was going to fall in the zone I wanted and the result came out against a batting team like Guantánamo but I was well prepared and with the constant support of professor Jonder Martínez, coach of Matanzas, added the right-handed pitcher.

Cruz thanked the work of professor Lázaro Sanabria who works with him in the youth team of the province and said that the first victory in addition to joy brings commitment because now we have to work harder in each training so that the results are positive.

The young figure, who has experience in Cuba teams in development categories and bases his repertoire in deliveries such as straight, change and slider, argued that it is an honor to receive the advice of Professor Armando Ferrer, helmsman of the Crocodiles.

We have had difficulties in the control in general, Ferrer constantly encouraged me and told me to throw in the zone and without fear that the result would come out and it did, he said.

To wear the jersey of the youth category Cuba team in the commitments of this year and to make a prodigal career in the Cuban baseball stand as dreams of the Yumurian promise for which he will work for sure with the serenity with which today from the box he won his first game in national series.

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