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Havana, December 2 (RHC)-- Victim of imperfections in the three lines of play, the Cuban baseball team lost by a score of 8 to nothing to Colombia in the semifinals, and will have to fight for the bronze in the First Pan American Junior Games to be held at the Edgar Rentería stadium in Barranquilla.

Cuban starter Luis Serpa did well in his five innings of action, in which he gave three strikeouts, did not give out tickets and admitted five hits with only one run in the fourth episode, allowing two hits.

But in the remaining two episodes, the five relievers used by espirituano mentor Eriel Sánchez, were punished with a whopping seven hits, including two biangulares and a triple by outfielder Luis Castro against reliever Frank Abel Álvarez in the sixth, with two runners on.

In the sixth inning, the hosts scored six runs, with a total of five hits and two fly balls, together with a costly error by the bullpen's Cristián Rodríguez.

On offense, Elier's team hit five singles, three of which came in the fifth inning, including a home run by shortstop Adrián Rivera.

However, the emerging Joan Rojas tried to connect the first delivery of the reliever Jean Carlos Herrera and his throw was used for a double kill.

With this loss, Cuba will discuss this Thursday the bronze medal against Venezuela, which it already defeated 3-0 in the qualifying round. The pitcher will be Matanzas left-hander Naykel Cruz.

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