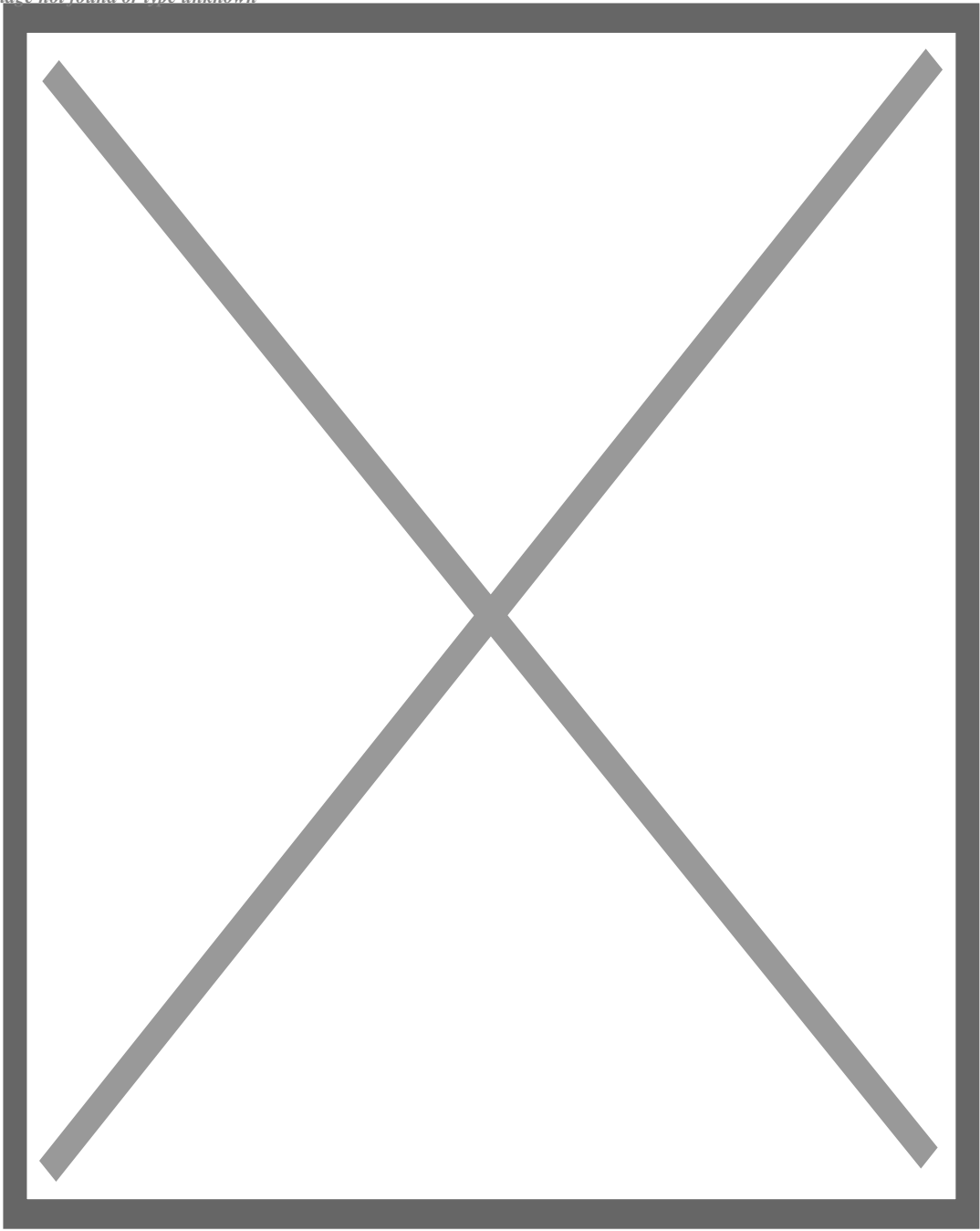


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If on the first day the pitching of Yander Guevara stood out, this Wednesday the author of the exhibition on the mound was the right-hander from Chambas, Dachel Duquesne, who threw 6.0 innings at a rate of four hits and two tickets.

The Tigers hit 15 hits and fourth hitter Yudiel Gonzalez, who hit 3-3 with a home run and three RBIs, was the standout. The defeat went to the experienced left-hander Yudier Rodríguez, who gave up eight hits and five clean runs in three innings of play.

Meanwhile, the monarch exponent Granma also knocked out Guantánamo 11x1 with an offense of 14 hits and a decisive cluster of eight runs in the end of the eighth inning.

For the Alazanes, their designated hitter Lázaro Cedeño, who hit 4-2 with a home run and four runs batted in, was a force for the Alazanes. The palms also went to middle infielder Carlos Benítez, who hit 3-2 and towed four teammates to the plate. This supported the work of left-hander Leandro Martínez, who in seven innings allowed five hits, struck out four and gave no tickets.

The national runner-up Matanzas won its third consecutive game, today with a 5x2 score against Cienfuegos. El "Grillo" Arruebarrena was the hero at bat, hitting 3-2, both homers and valid for four hits.

The success of the Crocodileos was the result of reliever Joel Suárez, who in 4.0 innings gave three hits, one strikeout and no walks. The fast Armando Dueñas got the save.

Finally, the Huracanes de Mayabeque defeated Villa Clara (9x1) for the second successive date, with veteran Dennis Laza hitting 3-2, including a home run and two runs. The victory went to Mailon Cruz, who threw six innings with four singles and two strikeouts.

In the other results, Sancti Spíritus beat Camagüey (7x2) for the second consecutive day, and Pinar del Río did the same against Isla de la Juventud (11x5). Holguín took revenge against Santiago de Cuba (10x2) and Industriales de Artemisa (10x3).

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