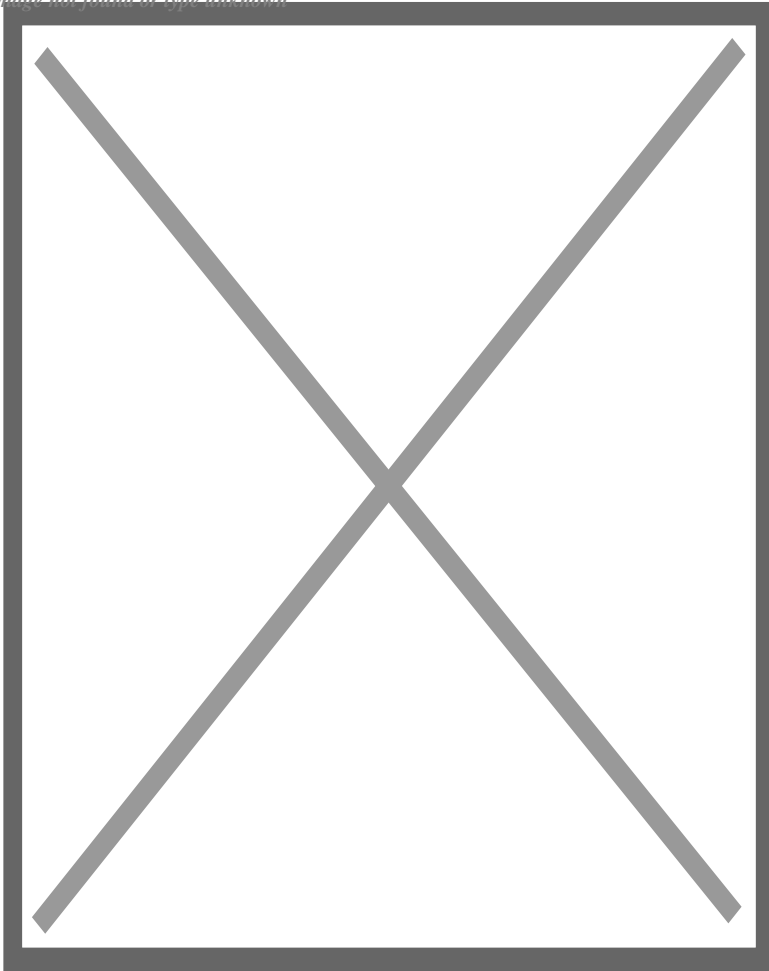


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Havana, June 5 (ACN) - On another day of heavy rain and several suspended games, Las Tunas defeated Pinar del Río 7x6 on Sunday and signed its ninth consecutive victory in the 62nd National Baseball Series, which is in its thirteenth particular subseries.

The Leñadores Tuneros counted today on the efficient lumber of their leadoff hitter Yordanis Alarcón, who has had another excellent season. He hit 4-2 including a home run and two RBIs. Fourth win for reliever

Alberto Pablo Civil, who also has 11 saves, which means he has participated in 15 of the team's 33 victories.

With this smile, the Leñadores have a 33-24 record and are the runner-up in the competition, just half a game behind Santiago de Cuba (35-25), which was winning its 6x4 duel in extraining against La Isla when the rain came and it had to be sealed.

The good note today was provided by left-hander Geonel Gutiérrez, who remained alone as leader in victories (8) by beating Granma 3-1 on a visit to the Barbados Martyrs stadium in Bayamon. He pitched six innings at a rate of four strikeouts and allowed only three hits. In the second game between the two, the Alazanes of Granma won 5x2.

In the Latin American Championship, Industriales defeated Cienfuegos twice (5x3 and 4x2) to remain in seventh place (33-29).

In other results, Sancti Spíritus defeated Holguín twice (11x5, 5x3) and Mayabeque beat Villa Clara 5x4 with the sixth hit by right-hander Yadián Martínez. The day saw three games sealed and another five suspended.

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