

Baseball: Leñadores remain untouchable in Cuban playoffs

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Havana, July 22 (RHC)-- Las Tunas defeated Matanzas 11-4 on Friday, and put the semifinal phase playoffs 2-0 in its favor, at the same time, it maintained its undefeated record in six outings in the current postseason of the LXII National Baseball Series.

The Leñadores Tuneros of the debutant mentor Abeyssi Pantoja, who in the regular phase swept the rival pitchers and in the quarterfinals swept Ciego de Avila 4-0, now remain unbeatable and are repeating the recipe to the Cocodrilos of the seasoned manager Armando Ferrer.

The strength of their connections was reflected in the last challenge, as they hit a whopping 16 hits and produced five-run bunches in the fourth and seventh inning.

The first decisive run in the fourth combined an error with singles by the brothers Yordanys and Yosvany Alarcón, as well as a double by the unstoppable starter Denis Peña, all of which came against the sending of the starter and loser Renner Rivero. In addition, in that act there was a driving jit by Yudiel Rondón against reliever Noelvys Entenza.

For reliever Keniel Ferraz, who pitched five episodes at a rate of four hits and without conceding a walk-off ticket, it was his eighth victory of the campaign, as well as becoming the first pitcher to achieve three wins in this post-season.

Peña and Rondón batted for the Lumberjacks, each of whom drove in three runs.

With the play-offs favoring Las Tunas 2-0, the series moves to the Yumurino Victoria de Girón stadium, where the third game will be played next Monday.

The other semifinal between the host Santiago de Cuba and Industriales will start today at the Guillermón Moncada stadium. In the regular phase, the Indomitable Wasps defeated the capital's Leones 4-1 in the particular sub-series at the Coloso del Cerro.(Source: ACN).

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