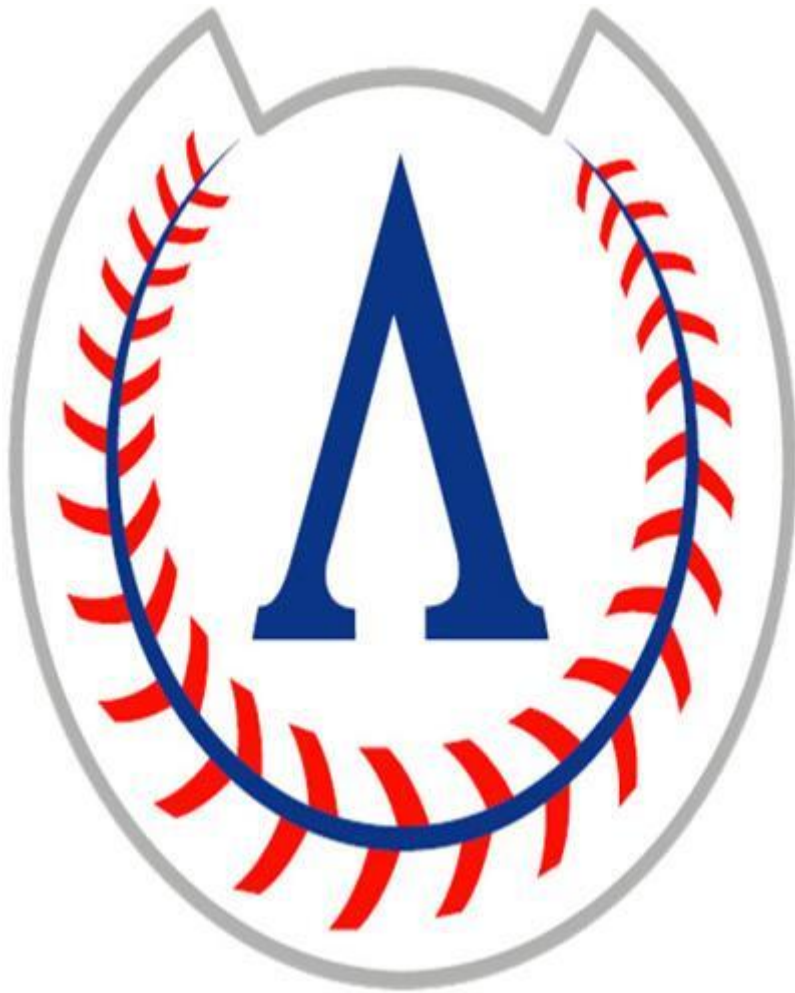


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Baseball

The Pinar del Río monarch dawned today outside the *Qualifying Zone* to the post season at the *54th Cuban Baseball Championship*, when combining its failure on Tuesday against Artemisa with the victories of Ciego de Ávila and Isla de la Juventud.

Affected by sensitive casualties in recent days, the defending champions of the domestic classic suffered a smashing 12-4 rout before Artemisa's *Los Cazadores*, with highlighted offensive for the winners of reinforcement Liván Monteagudo, who hit 5-3 with 2 homers and 5 trailers.

José Luis Padrón won success by spreading 4 hits and 3 cleans in 5 episodes, while the star Yosvani Torres assimilated punishment of 8 hits and 4 runs in just 2 and a half innings to finally carry out the defeat.

In contrast, Ciego de Ávila knocked out the leader Matanzas by 16-4 with credit from the mound to Yadir Rabí, and backed offensive led by Raúl González (5-4) and Orlando Lavandera (6-3) with 3 RBIs per

capita, as well as Joseph A. Garcia's vital support, 6-3 with 1 homer and 2 RBIs.

Also, Isla de la Juventud left Industriales on the field by 7-6 in a challenge decided in the bottom of the 9th episode by catcher Luis Abel Castro's hit who drove in Dainier Gálvez, while undefeated reliever Danny Aguilera enjoyed his 8th victory in the Season.

Finally, Holguín managed a decisive cluster of 5 in the last chapter to overcome 9-7 to Granma, with special batting of Reutilio Hurtado by the winning side with 4-3 and 4 trailers.

So, Matanzas was is still leading with 41-23, followed by Granma (39-25), Industriales (37-27), Isla de la Juventud and Ciego de Ávila tied with (35-29), while Pinar del Río (34-30) fell to 6th place, just ahead of Artemisa (33-31), while Holguin remains at the bottom of the Table with (30-34).

Chess

Russian GM Evgeny Tomashevsky defeated his compatriot and top seed Alexander Grischuk in the 3rd round of the *FIDE Grand Prix* in Tbilisi to emerge as sole leader with 2.5 points.

Dmitry Jakovenko inflicted 2nd loss to local hero Baadur Jobava, while Shakhriyar Mamedyarov scored his 2nd victory, this time against Dmitry Andreikin while the remaining 4 games were drawn.

For his part, Cuban GM Leinier Domínguez could not convert in triumph the achieved advantage in the game and drew with Russian GM Peter Svidler.

Leinier (2726 Elo points), with white pieces returned and used the *Spanish opening* again, in which he is an expert, to manage to get some advantage but peace finally prevailed in 78 moves.

This was the 2nd draw of the Caribbean, who owns 1 unit and now shares the seats 4th to 9th as member of a group escorting the 3 leaders.

Brazil to Host First World Indigenous Games

Brazil will host in September the *1st Indigenous World Games* with the participation of 2,000 athletes from 30 countries, including Quechua, Guaraní, Aymara and Inca ethnic groups in Latin America.

The organization is in charge of *Brazil's Inter-Tribal Indian Committee* and the *Ministry of Sports*, announced an initial investment of 60 million reais, some \$ 22 US million dollars, stressed the secretary of these games, Héctor Franco.

Athletes will compete in disciplines of knowledge of these aboriginal peoples such as archery, canoeing, swimming, javelin, football and athletics, and the event will feature various native languages translators to ensure proper communication among all participants.

The representative of *UN Indigenous Rights* and promoter of this competition, Marcos Terena, highlighted the fully persistence of the President of Bolivia, Evo Morales, for carrying out these games.

Terena highlighted the example of Morales in promoting and representing the grandeur of what the *Indigenous World Games* will be.

With some 270 aboriginal tribes and 817,963 indigenous inhabitants (0.47% of its population), Brazil ranks as the highest representative for this competition.

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