

Cuban slugger Despaigne homers for second consecutive day in Japan

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HAVANA, Cuba, Apr 12 (acn) Cuban Alfredo blasted his second homerun in the recently started 2018 season of the Japanese Professional Baseball League (NPB).

The Cuban slugger homered for the second consecutive day, this time to support the 8-5 win of his team, the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks, over the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters, in a game in which he batted 1 for 4, with one run scored and two RBIs.

The Cuban lefty reliever Livan Moinelo also participated in the game and managed to strikeout the only opponent he faced.

Despaigne and Moinelo didn't start well the season, but in their two last outings they both began to show their real quality.

Their team, the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks, appear fourth in the NPB Pacific League with four wins and five losses, four games behind the leader, the Saitama Seibu Lions.