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Cuban Baseball Update

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The penultimate series of the *55th Cuban Baseball Series* conclude today after a day of only 4 challenges due to rain in several parts of the country. On Monday the official day of the current 39th domestic classic meets the definition of duels started last Friday if weather permits.

Las Tunas broke the streak of Holguin's 8 consecutive victories to defeat them by 3-0 to stay as the sole occupant of the 3rd place in the Table in a game where Adiel Jose Moreno was awarded the win with only 2 hits allowed and gave 7 strikeouts in 6 and a half innings, supported by Diego Granado's rescue and Joenny Southeran's offensive with 2 RBIs and Yosvany Alarcón's homer.

The ones led by former star outfielder Ermidelio Urrutia left alone in 3rd place with 22 and 12, after breaking the tie with Pinar del Rio, which was winning Ciego de Avila 2-0 when the game was sealed in the 5th episode.

Matanzas reached 20 wins this Season, with the shadow of 16 setbacks, and took an important step to classify after beating Industriales 9-4, with success for opener Randy Castro and Onel Vega's offensive role, who hit a homer and drove in 3.

Outfielder Francisco Tellería made a long home run and drove in 4, supported by Orlando Roa's solo homer, to lead the 10-3 Cienfuegos triumph over Camagüey, with credit for the veteran Norberto Gonzalez.

Granma was ratified in the 5th after giving a costly 3-2 defeat to Sancti Spiritus, with Yordanis Samon's homer for the winners, while Guantanamo left Isla de la Juventud on the field 1-0 in the 11th chapter, thanks to Manso Daikel's decisive trailer.

Villa Clara also overcame 2-1 to Santiago de Cuba to keep its dreams of classifying with win of rookie Reinier Sanchez and offensive role of Andy Sarduy, 4-3, with 1 double and 1 RBI.

Finally, Mayabeque won Artemisa 2-0 in a duel of teams discarded without any transcendence for classification.

So, Ciego de Avila continues to lead with 27 and 9, escorted by Industriales (24-13), Las Tunas (22-12), Pinar del Río (21-12), Granma (22-14), Havana (21- 16), Matanzas (20-16) and Guantanamo (19-17).

Then go Cienfuegos (17-17), Isla de la Juventud, Sancti Spiritus and Villa Clara (18-19), Santiago de Cuba (14-23), Camagüey (11-26), Artemisa (9-25) and Mayabeque (6-30).

Finally, it was announced that pitcher Joel Suarez will return to the mound in the next round after a recovery period of more than 12 months after a surgical procedure known as *Tommy John*, on *this* throwing arm.

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