



Freddy Asiel, pitches well again, but loses

Cuba hit ten hits, and only one, Samon's home run, was productive in the 2-4 defeat against the North American team, who has set itself one win away of winning the fifth encounter.

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Although he was half a game ahead on the score by a full back bat of the first baseman and fourth bat, Yordanis Samon, with one on base, and Freddy Asiel Álvarez made a quality start, the Cuba team fell again on Wednesday in the second clash of the Friendly Series with the collegiate team of USA Baseball.

Samón, the best he has ever batted for the insulars in both games (five hits in eight innings), hit a homerun by the right field in the fourth inning with Raúl González on the trails to put in front of those led by Rey Anglada.

Usually in Cuba, Freddy Asiel begins to decline in its performance from the sixth chapter and this time was no exception. Sónón's "homologous" in batting order and defensive position, Spencer Torkelson, imitated him: hit a home run with a runner in the pads to tie the game. Then they connected him another hit and he managed to get the second out before Anglada replaced him with left-handed Yudiel Rodríguez.

Cuba produced ten hits, but failed to link more timely connections. In the fifth, Yunieski Larduet and Prieto hit hits, after two outs, and in the seventh, Samón and Yosvani Alarcón started with two homeruns.

As in the previous game, there were too many shots for the draw (13), which together with the strikeouts (7), facilitated things for the defense and pitching of the North American team.

Ten hits were not enough.

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