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HAVANA, Cuba, Oct 19 (acn) The second games of the wild-card series of the 57th Cuban National Baseball Series will be held today and the two tickets to the second stage could be already defined if Granma and Ciego de Avila beat Villa Clara and Artemisa, in that order.

In the first matches, Granma defeated away 5-3 Villa Clara while Ciego de Avila won at home 8-2 over Artemisa.

Granma's starting pitcher today could be right-hander Cesar Garcia, while Vladimir Hernandez, Villa Clara's manager, announced the also right-hander Alain Sanchez to try to get a win away to tie the series.

Meanwhile, Roger Machado, Ciego de Avila's head coach, announced right hander Dachel Duquesne as starter today in Artemisa's 26 de Julio Park, while lefty Geonel Gutierrez will be his opponent.

Victor Mesa, Pablo Civil, Victor Figueroa and Pedro Luis Lazo, managers of Industriales, Las Tunas, Matanzas and Pinar del Río, respectively, are closely following this wildcard series to watch the players they can choose as reinforcements for the second stage of the tournament.

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