
Cuba blanks China 6-0 for 1st win at World Baseball Classic

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Roel Santos hit a two-run triple as Cuba scored four runs in the fourth inning in a 6-0 win over China at the World Baseball Classic on Wednesday.

Former major leaguer Bruce Chen held Cuba scoreless over the first 2-2/3 innings at Tokyo Dome but a pitching change gave the Cuban batters the spark they needed.

Yoelkis Cespedes drove in the first run in the fourth off Luo Xia and Santos' clutch triple to center field made it 3-0. Santos then scored on Alexander Ayala's double to left.

Cuba starter Vladimir Baños went five innings and allowed just one baserunner on a Yang Shunyi single with one-out in the fifth.