

Asia-Pacific Zone Champions Seoul, Korea knocked off Mexico Zone Champs Los Mochis, Sinaloa 3-0 in a tightly contested game that was dominated by pitching. Korean pitchers Lee Gyu Min, Lee Jong Min, and Ahn Hyo Sang combined to post a shutout and only gave up 2 hits in a fantastic combined performance.

Korea got the offense going right away when Kim Tae Ho drew a walk to start the inning and Kim Han Byul followed with a single to right. Ho advanced to third on the single and scored on a wild pitch, giving Korea an early 1-0 lead. No Jee Woo and Jang Ye Jun drew back-to-back walks and Na Seung Yeup hit a sacrifice fly to add another run and extend the lead to 2-0 at the end of the first.

Seoul was able to add another run in the top of the fourth after Kwon Oh Ryun reached on an infield single with one out. Yun Jae Yeong followed with a single to right and both runners moved up an extra 90 feet when Rigoberto Borbolla mishandled the ball in right field. Kim Tae Ho grounded into a fielder's choice, but Ryun was gunned down at home by second baseman Rosario Melecio to keep the score at 2-0. However, Kim Tae Ho intentionally got in a rundown between first and second, allowing Yeong to come home easily and stretch the lead to 3-0.

Korea's pitching dominated the game and never let the Mexican hitters get into a groove offensively. Both Lee Gyu Min and Lee Jong Min only gave up one hit in their three innings of work, and both used good off-speed and breaking pitches to keep Mexico off the basepaths. The Korean pitchers only combined to strike out four batters, but prevented the Mexican hitters from generating solid contact.

Seoul, Korea advances to the semifinals and will play the Netherlands tomorrow at 7:30 PM. Mexico has been eliminated from the tournament.