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baseball fans condemned for throwing bottles at players and umpires:

havana, jan 12, reuter -- critcism mounted against a small group of baseball fans from santiago de cuba while cuban president congratulated the players of the santiago de cuba team for their +discipline and equanimity+ in the aftermath of an outbreak of catcalls and bottle-throwing during last thursdays national-televised championship game, in santiago, the communist youth newspaper, +juventud rebelde+ reported today.

the santiago fans reacted violently when of one of the home-team players was tagged out while trying to strechtch a single into a double in the eighth inning with santiago trailing the havana industrqiales by two runs.

+dozens of bottles began to fly from all angles aimed expressly at the players of both temas, although the umpires did not escape the dangerous and shameful indscipline of a tiny group of fans, many of them drunk,+ the newsaper +trabajadores+ reported the day after the game.

as a result of the outbreak, friday nights game in what is considered cuba's baseball world series was transferred from santiago to the nearby town of guantanamo.

cuban baseball fans said cuban fans had a reputation for violence before the cuban revolution in 1959 but that after the elimination of all professional sports, they prided themselves on their sportsman like conduct. but the sports' writer for trabajadores wrote: +unfortunately, this is not the first time such things happen in our ~~xxxxx~~ city,+ and called on authorities +to take steaps to contral their~~xx~~ uncontrollable fans.+

in january 1982 umpires of a baseball game in havana which was also being nationally televised called a forfeit after they were pushed and shoved by players who disagreed with one of their decisions.

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