

Round-up of Sports News for Friday, February 14, 2014



Cycling

The first stage of the First Cycling Classic Championship will open Saturday as local cyclists will participate in a 60 kilometer race in eastern Camaguey province, in their route to the capital Havana.

We are all very excited to start the race. This tour will train our cyclists for upcoming championships including the Central American games slated to take place in Veracruz, Mexico, said National Cycling Commissioner Hector Ruiz before leaving for Camaguey to attend the start of the event.

Athletics

The organizers of the 10th International Marathon of the Andean Corporation of Fomento, to take place February 23rd, are giving the finishing touches to all logistic aspects in order to guarantee the success of the event, which will be contested by 10 thousand runners.

Marathon organizers told Prensa Latina in Caracas that the meet will be guarded by at least 2,500 officials from different security agencies.

Windsurf

The International Hemingway Nautical Club offered its support to three Cuban athletes who will contest the Windsurf 2014 North American Championship, to be held February 20th to the 24th in Cancun, Mexico.

The Club, which has sponsored the practice of windsurfing in Cuba, is encouraging the athletes to make a good performance at the meet, which gives tickets to the Pan-American Games, slated for Toronto, Canada in 2015.

Abrahamny Hernandez, 18 years old, Yuseilys Gonzalez, who is 22, and Juan Manuel Orta, 24 years old, will depart next week for Cancun to compete against some of the outstanding windsurfers in the area.

Baseball

In the ongoing National Baseball Series, the team from eastern Holguin defeated Santiago de Cuba 11-5 to get the fourth position and thus get inside of the classification zone.

The eastern team deployed a strong offensive with 17 hits and with this result they are now emulating Havana's Industriales, also in the fourth position.

Other teams keep on with their fight on the field, such as Villa Clara, which recently took part in the Caribbean Baseball Series. This team made a good performance after defeating western Pinar del Rio 11 to 4 and made it to the second position of the Series, after Matanzas, which is leading the classificatory stage of the Cuban Baseball Classic with 36 victories and 21 setbacks.

Wrestling

Cuban Mijaín Lopez, double Olympic champion in Greco-Roman style, won the gold medal in the Cerro Pelado-Granma International Wrestling Tournament, underway until tomorrow, Saturday.

Lopez defeated his compatriot Yasmani Acosta beat 3-1 in a combat that revealed his strength and that provided him with a title that joins his four world crowns.

Getting to the decisive fight is always my goal; I took this tournament in order to prove my fitness, the athlete, from western Pinar del Río province, told reporters – adding that he is looking forward to the World Championships next September.

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