

Sport News Roundup April 22



Boxing

Two Cubans, one Dominican and two Americans, will take part Wednesday in the semifinals of the *World Junior Boxing Championship*, representing the *American* continent.

These 5 fighters already ensured their qualification for the *II Youth Olympic Games*, to be played this year in the Chinese city of Nanjing.

For Cuba, featherweight Javier Ibáñez will rival Bulgarian Dushko Mihaylov, while the cruise Yordán Hernández will bump into the cadet world champion 2013, Ukrainian Robert Marton.

For its part, the United States advanced to the semifinals with flyweight Shakir Stevenson, who will be opponent of Chinese Lu Ping, and super complete Daramni Rock strikes the Hungarian Laszlo Komor. Finally, Dominican welterweight Juan Solano faces the Uzbek Bektemir Melikuziev.

21 countries will contest the semi-finals in 2 sessions, the first one will begin at 2 pm. (local time) in the categories of 49,56,64,75 and 91 kg, while the 2nd program, scheduled for 5 pm., covers the remaining 5 divisions.

Kasajastán and Uzbekistan with 4 boxers, and Ukraine, Russia and Croatia are the nations with the highest number of classified medalists.

Football

The Ciego de Ávila team reached 28 points after beating Las Tunas in the discussion of the *99th National Football League*.

Only 6 competitive days to remain, Villa Clara, Camaguey and Havana are the closest followers of the leading team with 24, 21 and 20 points, in that order.

Baseball

The famous Cuban slugger Alfredo Despaigne will play beginning today Tuesday with the *Piratas de Campeche* of the *Mexican Baseball League, Triple-A*, as agreed by the *Cuban Baseball Federation* and the Mexican team.

This will be the 2nd consecutive season that the stellar Cuban baseball player plays on that Mexican team in which he matched one of the oldest records of *Mexican Baseball* imposed by the Cuban Martín Dihigo, who batted 6-6 in a game, as Despaigne has already participated in 33 games with 45 hits, 8 home runs, 24 RBIs and 338 batting average.

Indonesia Available to Organize Asian Games 2019

The Indonesian Olympic Committee offered today to host the *18th Asia Sports Games (ASAIID 18)* in 2019 after the recent decline of Vietnam due to economic considerations, it was officially announced in the capital Jakarta.

Ade Lukman, committee executive said that his country will be proud to host the event, which will help to encourage greater interest of Indonesians in sports and will improve the performance of their athletes.

Hanoi won the right to host the regional games in 2012, on the last round of a vote against the candidacy of the city of Surabaya, east of the Indonesian island of Java, which is now presenting with strong chances of being chosen by the *Asian Olympic Committee (AOC)*.

The decision on the new venue will be taken in the ACO conference scheduled for next September during the *17th Games* in Incheon, South Korea.

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