

# *Sports News Roundup July 17*

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## **Parachuting**

Brazil's Jorge Dervish, president of the *Latin American Commission of Skydiving (Colpar)*, highlighted the competitive level of the *XI Latin American Championship*, opened in the Cuban beach resort of Varadero.

The lid began on Tuesday in the specialty precision landing with athletes from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Cuba at the International Center of this famous beach, located 140 km. east of Havana.

'Brazilians and Cubans are strong in this sport', Dervish told Prensa Latina. He began his sports career in 1979 until 1992, and even at 60 years old, still jumps combined with the organization of such events.

'Skydiving sports development began after the II World War. It is a high-risk sport but I considered it is not dangerous because of its evolution as increased technical and security measures and there are already 35 thousand registered practitioners in the Latin America but the figure should be higher,' he explained.

"This championship worth for the world ranking of the participants, and expectations for COLPAR about the event are very positive," he added.

He noted that in addition to these (and piloting precision canopies), this edition also includes competing in skydiving free-fall formations, formations canopies and artistic events.

The release height of athletes, he added, is between one thousand and 200 thousand meters. With the XI edition, finishing up on Saturday July 19th, takes place the I Friendship Cup.

Over 50 participants vying for the top three places in each specialty, while collective are composed of 5 athletes although only 4 dots.

## **Boxing**

Cuban boxing team *Los Domadores* will be included in the Group A for the 5th edition of the *World Series of Boxing*, according to the draw released in Ankara, Turkish capital, by which the Cuban team will know which its contenders will be.

Cuba will be in Group A, together with Ukraine Otamans, Germany, Algeria Desert Hawk, Morocco, China, Russia and Mexico. The first stage will gather 16 teams to compete, starting in January 2015. Morocco and China will be a novelty, compared to the previous edition.

In Group B, Baku Fires (Azerbaijan), Astana Arlans (Kazakhstan), Dolce & Gabbana Italia Thunder (Italy), Argentina Condors, Hussars Poland, USA Knockout and another team still not defined, will compete against each other.

Cuba's *Los Domadores* will receive Morocco in the C-1 format (49, 56, 64, 75 and 91 kilograms) on January 16th, to match later Algeria in the C-2 format (52, 60, 69, 81 and over 81 kilograms) on January 23rd.

From then on, *Los Domadores* will match Russia (C-1, home club, Jan 30th), China (Feb 6th, C-2, home club), Mexico (Feb 13th, C-1, visitors), Germany (Feb. 20th, C-2, home club) and Ukraine Ottomans (Feb. 27th, C-1, visitors).

There will be a second classification round until April 24th, with an inverted organization, receiving the teams which received them at their respective homes.

The quarterfinals are scheduled from May 7th-8, the semifinals in May 21st and 22nd and the finals for June 11th and 12th in 2015.

## **Wrestling**

The Coronation of Lissette Hechevarría was the best of Cuba at the wrestling tournament for ladies corresponding to the *Pan-American Sports Festival* which is shared in several Mexican cities.

The 2011 Guadalajara champion closed the program defeating Colombian Andrea Olaya Carolina in the 75 kilos to qualify for the continental multi-sport event next year.

Ecuador led with 3 gold, plus keeping the *CPLA Golden Boot* through Angelica Bustos in her condition of most outstanding athlete of the lid. Then closed Colombia with 2, USA with 1 gold, and Cuba with 1 silver and 2 bronze medals in a contest attended by 92 contestants from 20 nations.

Tomorrow will close this sport with the *freestyle* modality for men, including Cubans who seek to validate 6 passports to attend the northern city, just 2 days after their countrymen won the 5 berths in *Greco-Roman* style.

## **Volleyball**

Cuba and the host, the United States, advanced to the semifinals of the *Men's Volleyball Tournament NORCECA U-19*, after dominating undefeated their respective preliminary groups held in the city of Tulsa.

The Cubans got the ticket directly, beating Mexico 3-2 in *Group B*, like the Americans, who beat Puerto Rico 3-0 in *A*, while Guatemala defeated 3-2 to Barbados in *Group B*.

Today will encounter Mexico and Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico vs. Guatemala in the quarter-finals, whose winners will face the Cubans and Americans in the semifinals tomorrow to finally close with a discussion

of the medals on Saturday.

The top 3 of this championship will qualify for the *2015 World Cup*, organized by the International Federation.

Cuba, which now attends with rookies in international events, won the previous edition of 2012 by defeating Mexicans in the final, while the United States beat Puerto Rico for the bronze medal.

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