

Sports News Roundup Sept 8



Wrestling

The Cuban Reineris Salas will discuss the gold medal at 86 kg of *World Wrestling Championship* that began on Monday in the Uzbek city of Tashkent.

Salas, World silver in 2013 in the former category of 84 kg, will bump into Russian Abdulrashid Sadulaev for the crown, and to reach the final, the Cuban had to win 5 clashes, including the difficult Atsushi Matsumoto (Japan), Mohammadian (Iran) and Gamzat Osmanov (Azerbaijan).

Cuba competes with 7 athletes, 4 of them in freestyle, and 3 in the Greco-Roman, and during closing wrestling on Tuesday, it will be represented by the Olympic bronze in London 2012 & 3rd in world last year, Livan Lopez, as well as Javier Cortina and Yowlis Bonne.

Football

The famous Spanish goalkeeper Iker Casillas sent greetings to the Cuban people and the football family in Cuba.

Casillas, world champion in South Africa 2010, signed his name and a greeting for Cuba on a shirt given to the Cuban Ambassador in Spain, Eugenio Martínez, said *CubaDebate* website.

The also goalkeeper and captain of *Real Madrid* team has visited Cuba in previous years, where he met Cuban people and knew of their love for this sport, and confessed to be a friend and admirer of Cuba. A

few months ago, striker Diego Costa also sent greetings to Cuba.

Judo

Cuban Dalidaivis Rodríguez and Yangaliny Jiménez closed with silver medals at the *World Judo Championships IBSA (International Blind Sports Association)*, held in the city of Colorado Springs, United States.

Rodríguez, Londres'12 Paralympic champion, this time lost the final of the 63 kg division against the Ukrainian Iryna Husieva while Jiménez, bronze in the British capital, could not beat the Uzbek Adiljan Tulendbaev in more than 100 kg.

In other notable results, the rookie Yordani Fernández achieved bronze in the 100 kg. In the *team* competitions, Brazil and Russia were crowned among *men* and *women*, respectively.

Volleyball

The stages are ready and the actors prepared to perform as the majestic show of the *2014 FIVB Men's World Championship* moves on to its 2nd round of matches with 16 teams in contention for the top honors in the quadrennial competition taking place in Poland.

Three-time defending champions Brazil, reigning Olympic champions Russia and hosts and 6th world-ranked Poland all advanced to the 2nd phase of the competition with victories in each of their 5 appearances during the opening round in Pools B, C and A, respectively, while the No. 13 France finished atop of Pool D with 4 victories on their tally.

The field of 16 teams was finished on Super Sunday's action with the sides representing United States, Italy, Finland, Cuba and Australia joining the 11 squads already with their tickets to continue the journey across Poland.

And talking about volleyball, women's team of Cuba will seek today to success at the *2nd II U23 Pan-American Volleyball Cup* when they face Costa Rica in *Group B* in Chincha city, Peru.

After beating Colombia 3-0 on Sunday, Cubans will bump into Costa Rica on Monday and against the Dominican Republic on Tuesday on the closing day of the preliminary stage of the contest, which grants 3 tickets for the World Cup 2015 of the category, along with 2 tickets to the best of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean, and 1 for the best selection of South America.

The talented Melissa Vargas, only 14 years old, was the top scorer of the match with 21 points, followed by Regla Garcia (13) and Sulian Matienzo (11), while María Martínez highlighted by Colombians with 13 points.

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