

# *Sports News Roundup Oct 15*

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## **Baseball**

Matanzas surpassed 6-3 to Las Tunas on Tuesday to add its 5th successful on-line victory and tying for 1st place of the *54th Cuban Baseball Championship* with Ciego de Avila, which succumbed to Granma.

Lefty Yoanni Yera spread 7 hits and 2 cleans in 5 episodes to file his 4th win, supported by the offensive of catcher Onel Vega, who hit 4-2, including 1 double and 4 RBIs.

In turn, Granma was supported by Roel Santos', Guillermo Avilés' and Adrian Moreno's trailers to beat Avilanians' *Los Tigres* by narrow 3-2 margin, with the 3rd success of José Armando Peña, while veteran Ciro Silvino Licea won his 6th rescue and remains as leader in that paragraph.

Now Ciego de Avila and Matanzas share the top of the Table with 12-6, closely followed by Industriales and Artemisa (11-7), which also came out successfully in their duels.

Veteran Yulieski González barely tolerated 3 hits in 6 chapters to guide Artemisa's *Los Cazadores* to a comfortable 7-1 win over Holguin, supported by Yunieski García's 4th rescue and offensive of Dariel Crespo and Alay Lago, with 2 RBIs per capita.

Also, Industriales knocked out 11-1 to Guantanamo with an unstoppable attack of 13 hits, including homers by Yuniesky Gourriel, Yohandri Urgellés and Lourdes Y. Gourriel, while Jesús Balaguer took the credit as reliever.

In other results on Tuesday, Sancti Spiritus overcame 8-2 to monarch Pinar del Rio, Isla de la Juventud blanked 5-0 to Villa Clara, Santiago de Cuba handcuffed 4-2 to Cienfuegos and Mayabeque surpassed 4-0 to Camagüey.

After today's break, the National Series resumes on Thursday with the duels of Isla de la Juventud-Mayabeque, Camagüey-Villa Clara, Ciego de Ávila-Las Tunas, Artemisa-Guantánamo, Granma-Matanzas, Sancti Spiritus-Industriales, Pinar del Rio-Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos Holguín.

And closing with the passionate baseball, it was officially announced that the star player Yulieski Gourriel is already in Cuba to, after a break, start playing again with Havana's *Industriales* team in the current *National Baseball Series*, after successfully playing in *Japan Professional Baseball League*.

Yulieski confessed he finished extremely exhausted after playing in 62 games for the Yokohama DeNA Baystars where he had an average of .305, including 73 hits in 239 at bats, 46 runs, 30 RBIs, 22 doubles and 11 homers.

## **Boxing**

Olympic monarchs Robeisy Ramírez and Roniel Iglesias brought another 2 wins to Cuba today in the 2nd date of the *Mohamed VI Boxing Cup* which takes place in the Moroccan city of Marrakech.

According to local press, the feather Robeisy Ramírez won easily 3-0 to Egyptian Hesham Yehia Mahmoud, but the welter Roniel Iglesias had to battle against the most demanding local figure, Rabil Mohamed, bronze at the Cuba's *Giraldo Córdova Cardin Boxing Tournament* this year, whom he won by 2-1.

However, the lightweight and twice world champion Lázaro Álvarez, lost by no show against the unknown Senegalese Wade Ibrahina because of a stomach complaints.

Cuba got 6 wins in the opening day and has 9 active men seeking 5 silver medals tomorrow morning by mini-flyweight Santiago Amador; feather Robeisy Ramírez; light welter Yasnier Toledo; medium Arlen López, and heavy Erislandy Savón.

And to close, we inform our friends and boxing fans that the *VI Eugenio Titi Basulto Boxing Cup in Memoriam* runs from today until Friday 17th in Camagüey city with the participation of 6 provinces, 12 athletes of the national preselection and a host equipment.

The *Iván Hidalgo Funes Auditorium* will host 100 fighters of the central and eastern provinces with the assistance of 15 referees, under the single elimination system, 3 round 3 minutes per game, with 1 minute break in each assault.

The Cup pays tribute to Eugenio "Titi" Basulto, who contributed to the development of boxing in the province of Camagüey as a relevant international coach and referee of international category, ranked as the *Best Boxing Referee* at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1984.

## **Chess**

The 11th and last round of the *Baku Chess Grand Prix* finished with another adversely chapter for Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez, who suffered his 5th setback to close with only 3 points.

This time Lenier lost with the black pieces in 40 moves of a *Sicilian defense* against Russian GM Alexander Grischuk (2797), who later gave in to Italian GM Fabiano Caruana and Israeli GM Boris Gelfand, who finished as leaders; thus, the Cuban lost 24.8 Elo points and sealed his worst foray into the world elite.

## **Chess Simultaneous Match in Argentina in Honor of Cuban Five**

The *Argentinean Committee for Freedom of the Five* summoned to a simultaneous chess match to be played on October 25th, to make Argentinean public aware of the need to liberate the 3 Cuban heroes still incarcerated in the United States.

This solidarity group will organize the event under the slogan "*From Che to Tony, from Cuba to Argentina*" and this match will be played on October 25th at the *Obelisque square*, Buenos Aires' icon monument built in 1936 to commemorate the 4th centennial of the city's foundation.

The Committee has as its members legislators, trade unionists, academicians and affiliates to other parties and social groups. It has been carrying out an active campaign in favor of the freedom of Gerardo Hernandez, Antonio Guerrero and Ramón Labañino.

The 3 Cubans have been in jail for over 16 years in high-security penitentiaries in different regions of the States, detention that a legal panel at the UN decreed as illegal and arbitrary for having been condemned in a biased and politically stained process in Miami.

The other two, Fernando and René González were freed in 2014 and 2013 after serving their complete sentences of 16 and 15 years, respectively.

According to the program of the *Match*, participants will be players and teachers of the *Peón Vuelve Chess Organization*, open to all those who want to take part and play with the chess players, says the summon that began circulating today over the social networks.

There will also be an *Open Radio* through which people will be able to learn the truth about *The Five*, as they are known worldwide, in the campaign against terrorism and for their freedom.

The *Argentinean Committee for the Five* is collecting signatures for a letter that will be delivered next October 28th at the US Embassy in Buenos Aires, addressed to President Barack Obama, demanding the end of its illegal and morally unsustainable blockade on Cuba.

Also, in another part of the letter, people who sign it, demand the immediate freedom of Gerardo, Ramón and Antonio.

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