

Sports News Roundup Oct 17



Chess

Cubans Lázaro Bruzón and Isam Ortiz will experience once again the struggle to qualify for the world cup at the Pan American Chess Cup in Río Grande do Norte, Brazil, with the participation of over 180 players from 11 nations, according to JIT online news.

Bruzón, Elo of 2679, is the first candidate to win one of the four qualifying positions to the chess world cup 2015.

Ortiz, current Cuban champ and 2611 of Elo, comes six at the list published by the event's organizing committee.

The continental event begins on October 18th with 11 rounds up to October 26th, using the Swiss system of two days with double games and in case of draw, players will face fast matches.

Bruzón won this type of tournament in 2005 and 2011.

Baseball

Isla de la Juventud and Mayabeque ended their first game in 13 innings of the 54th National Baseball Series due to lack of artificial lights at the Cristóbal Labra stadium. Both teams resumed the game, tied at four runs, on Friday morning.

The only stadiums in Cuba that don't have lights and therefore can't play night games are Cristóbal Labra in Isla de la Juventud and 26 de Julio in Artemisa.

In the current National Baseball Series, Ciego de Ávila and Matanzas have kept their lead. Matanzas beat Granma 6-1 with excellent work of right starter Jonder Martínez, current leader with a 5-0 win record. Las Tunas lost to Ciego de Avila by a score of 5-11.

Frank Monthiet threw great pitches to keep his team Industriales third in the series after beating Sancti Spiritus 4-1.

"If the team plays as it did playing Sancti Spiritus, we won't have any trouble to qualify to the second phase among the first eight," Monthiet told JIT after the game.

Sport Shooting

Jorge Grau won the gold medal in men's 50 meters pistol and qualified for the Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016 on Thursday at the 11th *Championship of the Americas Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun*, in Guadalajara, Mexico 2014.

Grau, who had won silver but in the 10 meters event, achieved an outstanding job winning 192,5 points in nine series to beat Brazilian Julio Almeida (189.4 points) and U.S. Jason Turner (168.7).

The Cuban shooter set a record for Latin America with the new system in the medal phase starting in the third round, in which the competitor with the lowest points is eliminated.

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