

# *Sports News Roundup Oct 23*

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## **Baseball**

The stellar Norge Luis Ruiz stopped the offensive of runner-up and leader Matanzas, to lead Camagüey to a 5-0 win on Wednesday in the continuation of the *54th Cuban Baseball Championship*.

Ruiz scored his 3rd success by covering 8 chapters at a rate of 7 strikeouts and allowed only 3 hits, while 3rd baseman Henry Quintero led the offensive with 4-3, with 1 double and 3 RBIs.

Industriales took advantage of *Los Cocodrilos* failure to stay 1 game from the top after beating Las Tunas 12-5, with triumph of reliever Jesus Balaguer and offensive highlight of Lourdes Gourriel Junior and Alexander Malleta with 1 homer each.

Meanwhile, Santiago de Cuba avoided the sweep by leaving Artemisa on the field by 4-3 in 11 extended episodes, won by Jorge Luis Bravo, who allowed 2 hits in 3 innings and a half, while the designated batter Norberto Castellanos led the attack of *Las Avispas* with 2 trailers.

In other results, Granma trounced Mayabeque 11-0, Cienfuegos disposed of Sancti Spiritus 7-2, while the encounters of Holguin-Isla de la Juventud and Villa Clara vs. Pinar del Río were suspended by rain; tonight's clash covers Ciego de Avila against Guantanamo.

## **Chess**

Cuban GM Lázaro Bruzón rose to 3rd place with 5.5 points at the *Continental Chess Championship*, which gives 4 tickets to the *World Cup 2015*, while his compatriot Isan Ortiz, with the same accumulated

went up to 8th after 7 of 11 rounds based in the *Pipa Atlantic Hotel*, Brazilian region of Rio Grande Del Norte.

Bruzón, seeded number one in the tournament for his rating of 2679 points, won in the 6th round with the black pieces to his Paraguayan counterpart José Fernando Cubas, and then drew with the Mexican GM Gilberto Hernandez.

The 2nd player from Cuba and Latin America files 4 wins and 3 draws and is losing 3.6 points ELO.

Meanwhile, the silver medal in the 4th board at last World Olympiad, GM Isan Ortiz, scored his 4th victory on Wednesday after overcoming with dark figures Peruvian IM Giuseppe Leiva, to lately agreed tables with the Brazilian IM Santiago Moura.

Isan, like Bruzón, collects 4 hits and 3 draws, and now neither gets nor loses any ELO points in a tournament led with 6 points by American GM Alexander Shabalov, and Salvador Alonso, of Argentina, then placed 13 players with 5.5 units, but according to tiebreaker, Bruzón is 3rd and Isan is 8th.

This Thursday will face Shabalov and Alonso, while Cubans Bruzón and Ortiz will rival with black pieces against American Gregory Kaidanov and Chilean FM Matías Pérez, in that order.

## Archery

The Cuban teams (m-f) of archery, competing at the *Continental Archery Games* in classification for the *Pan-American Games* next year in Toronto, reported *Jit* sports digital today.

According to information given by international judge Sergio Font, quoted by *Jit*, the men's team obtained their ticket after classifying 3rd in the Olympic round, while women finished 4th to classify for the Toronto venue; in both modalities, Colombia came in first, followed by the States, Chile and Mexico, respectively, all equally qualified for the *Pan-American Games* in Canada.

Mexicans and U.S. archers escorted Colombians in the women's competition and Venezuelans ended in the 5th position, last chance for obtaining tickets for Toronto.

The program of the *Pan-American Championship of Archery*, in Rosario, Argentina, also includes youth competitions, of mixed teams and individual matches of both sexes.

Besides the archery modality, the only one included in *Pan-American* and *Olympic Games*, there will be competitions of composed arch and for differently disabled participants.

## Shooting

Cuba closed its participation in the *9th American Cup of Sports Shooting* when Alexander Moleiro achieved the 8th gold medal in rifle at 3 positions style at 50 meters (m).

At the *Guadalajara Hunting Club*, Moleiro surprised rivals and specialists because after rating in the last position with 1,149 points, he won the final with 446.6, ahead of the host (443.6), and his compatriot Reinier Estopiñán (430.8).

Cuba finished 2nd by teams with a balance of 3,438 units, behind the United States (3,470) and ahead of Argentina (3,429).

Meanwhile in standard pistol, the trio Leuris Pupo, Jorge Felix Alvarez and Juan Francisco Perez compiled 1,660 stripes, to escort the winning cast of Venezuela with (1.672) and overtake Puerto Rico, 3rd with 1,642.

Overall the Cuban representation ended with 8 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals. In addition, the Cuban team also known as the “Cuban gunmen”, got 5 tickets for the *Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro-2016*, thanks to Eglys de la Cruz (10m air rifle and 50 m rifle three positions), Jorge Grau (50 m pistol) and Estopiñán (rifle 50 m).

Dianelys Perez finished 2nd in the 50 m rifle three positions but reached the passport because Eglys already had it.

They also got 17 tickets for the upcoming *Pan-American Games* to be held in Toronto, Canada in 2015.

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