

# *Sports News Roundup March 13*

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## **Boxing**

World Series of Boxing (WSB) Season IV Champions Cuba Domadores have enjoyed a flawless start to the fifth edition of the competition, and seek their ninth successive victory at home to Algeria Desert Hawks.

The African Franchise have just one victory from their seven fixtures this season, and lost 5-0 to Cuba at home back in week two of the competition.

Havana's Ciudad Deportiva sports center is the venue for this Group A clash on Friday where fans across the world can watch the action free, live and on demand from 20:30 GMT (-4) at [AIBABoxingTV.com](http://AIBABoxingTV.com).

The 2-2 Cuban Light flyweight (49 kg) Joahnys Oscar Argilagos Perez has lost his last two matches, and will hope to resume his winning ways against Algeria's 0-1 Zoheir Toudjine.

Match number two is an intriguing Bantamweight (56 kg) contest between 2-0 Domadores Andy Cruz Gomez and Desert Hawk Fahem Hammachi.

Cuba will bet again for Andy Cruz to replace Olympic champion Robeisy Ramirez this time. Cruz, with two wins seems to have earned the trust of coaches in a competition that will award the first tickets to the upcoming Olympic Games.

Cuba's Light Welterweight Kevin Brown will do his debut in World Series of Boxing after replacing world championship medallist Yasnier Toledo. His week nine opponent is Algeria's 2-1 Mohamed Boudiaf who is riding a two fight win streak.

Cuba's Arlen Lopez lost his first match of the season two weeks ago, but remains second in the Middleweight (75 kg) rankings.

He faces tough opposition in Havana as 2-0 Ilyas Abadi takes to the ring in opposition.

The final match of the evening is at Heavyweight (91 kg) where the 4-0 knockout artist Erislandy Savon meets 1-1 Bouziane Houna.

Domadores is leading Group A with 24 points, six ahead of Russia.

## **Athletics qualifier for Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games to take place in El Salvador**

El Salvador will host an athletics qualification event ahead of this year's Parapan American Games.

The event, which will focus upon nations in the Central America and the Caribbean region, has been scheduled for June 2 to 7 and should include 150 participants, consisting of athletes, coaches, classifiers and officials.

Organized by the El Salvador National Paralympic Committee, the event is part of a broader project in the Central Americas region funded by the Agitos Foundation's Grant Support Project.

This has already involved a goalball tournament last November successfully staged in Managua, Nicaragua's capital, with the latest event hailed as a major opportunity for neighbouring countries in the area.

"We are proud to host the first country-level Central American and Caribbean athletics meeting of this type, said Paralympic Committee of El Salvador (COPESA) President Jorge Ochoa.

"It speaks highly of El Salvador and shows the International Paralympic Committee and Agitos Foundation has seen our efforts to develop sport for people with disabilities."

Athlete classification opportunities will also take place over the three days before the Games, it was confirmed.

At least 10 countries are expected to compete, including El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Puerto Rico, with other South American nations also to be invited.

The Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games are then scheduled for August 7 to 15, with around 1,600 athletes set to compete across 28 different sports.

### **Swimming**

Budapest will host the World Swimming in 2017, after the Mexican city of Guadalajara renounced to organize the championship, according to official sources.

The government of Hungary and the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) signed an agreement Wednesday for the organization of the tournament, a month after the resignation of Guadalajara for economic reasons.

According to executive director of FINA, Cornel Marculescu, the decision was unanimous, and he predicted that in July 2017 the championships will be fantastic.

FINA quickly decided to give a chance to Budapest, after it filed its candidacy to replace the Mexican venue originally chosen, Marculescu said.

Previously, the European city was chosen to host the World Cup in 2021, so the FINA will open a new contest to choose another venue for that tournament.

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