

# *Sports News Roundup March 28*

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## **Baseball**

Isla de la Juventud beat Matanzas 7-6 after 5 hours of play and took advantage of 2-1 in the semifinal duel to discuss the title of Cuban baseball.

A decisive Jorge Alberto Tartabull's unstoppable with loaded bases at the end of the 12th inning facing reliever Yanier Blanco, defined the match at the *Cristóbal Labra Stadium*, in Nueva Gerona city.

With this result Isla de la Juventud has become the team with best definition score in closed games as it has played 11 innings and won in 10, besides presenting 35 matches, 20 of them won by 1 run.

Michel Enriquez, 6-3, with 3 runs, led *Los Piratas'* attack, which connected 12 hits, had in Jorge Luis Barcelán another driving hitter with a trio of runs while Luis Yander La O with 1 single, double, homer and 2 RBIs, and Yurisbel Gracial, 6-2, 1 driven, in a fit of 10 hits, excelled by *Los Cocodrilos*.

Hector Mendoza, 4th pitcher used by the director José Luis Rodríguez Pantoja, worked 1 and a half inning to take the win while Yasmany Insua, 1 of the 9 Matanzas' pitchers in the game and who worked 4 and a half, took the loss.

The 4th match of this bilateral playoff to win 7 will be held this Saturday at the same place, *Isla de la Juventud Stadium*, from 13:15 (local time), while Ciego de Avila and Granma rival at 18:30 at the *José Ramón Cepero Stadium*.

## **Badminton**

Osleni Guerrero was the only Cuban who advanced to the semifinals this Saturday at the *16th Giraldilla International Badminton Tournament*.

The runner-up in *Guadalajara-2011*, 57th in the world ranking and 1st seed in this tournament, met forecasts to break the Italian Rosario Maddaloni with partials of 21-17, 17-21 and 21-11 in 55 min.

This Saturday Osleni will face the Peruvian Andres Corpancho I search of the victory to take him to regain the lost crown in the previous version when he became bronze modal.

Despite the good tournament level, Miguel Diaz, president of the Cuban Badminton Federation, said that the aim of Guerrero can not be other than winning the title, and thus improve the third seat achieved last year.

This competition will bring together 60 contestants --including 15 Cubans--, representing 12 countries.

Roberto Moyinedo, Cuban head coach, told ACN that for them the main objective will be to assess the training of his pupils toward the *Pan-American Games* in Toronto, Canada.

## **Boxing**

Cuba's *Los Domadores* today retained their unbeaten at the World Series of Boxing, defeating five bouts by zero to the Dragons of China in the 11th weekend competitions.

In the Mangrove tree Convention Center in Sanya, visitors did not give truce and came rushing from the first fight, won by the young man of 19 years Joahnys Argilagos (49 kilograms) to Junjun He, by split vote.

Then unanimously defeated Andy Cruz (56), Yasnier Toledo (64), Arlen Lopez (75) and Erislandy Savon (91) to Jianhao Diao, Tuoliaowutayi Sairike, Gejiletu Chao Guo Jin, respectively.

After the success, the Wranglers are ratified at the top of Group A with victories in his 11 duels, and a total of 33 points.

This Friday will be rivals Knockouts US-Lobos Astana in Miami, and Lions of Morocco-Otamans of Ukraine in Casablanca.

Series continues Saturday with the Falcons duels Algeria-Hearts Lion Britain in Blida, Chiefs of Venezuela-Puerto Rico Hurricane in Maiquetia and Warriors in Aguascalientes Mexico-Russia.

Finally, on the same date rival Polish Hussars-Baku Fires in Gdansk and Thunder Italy-Milan Argentina Condors.

## **Football**

The Cuban soccer team --group that includes the 9 bronze medalists in *Veracruz 2014*-- faces Jamaica this Saturday at overlooking the *Russia 2018 World Cup* qualifiers and the *Gold Cup 2015*, FIFA's event.

The disciples of Walter Benítez and Raul Gonzales Triana traveled to Montego Bay from Dominican Republic where they played the *Máximo Gómez Cup*.



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