

# *Sports News Roundup June 06*

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## **Volleyball**

The Cuban team promises to redeem before Bulgaria in their 2nd clash corresponding to *Group C* of the men's *World League Volleyball* played in the *Sports City Coliseum* in Havana; earlier, Cuba's women's team had lost in 4 sets to Puerto Rico.

The day before, the hosts gave in 1x3 to visitors, with partials of 22-25, 25-23, 26-24 and 25-23, before a crowd that defied rainy weather to support the locals.

The Dominican team will face off Puerto Rico today in a duel of unbeaten teams whose winner will qualify for the *Women's World Volleyball Cup* in Tokyo, with pre-Olympic character.

Both teams debuted on Monday with victories in the NORCECA final by beating the Dominicans to Canada and Puerto Ricans to Cuba, both with identical results of 3x1.

## **Judo**

The Cuban men's judo team will be in action today in the 1st round of *Open Minsk*, Belarus, where 276 representatives from 34 countries compete until tomorrow, Sunday.

This Saturday will go to the tatami Yandry Torres in the 60 kilograms, Carlos Tondique (66 kilos) and Magdiel Estrada (73), while Ivan Silva (81), Jose Armenteros (100) and Alex Garcia (+100) will stage on Sunday; the only one absent is Asley Gonzalez (90) at the medical advise of Dr. Uvelino Moreno, and

technical strategy of his training professor Justo Noda.

## **Blind American to Cross the Florida Straits in a Kayak**

Peter Crowley, an American athlete with a visual handicap, will try today to cross the Straits of Florida in a kayak, on another adventure devoted to the friendship between the peoples of Cuba and the United States.

After a failed attempt in April 2014 due to adverse weather conditions, Crowley will depart again from the *Havana's Hemingway International Yacht Club*, located west of the capital, accompanied by his son and a support boat.

Crowley, 57 years old, who suffers from optic atrophy, offered a press conference at the headquarters of the institution which for over two decades has focused its work on strengthening relations between Cuba and the international sailing community, announced José Miguel Díaz Escrich, Commodore of the Club.

Despite not having completed his feat in 2014, this lover of the sea and adventure said he was happy to bring to Cuba equipment for visually impaired students.

Crowley's adventure comes a few days after completion of the *65th Ernest Hemingway International Fishing Tournament of Marlin*, which was attended for the first time in more than a decade by boats from United States.

Crossing the 145 km. from the Cuban coast to Key West has become a challenge for many athletes in the world, especially from the U.S. After 28 hours of paddling, standing on a surfboard, for instance, the American Benjamin Friberg achieved the challenge in August 2013, a fact that made him the first man to cross the distance in those conditions.

In June 2011, a Miami Beach lifeguard completed the route in just over 29 hours, lying on a board and stroking.

Also in September 2013, the American Diana Nyad, 64 years old, managed to cover the distance swimming from Havana to Key West, in Florida, without protection against sharks, after 4 previously failed attempts.

The *Yacht Club* has today the support of over 600 organizations and thousands of personalities.

## **Football**

The *Barcelona* team will meet today to *Juventus* in the final of the *Champions League European football*, where the winner also will get the coveted treble of titles, i.e, the triple crown of *League*, *Cup* and *Champions* for 3rd time in the last 7 years.

Holders of the double crown in Spain and Italy, *Barcelona* and *Juventus* teams will fight it out this Saturday in Berlin, Germany.



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