

Sports News Roundup October 08



Baseball

Granma took 3rd seat at the *55th Cuban Baseball Championship* Table after completing a sweep over the decreased Villa Clara, with a 5-3 victory.

Jose Armando Peña added his 4th success with a solid performance in 8 innings, allowing just 8 hits and 3 earned, and supported by Ciro Silvino Licea's rescue and 1st baseman Yordanis Samon's offensive with 2 trailers.

Thus, Los Alazanes from Granma reached 19 wins with 10 setbacks shadow, only half game from the pointer and current monarch Ciego de Avila (21-9), and mid-game from Pinar del Río (19-9), which surpassed Camagüey 3-1 on Wednesday in the other match of the night.

Outfielder Yasser Julio Gonzalez hit 4-2, including 1 solo homer to lead the gunner of Pinar del Rio's Los Vegueros attack, while veteran Vladimir Baños guaranteed the victory to disseminate 4 hits, and 1 unearned run in 8 chapters.

In evening hours Las Tunas won Artemisa 3-0 to score its 5th consecutive victory and climb the 4th seat, while the surprising Cienfuegos was ratified in the *Classification Area* with 19-4 to subdue the leader Ciego de Avila, in just 5 innings.

Also, runner-up Isla de la Juventud overcame Santiago de Cuba 8-7, Mayabeque 6-4 to Guantanamo, Holguin 6-3 to Matanzas, and Sancti Spiritus 6-5 to Industriales.

After these results, Ciego de Avila's *Los Tigres* lead the domestic baseball classic with 21 and 9, followed by Pinar del Río (19-9), Granma (19-10), Las Tunas (18-10), Industriales (19-11) Cienfuegos (15-12), Matanzas (16-13) and Sancti Spiritus (16-14).

Outside the *Sorting Area* struggle to the next round Holguin, Isla de la Juventud (15-15), Guantanamo (14-15), Villa Clara (14-16), Santiago de Cuba (11-19), Artemisa (8-19), Camagüey (8-22) and Mayabeque (5-24).

Volleyball

Cuba and Canada qualified unbeaten for the *Final Four Olympic Qualifying* in January next year, after winning their groups at the *NORCECA Men's Volleyball Tournament*, held at the *Veracruz' Cordova Arena*, Mexico.

Cubans defeated 3-0 to the hosts, who had won their 2 previous games against the weak teams of Costa Rica and Trinidad and Tobago, as Canada advanced after winning in straight sets to Puerto Rico.

Boxing

Yasnier Toledo, Arlén López and Erislandy Savón won today and coined to Cuba at the *World Boxing Championship* which takes place in Doha, capital of Qatar.

Everything went well, said light welterweight Toledo after defeating Moroccan Abdelhak Aatakni 3-0 in what was his 1st step toward the gold and 2 subtitles achieved at that level.

The median Arlén López unanimous ruled on the Slovenian Ailaj Venko in litigation that marked his premiere in such scenarios, only months after being proclaimed Pan-American king.

Finally, cruise Savón joined the winners 3-0 by victory and left on the road to the Ecuadorian Julio Castillo, who had been his victim at the last *V World Series*.

Cuba also depends on today's flyweight Joahnys Argilagos and featherweight Andy Cross, called to surpass Spanish Samuel Carmona and Russian Bakhtovar Nazirov, in that order.

Cuba to Host FINA Pan American for Children and Junior

The head of diving competitions for the *International Swimming Federation (FINA) Swimming*, Khaty Seaman, emphasized that the host of the *Children and Junior Pan-American Swimming Championship*, to be held in Matanzas, Cuba, from October 8th to 11th, to be well-organized.

The event will take at the *Luis Augusto Turcios Lima Sports Beginner School (EIDE)* swimming pool in this city, 100 km. east of Havana.

"It is fantastic and it has all that it needs for a competition of the first level", said the official, who represented her country, Canada, in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany, as a diver.

In opinion of Seaman, the school has conditions and facility in its infrastructure to carry a juvenile world cup out, which includes the good weather in the island as another agreeable condition.

The competitors will compete, from tomorrow onwards, in the categories of 11 years (D), 12-13 (C), 14-15 (B) and 16-18 (A), in one and three meters springboard, and in platform from three to 10 meters, in dependence of the group to which they belong.

Lino Socorro, main trainer of the major Cuban team, thought the fight will have a high competitive quality, with the presence of athletes of high status in spite of being still *junior*.

"Canada, Mexico and the States came with their best exponents, and for Cuba it constitutes an expectation to see how their athletes are in these ages", he stood out.

Socorro talked about the support they got from the Canadian Federation as for equipment, and the works of repair of the sports facilities.

The program of the regional tournament will get underway today with the discussion of the medals among men, in the categories A, B and C in springboard of 3 meters, 1 meter, and platform, respectively while females will do it in the categories B, D and A, in platform, 3 meters springboard, and springboard of 1 meter, in this order.

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