

# *Sports News roundup October 29*

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## **Soccer**

Determined to break the tie of last Wednesday, the Cuba's and Costa Rica's Sub-17 years-old women's soccer teams will play the 2nd and last friendly match with headquarters at the capital's *Pedro Marrero National Stadium*.

The 1st match ended 2-2 with goals for locals Yilianni Sablon (penalty) and Wendy Corcho, while Sthephanie Blanco and Mefannie Palacios did it for the visitors.

Cuba and Costa Rica are training to intervene in their respective qualifying tournaments heading into the CONCACAF finals to be held in Grenada in March 2016, which grants 3 tickets to the World Cup in Jordan.

## **Doping**

The *UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sports, ICADIS*, meets today in Paris in its 5th conference of the involved parties with a view to discuss an issue of vital importance for such practice.

The event that is held every 2 years is expected to be attended by more than 250 government and sports representatives from all over the world to discuss the challenges of the fight against doping and to propose new solutions, according to information from the *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)*.

## **Australian & Cuban Olympic Committees to Share Resources**

The *Australian Olympic Committee AOC* has signed an agreement, initially valid for 4 years, with its Cuban counterpart to allow the countries to share resources in developing athletes and coaches.

The AOC said this Thursday it will share information on sports science, sports medicine and the construction of facilities with the Cuban Olympic Committee, as well as "provide a platform for academic exchange in an effort to raise the level of sport in the respective countries."

AOC President John Coates said both countries will also cooperate in the fight against doping.

## **Putin Calls for UN Resolution on the Depoliticization of Sports**

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently called to adopt a resolution in the UN General Assembly to separate, once and for all, the politics of sports from international law.

"I consider it important to draft and adopt a resolution at the UN General Assembly to strengthen, from a legal point of view, the principle of de-politicization of sports in the international arena," he said, according to local media.

Putin made the remarks during the *1st World Olympian Forum*, which gathered in Moscow both active and retired athletes such as pole vaulter Sergey Bubka and Yelena Isinbayeva, swimmer Vladimir Salnikov or wrestler Alexander Karelin.

He stressed that Russia continues, literally speaking, the Olympic Charter, which considers "inadmissible the use of athletes for political purposes." "We consistently support the thesis that sports is outside politics," said the head of the Kremlin, who is a fan of judo, karate and all martial arts as well as winter sports.

In this regard, IOC President Thomas Bach, spoke out against a boycott of the Olympic Games, which qualifies as "discrimination that contradicts the Olympic principles."

Bach recalled that after winning Olympic host in 1976 in Montreal, Moscow could not compete in 1980 because of the Western boycott due to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan.

Indeed, the IOC and athletes from all continents signed a declaration on the neutrality of the Olympians.

About 300 people from 120 countries participated in the forum, including Prince Albert II of Monaco, who was received by the Russian president.

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