

Sport News Round Up March 11



Judo

The main figures of Cuban judo in both sexes will seek in a tournament in Barbados their classification to the Central American and Caribbean Games this November in Veracruz, Mexico.

Absent from this event to be held in the city of Bridgetown from March 13th to the 17th, are the world champion and Olympic silver medalist in the 90 kg, Asley Gonzalez, and Oscar Braison (+100 kg), who are recovering from injuries on their shoulders and arms, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Cuban women's team will be led by Idalis Ortiz (+78), Yanet Bermoy (52), Yalennis Castillo (78), Dayaris Mestre (44), Celia Maria Laborde (48), Aliuska Ojeda (57), Maricet Espinosa (63) and Olga Masferrer (70).

The experienced professors Justo Nodas and Ronaldo Veitía will act as head coaches of men and women, respectively, supported by the trainer Armando Padrón and physiotherapist Camilo Llorca.

Cycling

Camagüey's cyclist Victor Orta was the most outstanding athlete of the month of February in Ciego de Avila province for his 4th place at the recently concluded *1st Camagüey to Havana Cycling Classic*, U-23 category.

At the regular meeting of the *Directorate of Sports and the Circle of Sports Journalists* in the province, it was revealed that Orta reached 12th place at the individual general classification among the 90 riders

who took part in the event.

In this cycling tour, the young athlete won the 2nd stage, a result that turned him into the 3rd Avilanian to master the prestigious event.

The above two local riders who also won competitions were Aníbal Torres, in 1980, and Alien Garcia, in 2009, said Ruben Companioni (father), also an Avilanian glory of the sport on the island.

In a meeting with the press, it was also announced the schedule of activities for March, among which are the continuation of the *Football National Championship* and local qualifying tournaments of this discipline in the school and youth categories, and the *National League of Field Hockey*, *The Terry Fox Marathon* and the iconic local sporting event, the *Crossing of Júcaro-Moron Gauge*, said Waldo Rodriguez, head of the *Marabana-Maracuba project* at the Directorate Provincial Sports.

Sotomayor Cancels Participation at the Godoy Memorial by Injury

In an interview with Radio Havana Cuba, the world record holder in the high jump, Javier Sotomayor, said he had to cancel his expected participation at the *IV José Godoy Memorial* because of an old injury in previous workouts; however, the star promised to train better for the next event.

Concerning the relay of youth figures, the champ confessed to be admired by the amount of local talents who are already present and training at all levels and promise, basically from events like this one, which are supported by the comprehensive work of its organizers, coaches and participants, especially in this discipline; thus, he feels personally satisfied.

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