

Sport News Roundup May 6



Boxing

Cuba already has 5 qualified men for the *Central American and Caribbean Games, Veracruz 2014*, next November.

The twice world monarch Lázaro Álvarez, who recently beat in Tijuana Honduran Jesús Zalazar by 3-0, and the medium Ramón Luis, joined the already classified and rookie flyweight Santiago Amador, the Olympic Roniel Iglesias, king of the welterweight division, and super complete Yoandris Toirac.

Shooting

Leuris Pupo, *London 2012* Olympic champion in shooting, leads the list of more than 30 Holguin's athletes to attend *Veracruz 2014*.

Among the preselected, already classified or not for the fair in the Mexican city from November 14th to 30th, appear so far only 3 of the participants in *Cartagena de Indias 2006*, the most recent Cuba's participation in such events.

For this Cuban province already have their tickets the judoka Yalennis Castillo, the softball player Mailín Sánchez, Katherine Videaux (wrestling, 63 kilos), Yoandra Moreno (karate, +68), Sergio González (beach volleyball), Taimara Oropesa (Badminton) and Yarisleidis del Rosario (softball).

Volleyball

The men's national volleyball team of Cuba will travel on Thursday to Mexico to join a training base that includes 3 games with the local national team.

Rodolfo Sánchez, technical director, announced the 12 selected players, plus coaches Víctor García and Yosvani Muñoz and Antonio Iznagas as physician, the digital Jit sports publication reports today.

In the meantime, it was also known from Guatemala the good news that Cuba's male beach volleyball duo, formed by Sergio Gonzalez and Nivaldo Díaz, got the gold medal --as undefeated-- in the 2nd phase of the *North Central American and Caribbean (NORCECA)* regional circuit by defeating 2-0 (21-17, 21-16) to Americans William Montgomery-Stafford Slick, *Group A*, at the *Campo Marte* stadium in the Guatemala's capital.

The 3rd stage of the NORCECA Circuit will be next weekend in the Guatemalan city of Antigua, where Cubans are in their the 2nd stake, as there were not attend in the 1st stage held in Cayman Islands, from April 23rd to 28th.

Basketball

The male basketball team of Cuba recently traveled to Beijing, China, to meet some friendly caps with local clubs in preparation for the *Caribbean Tournament*, scheduled from July 1st to 7th in the British Virgin Islands, reported to a radio local station, Cuba's coach Daniel Scott.

"We traveled with 12 players for 22 days to meet training tops with local teams as well as selections from Lithuania and Australia," Scott said.

The men's basketball team does not participate in any international competition since June 2012 when it took part in the *Centrobasket* in Puerto Rico and finished in 8th place after the defection of 5 members of the squad.

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