

Sports News Roundup June 16



Boxing

Cuba with 6-1-6, Ecuador (2-1-2) and China (2-1-2) divided the loot at the recently concluded *Giraldo Córdova Cardín International Boxing Tournament*, the premier event of its kind in the Caribbean island.

Without relying on its main stars who have just won the *IV World Series of Boxing (WSB)*, Cuba took 1st place, ahead of the other 17 contestants, thanks to the fists of Leodán Núñez at 52 kg., Norlan Yera, 56, Armando Martínez, 60, Luis Oliva at 64, Emilio Correa at 75, Frank Sanchez at 91, and Yoandris Toirac, +91 kilos.

Swimming

Cuba's Hanser Garcia reached another silver medal in the 100 meters freestyle at the prestigious *Mare Nostrum* swimming circuit, held during the 3rd stop in Barcelona, Spain.

García, *London-2012* Olympic finalist, recorded 49.05 sec., only surpassed by the Olympic champion Nathan Adrian (48.08).

Over the weekend in Canet, France, the Cuban had also managed silver, just behind Adrian.

Chess

The Cuban GM Yaniet Marrero added 8 points of 9 to keep the crown of the *Central American and Caribbean Chess Championship* for women, hosted in the Salvadoran capital.

Yaniet closed undefeated with 7 wins and a couple of draws, 1 of them facing the Guatemalan IM Silvia Sotomayor, who seconded her in the rankings, also with 8 units.

Volleyball

Cuba, Turkey, China and Slovakia will encourage the end of the 3rd level of the *World Volleyball League* to be held in the Turkish city of Bursa from the 27th to 29th of this month.

The Cubans, with a young and renewed team, won *Group F* with 15 points, 5 wins and 1 reverse, followed by Turkey (13-4-2), Mexico (5-2-3) and Tunisia (0-0-5), while in *Group G* China got (14-5-1) and Slovakia (11-3-3), to complete the quartet to discuss the supremacy.

As in the previous 2 games, Osmani Uriarte was the key figure in the Cuban offensive with 20 points, within a team that made too many mistakes: 30. The remaining groups, from A to E, continue their knockout stage ending on July 6th.

Also from volleyball, we knew learned that the Cuban women's team will face Argentina tomorrow in the quarter-finals of the *XIII Pan-American Cup*, which grants seats for the *Grand Prix 2015*, Cuban Prensa Latina news agency said from Mexico.

Cuba beat Peru 3-0 on Sunday at the *Juan de la Barrera gym* of Mexico, where again, Melissa Vargas was the leading figure of Cuba by adding 24 points, including 6 blocks, and was escorted by Sulian Matienzo and Jennifer Alvarez, with 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Angela Leyva led Peru's offensive with 15 points, followed by Karla Ortiz, who scored 11.

Brazil 2014

Argentina left sown doubts about its real potential in the *Brazil 2014 World Cup* after beating without any glory or shine to Bosnia-Herzegovina by 2-1 on Sunday, with errors of its coach Alejandro Sabella, said most mass media and the specialized press on Monday, and now the Argentineans have to face Iran during the 2nd date on Saturday in Belo Horizonte.

Again, thanks to a decisive goal by Messi, more than 45,000 Argentines who swept the *Maracana* stadium could sleep well last night although quite tense due to the uncertain future of their team.

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