

# *Sports News Roundup June 24*

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## **Baseball**

The US Collegiate National Baseball team will play against their Cuban counterparts this week after having met with the teams of Japan and China Taipei, in what is a usual summer sports tour.

According to Cuban *Prensa Latina* news agency, the US players began training some weeks ago to kick off their summer tour with games against their counterpart in Japan, Taipei and Cuba, plus the Holland Harlem games.

Under the management of Dave Van Horn, the technical staff made up a roster with 24 players for the summer tour, which kicked off in China and closes here from July 23rd to 27th.

## **Cycling**

Cuban cyclist Lisandra Guerra took 2nd place in the difficult *Keirin* stage of the cycling competition being held in the German city of Cottbus.

The *Keirin* modality is a type of cycling that comes from Japan, where it was invented after the II World War.

In the "*Cottbuser-Sprinter Cup*" held this weekend, Guerra was only surpassed by the German Kristina Vogel, a multiple champion at cycling competitions.

The Cuban cyclist also took 3rd place in the *500 meter race against the clock*, and ranked 5th in the *200 meter speed test*, a demonstration of her excellent overall performance at the competition, attended by cyclists from more than 10 nations.

This competition serves as preparation for the *Grand Prix of Germany* to be held in the city of Cottbus next week.

Hector Corcho Morales, manager of sports affairs for the Embassy of Cuba in Germany, thanked Mr. Axel Viertler, General Manager of *Cottbus Cycling Club*, and Renee Schmidt, German coach, for the opportunity and support given to the outstanding Cuban cyclist during her stay in Germany.

Meanwhile, Viertel said he was very pleased with Cuba's presence at this competition, where the country was represented by Lisandra Guerra.

### **2014 Weightlifting Junior World Championships in Kazan**

Altogether 269 athletes from 49 countries, 115 Women and 149 Men participate in the *2014 Junior World Championships Kazan*, Russia, held at the *Palace of Sports*, venue of the competition.

Competition kicked off today with the Women's 48kg bodyweight category and was won by Indonesian Sri Wahyuni who defeated favorite Wei Chengji.

In the *Snatch*, the Chinese lifter Wei Chengji had no opponent. Lifting 83kg, she ended first while the Indonesian finished with 81kg, while 3rd place went to Koha Rebeka (LAT) winning by bodyweight on Ahmet Heba Saleh Mahmoud (EGY).

The Vietnamese, Thach Kim Tuan, 20 year old, increased his 1st attempt with an impressive 230kg in the *Snatch* setting a new Junior World Record with 133kg and took the gold medal, and silver medal went to Kruaithong Sipheth (THA) with 255kg., and Scarantino Mirco (ITA) won the Silver Medal on bodyweight in the *Snatch*, but this same bodyweight gave him 3rd place.

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