

Sports News Roundup July 14



Boxing

The coronation of young cruise Henry Ruiz put the highest mark among the 3 Cubans who had access to the finals of the *President Boxing Cup* held in Astana, capital of Kazakhstan.

Ruiz defeated 2-1 to local monarch Anton Pinchuk in a less fortunate journey for his teammates, welterweight Luis Oliva, and super complete Yoandris Toirac, which yielded 1-2 and 0-3 against Thai Masuk Wuttichai and local Ivan Dychko, respectively.

A day earlier had been in semifinals the universal runner-up, welterweight Arisnoidys Despaigne, the medium Arlen Lopez, and heavyweight Emmanuel Reyes, all by 0-3 as victimizers of their hosts, after being beaten by locals, national monarch, Sagadat Rahmankulov, and universal number one Zhanibek Alimkhanuly, and world runner-up Adilbek Niyazimbetov, in that order.

The Caribbean team also consisted of pen Robeisy Ramirez, mini-flyweight Santiago Amador, flyweight Jorge Luis Cordero and lightweight Pablo Vicente. Despaigne, Amador, Oliva and Arlen should continue journey to an invitational tournament in China.

Wrestling

The Cuban wrestling will try to crown its 6 men on Thursday at the *Wrestling Sports Festival Tournament*

organized in the city of Mexico to validate tickets for the *2015 Pan-American Games* in Toronto, Canada.

“We are training to adapt to high altitude conditions for several days, and although the payroll is still unknown, there is no doubt that the United States will be the main opponent,” said the Cuban chief technical coach, Julio Mendieta.

The Olympic bronze Liván López, ready to shine in the 74 kilos now, heads the group, which also includes Alfredo Cisneros (57), Alejandro Valdés (65), Reinieris Salas (86), Javier Cortina (97) and Michel Batista (125) including classic and feminine modalities.

Volleyball

Cuba fell 0-3 on Sunday against USA in the final game of the *North Central Tournament and Caribbean (NORCECA) Volleyball Women's Under-20 Championship* held in Guatemala City, but assured the ticket to the world cap.

The northern athletes comfortably defeated their opponents in 3 sets 25-15, 25-22, 25-16 showing best performances in attack, block and service as well as fewer errors than Cubans made.

Football

After a close, grueling game, but usually marked by the Teutonic offensive, Germany was crowned for the 4th time the World Cup, the same as Italy, held at the legendary *Maracanã Stadium*, in Rio de Janeiro, packed with spectators of both teams.

It was an honor for the team that proposed the most along the whole tournament and the prize for its painstaking work in infrastructure of technique and strategy... and although the score of 1-0 in overtime against Argentina, is what counts, is worthy to note that the opponent made merit and gave a good show and all the Argentinean press showed the pride of the whole country for its selection.

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