

# *Sports News Roundup July 21*

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## **Skydiving Championship**

Brazil and Cuba were the winners in the *XI Latin-American Skydiving Championship* in the precision landing mode and the *I Friendship Cup*, which concluded on Saturday in Varadero.

The *I Friendship Cup* was won by the Land of Samba, followed by the teams *Cuba A* and *Cuba B*, the president of the organizing committee, Omar Gomez told Prensa Latina news agency.

Over 50 athletes also from Chile and Peru participated at the sporting event, which was hosted by the *International Parachuting Center* at a facility located in this tourist resort, 140 km. east of Havana.

The semifinals and finals took place on Saturday, and shortly after the closing ceremony was held with the presence of Brazilian Jorge Dervish, head of the *Latin-American Federation of Parachuting (COLPAR)*.

## **Volleyball**

Cuba won the silver medal and 1 of the 3 tickets to the World Cup at the *Men's U-19 Volleyball Tournament of Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean (NORCECA)*, after losing 0-3 to the host United States, located in the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The top scorer of the match was the American Jordan Ewert with 18 points, followed by the Cuban Miguel Gutierrez with 17. For the bronze medal and the other World Cup ticket, Mexico defeated 3-2 to Puerto

Rico.

## **Pan-American Sports Festival**

Cuba scored new successes in the *Pan-American Sports Festival* based in Mexico and leads today the Standings in weightlifting with 5 gold and 3 silver medals, followed by Venezuela (2-2-7), Dominican Republic (3-3 -1), Colombia (2-1-1) and Mexico (1-3-2).

This discipline and other finals, will be today when there will also be discussion of medals in taekwondo.

Meanwhile, the Cuban Yesenia Ferrera got her 5th medal and leads the tournament in artistic gymnastics, while among men, Manrique Larduet took 1 gold and 1 silver medal to lead the final of this modality with Cuba in top place with 6-4-1, followed by Argentina (1-2-1) and Mexico (1-1-3), respectively.

Cuba also won rowing with 8 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals, through Angel Fournier, who won the *men's open single with weight* with 7:03.69 minutes, and repeated in the *double scull* with Eduardo Rubio with 6:42.61.

In this sport, Cuba won several tickets for the *2015 Pan-American Games* in Toronto, Canada, and topped nations like Argentina (3-1-1), and Mexico (2-4-3), in that order.

Finally, the cruise Frank Sánchez defeated Mexican Brandon Olvera and gave the 1st gold medal of Cuban boxing, which adds to the bronze medals of welterweight Reinier Palacios and light welterweight Jorge Moirán, in an event led by Mexico, which capped 5 of its 9 finalists; the other winners were Brazil (2), the Dominican Republic (1), and the United States (1).

## **Baseball**

The United States defeated 6-3 to Japan and won for the 5th time the *Baseball Tournament of Harlem*, the Netherlands, and is expected to arrive in Cuba in the coming hours.

And in order to win the top while training a new batch of young Cuban players, the Cuban team will face the college American team starting next Wednesday in the cities of Matanzas and Pinar de Río.

The Cuban coach, Alfonso Urquiola, said that the performance of athletes during the last series and current preparation at the *Victoria de Giron Stadium*, the age, disposition, and real possibilities for traditionally face a such demanding cap, was taken into account to shape the team.

The selection covers 27 players, with 12 provinces represented, mostly from Pinar del Rio (6) and Matanzas (5).

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