

Sports News Roundup Aug 5



Basketball

The male quintet of Cuba managed to be included among the top 4 teams at the *Centrobásquet Tournament*, located in Nayarit, Mexico, to combine their 72-67 win over Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic's 73-68 victory over Jamaica.

With this result, Cubans remain undefeated in 3 stages and qualified to dispute the 1st play in *Group A* against Dominican Republic.

Yoan Luis Haiti with 15 points and 11 rebounds was the best scorer for the Cubans, seconded by the organizer Osmel Oliva, who was confirmed with 14 points as the leading scorer with 44.

With the win, Cuba qualified for *Veracruz 2014* and *2015 Continental Olympic Qualifying*, and if it ends on the top 3 in Nayarit, will also qualify for the *Pan-American Games in Toronto-2015*.

In the next turn, Dominicans prevailed 73-68 to Jamaicans and leave them out of the semifinals.

This Tuesday will bump into Cuba-Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico vs. Mexico to define the leaders of *Groups A* and *B*, respectively, and the order to pass and discuss the medals.

Baseball

Cuba opens before U.S. on Wednesday the 2nd phase of the *FIFA U-15 of Baseball* that is played in Mexico, after closing the qualifying round with 21-0 win over Hong Kong by a super knockout in 5 just innings.

The Cubans, who finish the preliminary stage as leaders of *Group C* with 5 wins and no defeats, scored from the 1st chapter opening, with highlights for 1st baseman Ernesto Martinez with 1 homer --the first one for Cubans in this world event-- while the outfielder Lázaro Armenteros, hit 3-3, with 2 RBIs, and Miguel Antonio Vargas marked 2-2, with 3 trailers.

Today, Tuesday, is a rest day to star the 2nd round on Wednesday, which will face Cuba on the 1st day against the United States, leader of *Group B*, to lately collide with Taipei on Thursday, against Mexico on

Friday to finally close against Panama on Saturday.

Chess

The men's team of Cuba equaled 2 points with Poland in the 3rd round of the *World Chess Olympiad* based in Norway, to finished draw in the 4 games played.

The GM Leinier Dominguez, owner of 2,760 Elo points, drew with Radoslaw Wojtaszek in 42 moves, while his counterpart Lázaro Bruzón did the same against Jan-Krzysztof Duda on 32 shifts a Slav defense. Also filed GM Yuniesky Quesada, playing on the 3rd board, and Isan Ortiz in the 4th.

With this result, Cuba totaled 10 points and is ranked 17th. In the female section, veteran Maritza Arribas premiered in victory over Ivona Purge (2102), at the Cuba-Croatia top. Cuba finally faces Hungary in the female, and India, in the male on Tuesday.

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