

Sports News Roundup Aug 14



Badminton

Cuba's Osleni Guerrero appears in the 46th place of the world rankings of badminton, after the latest update released by the International federation of the discipline.

Guerrero owns 29 330 points to continue leading the America's rankings, ahead of American Sattawat Pongnairat, who shows 24 990 units and occupies the 63rd spot.

The Cuban representative recently reached the semifinals at the *Grand Prix* held in R o de Janeiro, Brazil, a performance that granted him 3500 points for his personal record.

Cuba has potential possibilities to obtain golden medals in the *men's individual modality* and some in the category of *doubles* in *Veracruz 2014*, said Roberto Moyinedo, main coach of the national team.

Volleyball

Cuba's male volleyball team won its 2nd victory at the *IX Pan-American Volleyball Cup* after defeating 3-0 to the Dominican Republic corresponding to the 3rd and last day of the preliminary stage of the tournament, currently based in the Mexican city of Tijuana.

According to the website of the event, the young Cuban squad excelled this Wednesday the Dominicans by 25-19, 25-19 and 25-23 in a 1.11 minutes game to finish unbeaten and leading *Group B*.

Thus, Cuba leads the Table Standings in *Group B* with 2 wins and no losses, followed by Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with 1-1 and 0-2, respectively.

Nevertheless, Dominican José Cáceres was the top scorer with 20 points, all of them in the attack, while the Cuban Rolando Cepeda with 16, also in the attack, and supported by Osmani Uriarte with 12 points, 9 in the attack, 1 en blocking and 2 in the service, as well as Javier Jiménez' 10-8-0-2, excelled by the Cuban team.

Meanwhile, Argentina defeated 3-2 to Canada in *Group C* (25-18, 21-25, 25-22, 22-25 and 10-17), which closed with 2 setbacks, surpassed by the Argentineans with 2 wins, then followed by the Venezuela's 1-1, complete the list as Mexico, Colombia and The States seek their tickets in the *Group A*.

This Thursday will be the quarterfinals, semifinals on Friday, to close with the finals and medal discussions on Saturday where the first two places of each group will directly advance to semifinals as the 3rd leader goes to the quarterfinals together with the 3 second places.

This continental tournament grants direct berths to the *World Volleyball League 2015*, and the first 5 teams of North, Central-America and the Caribbean will take 1 berth.

The World Series of Boxing (WSB)

The *World Series of Boxing (WSB)* are delighted to announce that Season IV Champions, Cuba's *Los Domadores* will take on Season III and Season IV semi-finalist Kazakhstan Astana Arlans in a one-off exhibition match in Astana.

The match will be held over two dates on September 9th and 10th at the *Daulet Sporting Complex* and will comprise 5 fights on each night. The *Astana Arlans* will try to show their fans that they are capable of recovering the crown of Champions.

"I would like to thank the Kazakhstan Astana Arlans for organizing this incredible match which will delight all boxing fans" said AIBA President, Dr Ching-Kuo Wu.

"We are very happy that for the first time, two previous WSB Champions will clash in an exhibition match. The event will be, at the same time, a celebration of the WSB, a precursor to the eagerly anticipated start of *Season V* and a sample of sportsmanship that AIBA promotes in WSB" concluded Dr Ching-Kuo Wu.

"A match between these two titans of the WSB is greatly welcomed by all involved. We are extremely proud of the two sides that have had the initiative to arrange such a momentous occasion" said WSB Chief Executive Officer, Mr Karim Bouzidi.

"I am sure that the match will encapsulate the very ethos of the WSB and show that respect and friendship between competitors and their desire to provide a spectacle of their masterful boxing skills is what is paramount to all involved in our fantastic competition" he added.

Court for Sports to Announce Decision on Luis Suarez's appeal

Uruguayan striker of *Barcelona Football Club* Luis Suarez will know today his future in soccer when the *Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)* reveals its ruling about his case.

Suarez was banned by the *Football International Federation Association (FIFA)* to participate in 9 games of his national team and suspended from soccer for 4 months, after biting the Italian Giorgio Chiellini in the *Brazil World Cup*.

Also, the court announced that "at the request of the appellants and with the agreement of FIFA, the CAS has conducted an expedited arbitration procedure."

Suarez, who joined Barcelona after finishing the World Cup in Brazil, would be away from soccer until late October if its sanction, which was considered by FIFA as "exemplary punishment" for his recurring character, is confirmed.

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