

# Sports News Roundup Oct 16

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## Sport Shooting

Cuba files 1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at the *11th Championship of the Americas Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun*, in Guadalajara, Mexico, until October 19th, qualifying tournament for the *2015 Pan-American Games* in Toronto.

On Wednesday, the highlights of the Cuban delegation were the 3rd places obtained by its female teams at the *25m single pistol* and *50m lying rifle*, plus 4th single place of Laina Pérez in *short handgun*, according to the JIT sports publication.

The Cuban trio of female marks-women managed 1686 points to be placed behind Canada (1689) and the USA (1687), while rifle women also reached the 3rd place by teams with 1808 units, preceded by Peru (1 822.1) and Mexico (1 820.8).

In other results, Eglys de la Cruz, gold at *10m air pistol* some days ago, closed 7th with 606.1 points at *50m lying rifle* for women, event won by Peruvian Gabriela Sara Vizcarra with 616.4 points.

Worth mentioning is that previously Eglys

was 1st Cuba's gold medal and guaranteed a ticket to the *Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016*.

Today's presentations cover Cubans Jorge Grau, Eliécer Mora and William Pías at the *50m single pistol*, male branch.

Cuba participates in this event with 20 shooters, training base to next *Veracruz 2014* in November.

## Council of State Replaces Minister of Sports in Cuba

The Council of State of Cuba, at the proposal of its President, Raul Castro, approved the release of Julio Christian Jiménez Molina, who held the post for 9 years as president of the *Cuban Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (INDER)*.

The post, with the rank of Minister, will be led by Antonio Eduardo Becali Garrido, who had been serving as *Rector of the 'Comandante Manuel Fajardo' University of Sciences of Physical Education and Sports*,

in Havana, Cuba's main higher education center in sports.

The new president of INDER, 50 years old, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences and experienced judo professor, is recognized for his dedication to the preparation of the athletes of this sport.

Julio Christian Jiménez Molina, who is 65 years old, and former professor of the Cuban national basketball team since 1976, who had also served in different responsibilities in INDER, will be assigned other responsibilities, said the official note released on Cuban television.

## **Badminton**

Cuban Osleni Guerrero traveled to the Canadian city of Markham to participate in the *Pan-American Badminton Championship*, where he will defend the title won last year.

Guerrero, owner of the best seat of America in world ranking (54), will be the top seed of this tournament that grants 5 000 points to the winner, and his first opponent will be the Jamaican Matthew Lee.

The main rivals of the Cuban will be American Sattawat Pongnairat, 2nd seed, and Guatemala's Kevin Cordon, now recovered from a serious injury to his knee, along with Brazilians Daniel Paiola and Alex Yuwan.

This event is a good warm-up opportunity to get in good shape to the Central American and Caribbean Games, to be held from November 14th to 30th in Veracruz, Mexico.

In these regional games, the Cuban badminton hopes to win 2 crowns in the men's single and in men's mixed doubles.

## **International Fishing Tournament**

Fishermen from Canada, UK, Turkey, France and Cuba, are already in Cuba to take part in the *5th Jardines del Rey "Big Game Trolling" International Fishing Tournament*.

Sponsored by *La Marina Marlin* of Cayo Guillermo, the event will run from October 16th-22nd, according to Luis Báez, specialist of the Cuban Ministry of Tourism in Ciego de Avila, 430 km. east of Havana.

The tournament area includes up to 3 miles north northeast between Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo in the old Bahamas Channel, an area characterized by the abundance of pelagic fish in the peak time of this year. As in previous years, the competition will be by the rules of the *International Association of Sport Fishing* system using a system to mark and release with the purpose to protect marine environment.

The *Jardines del Rey Fishing Tournament* has turned into a contest to promote one of the Cuban tourist destinations with more attractiveness and beauty, because of its rich flora and fauna with a natural environment.

In addition, it is being a recreational option, quite demanded by foreign visitors in search of sun and beach, and a healthy way to spend a lively amount of time outdoors.

Cayo Guillermo, a small islet soil with 13 square km., integrates tourist destination of Jardines del Rey, together with Cayo Coco, in the northern coast of Ciego de Avila, with unique crystalline waters and fine sand.

Surrounded by a green-blue sea and with preserved ecosystems, that portion of land is distinguished by its sailing and fishing potential connected to Cayo Coco from the early 1990s, and has more than 1,000 rooms in the hotels of Meliá Cayo Guillermo, Sol Cayo Guillermo, Iberostar Daiquiri and Allegro Club Cayo Guillermo.



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