

Sports News Roundup Oct 24



Table Tennis

Young Idalys Lovet and Liván Martínez showed a different face after beating Dominicans Eva Brito and Isaac Vila, respectively, to win individual gold medals on Thursday at the under 21 Table Tennis Caribbean Championship Havana 2014.

Cuba has reached five golds so far at the event organized at Havana's 'Ciudad Deportiva' Sport Center.

Idalys Lovet won decisive points in stressing moments of the game and had to play five sets to win 3-2.

Cubans Anell García and Yuneisy Galván came third to win bronze each.

Liván Martínez played four exiting sets and won 3-1.

Idalys Lovet and Lisi Castillo won gold 3-0 over compatriots Anell and Yuneisy in the womens double event also on Thursday.

Major men and women individual events have yet to take place in the games.

Baseball

Industriales team has a demanding duel in Friday's classic game playing Villa Clara at Latinoamericano Stadium in Havana. Industriales is currently second with a record of 15-9 just one game after Matanzas in

the qualifying of the 54th National Baseball Series in Cuba.

Villa Clara has a 12-11 record so far and comes eighth on the qualifying board, just at the edge of the qualifying position. The team needs just one win in Havana to keep their options open in the series.

Another quality and exiting game will take place on Friday at 26 de Julio Stadium when leader Matanzas (16-8) plays host Artemisa (14-10) record and sixth in the qualifying board.

Pinar del Rio (7-13) plays Guantanamo (13-11) and Ciego de Ávila (14-9) plays Santiago de Cuba (12-12) in another important game for the qualifying.

Isla de la Juventud (13-9) will try to keep its winning streak of five wins versus visiting Sancti Spíritus (10-13) at Cristóbal Labra stadium as Granma (12-8) will play Camagüey (9-15).

The list of three-game sub-series starting on Friday includes Holguín (9-13) playing Las Tunas (11-11) and Cienfuegos (11-13) Mayabeque (5-18).

Badminton

On Sunday, Cuban badminton player Osleni Guerrero upgraded his World Ranking from 56 to 53 after winning the Badminton Pan American Games held in Toronto, Canada, according to the International Badminton Federation.

This win at the Continental event is the third one this year. Guerrero previously won the Peru and Venezuela Opens and ended third at Giraldilla de la Habana and the Grand Prix in Brazil.

Osleni Guerrero is the top badminton player of the Americas in the World Ranking followed by U.S. Howard Shu (65), Sattawat Pongfiararat (66) and Brazilian Daniel Paiola (69).

Judo

Cuban Maylin del Toro, Ljubljana 2013 bronze medalist, will try to repeat her performance Friday in the third day of the Junior World Judo Championships at Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, United States, held from October 22 to 26.

After two days without winning medals, Cuba's main winning cards today are Del Toro (63 kilograms), as well as Ivan Silva (81 kilos), bronze medalist in the Olympic Youth Games in Nanjing, China, in 2014.

The other Cuban competing today is Nairelis Fuentes (70kgs).

According to the website of the tournament, Del Toro will fight in the first preliminary round against Croatian Buga Kovac, while Silva shall face the winner of the combat between Kazakh Salamat Zhurkabayev and Japanese Sendai Sato.

Meanwhile, Fuentes' rival will be the Dutch Evelien Berudsen.

Japan leads the individual competition with four gold, three silver and one bronze medals, followed by France (1-1-1), Russia (1-0-1), South Korea (1-0-1) and Spain (1-0-0), only nations with gold medals so far.



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