

Sports News Roundup Jan. 31



Boxing

Cuba's *Los Domadores* and Ukraine's *Otamans* lead with 9 points, 3 won stops each, *Group A* at the *V World Series of Boxing*, contesting this weekend its 3rd qualifying round.

The Caribbeans, defending monarchs, officially go first for best *playoff system* with 15 wins and no losses, compared to 10 wins and 5 setbacks by the Europeans.

On Friday, Cuba reached its 3rd victory after sweeping over *Russia*, while the Ukrainians tightly won against China's *Dragons* by a score of 3-2.

At 3rd place in this group with 6 units, ascended Mexico's *Los Guerreros*, after its successful 4-1 over *The Falcons Desert* of Algeria, while the British *Lionheart*, who lost to Morocco 2-3, step to 4th place with 5 units.

Following are located, from 5th-8th places, *Russia Boxing Team* (3), *Atlas Lion* of Morocco (3), China's *Dragons* (2), and Algeria's *Hawks* (0).

Next week, Cuba's *Los Domadores* will receive the Chinese on Friday, February 6th, Ukrainians will host Morocco a day before, Russia will host Mexico, and the British will house the Algerians.

Caribbean Series

Cuban singer Diana Fuentes will sing the *National Anthem of Cuba* during the inauguration of the *Caribbean Baseball Series* to be held in Puerto Rico, where she resides, said the singer on her *Facebook* page.

"Friends, I am very happy to share with you that this coming February 4th, I will be singing the *National Anthem of Cuba* in the 1st game of the *Caribbean Baseball Series*, Cuba vs. Puerto Rico, at *Hiram Bithorn Stadium* in San Juan" she wrote.

The singer, who launched her latest album "Planet Planetarium" in Havana last year, had also announced her concert tour of Cuba, called the "*From East to West Tour*" from February 25th to March 8th.

Ernest Hemingway Marlin Fishing Tournament in May

The *Ernest Hemingway International Marlin Fishing Tournament*, which promises in its 65th edition to break records of attendance, will be held from May 25th to the 30th in Havana.

Carlos Garcia, president of the *Business Group of Nautical Clubs and Marinas, Marlin S.A.*, recalled that, boosted in 1950 by the famous U.S. novelist, the Hemingway is one of the 3 oldest tournaments in the world, which therefore makes Cuba stand out as an attractive destination for nautical tourism.

He said that over the last decade the competition has received crews from more than 30 nations, among them the United States with 23 teams, Russia 16, Cuba, United Kingdom, Italy and France with 15 each, and Spain with 14.

Commodore Jose Miguel Diaz, of *Cuba's Hemingway International Nautical Club*, said that so far they have received dozens of requests from around the World to participate in the Tournament, particularly from the U.S. nautical community.

If their government authorizes it, the attendance of U.S. fishers this year will break the historic records of 1979 (80 ships) and 1999 (50), predicted Diaz.

The president of the *Cuban Fishers Federation*, Ramon Cusa, informed that the competition will include 2 modalities: *trolling* and *tag and release*, in order not to harm the species during the catch.

Badminton

Cuban Osleni Guerrero reached his highest ever position in the badminton world ranking when appearing 43rd of that list, according to the latest update of the International Federation of the discipline.

Guerrero, with 29 030 points, remains as leader in the Americas, followed by American Howard Shu, who is ranked 57th, with 25 991 units, while Guatemalan Kevin Cordon in the 64th appears 3rd among the most prominent of the American continent with a score of 24 257.

That event --granting 2 500 points for the world list--, runs from February 19th to 22nd; however, the Cuban athlete will develop a training base before.

In 2014, the 25-year-old player won the title at the *Pan-American Championships* in Canada, as well as the awards in the *International Tournaments of Venezuela and Peru*, and finished 3rd in the *Brazil Grand Prix* and at "*La Giralilla*" of Havana.

He also won the silver medal in the *Central American and Caribbean Men's Singles* event and the gold medal with Taimara Oropeza in mixed doubles.

Previously, as best historical position in the world ranking, Guerrero was in 49th seat in November 2013.

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