

Sports News Roundup June 10



Soccer

The Cuban soccer team will face Curacao today in the first leg of the 2nd phase of CONCACAF, qualifying event for the *World Cup Russia 2018*, at the *Ergilio Hato stadium* in the capital, Willemstad.

Triple jump

The men's triple jump could give the great clarion at the *XVII Pan-American Games* in Toronto 2015 to begin next month, in July, when they hope to become the first and only of athletic specialties to register 3 world records during the continental sports games.

Fencing

12 Cuban fencers will compete at the *Toronto-2015 Pan-American Games* to be held in July aimed at improving the place obtained 4 years ago.

Athletics

The 33-year-old Powell, who holds a seasons best time of 9.84 seconds, took a very comfortable win crossing the line after 10.02 seconds; Wilfried Koffi (CIV) was 2nd with 10.24 while Mosito Lehata (LES) was 3rd in 10.27 seconds.

In the women's 100m hurdles Nina Morizova (RUS) clocking 12.85 seconds managed to steal the win in the last meters from France's Cindy Billaud 12.87sec. The American star Lolo Jones in her 2nd race this year posted the season's best time of 12.93 seconds.

A surprise win in the men's 110m hurdle took Cuba's Yordan O'Farrill, who crossed the line in a new PB of 13.25 seconds narrowly beating Pascal Martinot-Lagarde of France 13.27, while in the women's discus throw, Cuba's Denia Cabarello threw 65.22m for the win.

European indoor champion Selina Buhel (SUI) held off Renelle Lamonte (FRA) to win women's 800m race in 2:00.47.

Men's 800m was won by Burundi's Antoine Gakeme with a time of 1:47.21, while Frenchman Amdouni Morhad crossed the line first in 1500m in 3:37.40.

Moroccan Abdelaati Iguider with a massive surge in the last 50m secured the win in the 1000m in 2:19.48. Iguider the world championships bronze medalist in 1500m defeated Ethiopian 800m superstar Mohammed Aman who finished after with 2:20.11.

World Junior pole vault record holder Alyona Lutkovskaya of Russia needed 4.42m to win pole vault event.

Chile Blows Whistle on Soccer Racism

Just before the *Copa America tournament* kicks off this week in Chile, the host country has passed a new law coming down hard on racism and violence in soccer.

Fans and clubs alike will be subject to fines and prison sentences for violations including discrimination, racism and xenophobia, both at games and at training sessions. "We want to make sure that fans and families can enjoy the game safely and in pleasant conditions," said Interior Minister Jorge Burgos.

Copa America, the biggest soccer tournament in the Americas, will be battled out between 12 sides from June 11th to July 4th, beginning with Chile vs Ecuador on Thursday. The hosts will be keen to take a tough stance against discriminatory behavior after a string of racist incidents at soccer games there, such as when a match was suspended in November after fans reduced a player to tears with racist chants.

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