

# *Sports News Roundup August 04*

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## **Swimming**

Cuban swimmer Elisbet Gámez will have her 2nd presentation today at the *World Aquatics Championships*, based in the Russian city of Kazan, in the preliminary round of the 200m backstroke style.

Gamez will intervene in the qualifying heat number 3 with a time of registration of 2:01.85 min., a record with which she arrived at the end of the recently concluded *XVII Pan-American Games* in Toronto, Canada, and which lowered a hundredth, according to the official website of the event.

This time, the young Cuban swimmer will find it hard to be included among the 16 semifinalists of the world cap, since more than 30 competitors exhibit lap times below 2 minutes, although the Cuban athlete's main objective will be focused on lowering her best personal record of 2:01.84.

The young free-styler debuted last Sunday in the 400m, ranking 36th among the 49 participants, to stop the clocks in 4:21.36 min, less than the 4:18.23 recorded in the B final of the Canadian city.

After this competitive journey, Elisbet will seal her participation in the hectometer on Thursday, an event in which she is recorded with a time of 56.84 sec., also made in the B final in Toronto.

However, her teammate Armando Barrera, disqualified in the preliminary phase of the 100m backstroke on Monday, will also complete his performance in two days in the 200m.

Besides Gamez and Barrera completes the reduced Cuban team the young swimmer Luis Vega, who will take part in the combined events of 200 and 400m.

## **Recreation**

Traditional recreational rides and floats distinguish the *Carnival 2015* in Cienfuegos province, as a genuine expression of popular festivals in early August that foster fun and joy for visitors and residents of this south-central city.

## Zero Tolerance Against Doping, Says International Olympic Committee

The *International Olympics Committee (IOC)* president Thomas Bach today said they will take action with zero tolerance against any athlete if found guilty in the latest doping allegations rocking the sport of track and field.

Bach said it is up to the *World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)* to investigate the allegations arguing that "If there should be cases involving results at Olympic Games, the IOC will react with zero tolerance with our usual policy."

German broadcaster *ARD* and *The Sunday Times* newspaper in Britain said they gained access to the results of blood tests involving 5,000 athletes. The leaked files came from the database of the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The report found that 146 medals including 55 golds in disciplines ranging from 800 meters to the marathon at the Olympics and World Championships were won by athletes who have recorded suspicious tests.

*The Sunday Times* said that 10 medals at the *2012 London Olympics* were won by athletes with suspicious results and that in some finals every athlete in medal positions had recorded a dubious blood test.

More than 800 athletes, 1 in 7 of those named in the files, recorded blood tests described by 1 of the experts as "highly suggestive of doping or at the very least abnormal".

The data is not proof of doping, but the revelations raise more serious questions over whether the sport is doing enough to combat cheating.

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