

Sports News Roundup September 15



Baseball

The Industriales-Santiago de Cuba classic game to be played at the stadium in Santiago, gathers fans interest in the continuation of the *55th National Baseball Series*.

Volleyball

The male and female teams of Cuba will face the Czech Republic and Poland, respectively, at the beginning of the 2nd round of the *U-20 and 21 World Volleyball Championships* taking place in several cities in Puerto Rico (f) and Mexico (m).

Kayak

A pair of 10 American kayakers, who left last Friday, September 11th from Havana Marina to Key West, successfully completed their journey after nearly 34 hours of rowing while facing bad weather.

Chess

Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez won at the beginning of the 2nd round of the *Chess World Cup* in Baku, and if he gets a draw, he will ensure his presence today Tuesday at the stage of 32 semifinal players.

Wrestling

With 2 seats already guaranteed for *Rio de Janeiro 2016*, Cuban gladiators will seek next year to increase the number of tickets to the global event.

According to sources of the national commission, Cuban representatives will also have other sorting options to the Olympics during the tournament to be held in the States next March, in addition to several European-based events, date still to be defined, which grant quotas for the prestigious sporting event.

Some other opportunities, for instance, were also taken by Cubans Ismael Borrero, of 59 kilograms, and Mijail Lopez (130), both in the Greco-Roman style, who recently won the World Championships in Las Vegas.

Badminton

Cuban badminton player Osleni Guerrero fell short in the *VI International Tournament* in Mexico and had to be content with 2nd place.

The Caribbean player barely scored points against Spanish Ernesto Velazquez. The European stands for the 129th place in the world ranking, whereas Osleni ranks 64th. The European won in two straight sets (21-13, and 21-14).

This 2nd place adds some valuable points to Osleni's total in the world ranking as he is trying hard to participate in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016.

Mali's Sports Minister on Official Visit to Cuba

The minister of Sports and Youth of the Republic of Mali, Housseini Amion Guindo, is paying an official visit to Cuba at the invitation of the National Sports, Physical Education and Recreation Institute.

The African official was welcomed at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport by the Cuban Sports Minister, Antonio Eduardo Becali.

Amion Guindo said that his visit is aimed at strengthening bilateral sports relations and expressed interest in bringing Mali's cadet soccer team to the island in early October for its last training stage prior to the World Soccer Cup to take place in Chile.

Meanwhile, the Cuban official ratified his country's willingness to keep supporting Mali and other African nations in all areas of sports, and recalled that 22 students from Mali were graduated in Cuba, 17 of them from the International Sports School.

The African official will hold working meetings with authorities from the Cuban Sports Institute and he will tour centers and schools during his visit, which concludes on Friday.

World Leisure Games Promote Sports Development in China

The *World Leisure Games*, held today in its 2nd edition in Qingdao, east China, attracting thousands of nationals and contributing to sports development.

Started this time on last September 12th, sponsored by the organization of the same name, the government of Qingdao and that of Laixi, in the Municipal Sports Center of the city, the event will feature the world until next 21st, the pleasure of sports and the harmony between nature and humanity.

This competitive festival is divided into 4 parts: the competition for sports entertainment, the exposure of products, the high-level forum of sport and the cultural festival.

During these 10 days, 17 sports competitions in various areas are taking place- chess, swimming-across Jiaozhou- Bay-cycling, martial arts, beach soccer, electronic games and the marathon, among others.

Known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage, Qingdao is and it has been the chosen venue for sailing competitions and for the *World Horticultural Exhibition in 2014*.

The *World Leisure Games 2015* are exhibited as another presentation card of the city and it will contribute to sports development in China, prompting more and more people that play sports, take care of their health and enjoy healthier life activities.

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