

# *Sports News Roundup September 16*

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## **Baseball**

An office for monitoring and analyzing domestic and foreign baseball matches has been created in Cuba to develop the national sport in this country.

Heriberto Suarez, the highest authority of baseball in Cuba, told the Jit weekly review that this sort of observatory is a long-range strategic weapon whose fruits will be palpable soon.

Among its functions is the analysis and challenge of controversial plays in the national championship games, at least those that are televised.

Directed by Jorge Luis Pérez, selected to act as an official in the Premier 12, this office serves as a classroom where they study and evaluate umpiring decisions.

Furthermore, there is also 'scouting', that is, the study of opposites and other first order elements in the demands and trends in contemporary baseball.

In this way, Cuba tries to update itself with a common practice for years in other baseball powers, which technical-tactical aspects of the game are developed with scientific rigor.

And in the National Series, Industriales deployed overwhelming offensive of 17 hits to beat Santiago de Cuba 11-2 in the 1st bilateral cap of the Season.

## **Volleyball**

Cuba's women's volleyball team lost in 3 sets against the Czech Republic in the 1st day of 2nd round, *Group G*, of the *World U-20 Volleyball Championship*, which takes place in several cities in Puerto Rico.

The Europeans were better in blocking 8 by 6, 10-5 in service, and the mistakes of their opponents 15-26, while the Caribbeans were a little bit better in attack by 38-37.

Lucie Nova was the top scorer of the match with 12 points, supported by Lucie Kalhousova (11), while Claudia Hernandez (11) and Liset Herrera (11) excelled on the defeated side.

The next stops will cover Russia-Brazil (E), Dominican Republic-Bulgaria (F), Chinese Taipei and the Czech Republic (G), Turkey-Egypt (H), Italy-Serbia (E), Peru-Japan (F), Cuba-Mexico (G), and China-Puerto Rico (H).

## **Gymnastics**

Cubans Manrique Larduet and Randy Lerú will try new technical elements at the *World Cup of Artistic Gymnastics* to be held in Croatia, the pre-Olympic appointment to that of Glasgow, England.

Carlos Gil, coach of the best Cuban gymnasts at the time, confirmed the changes in some selections, with the incorporation of elements more difficult to raise the starting note.

## **Olympic Games 2024**

Germany has the sports infrastructure and the ability to organize both the *European Football Championship* and the *Olympic Games in the year 2024*, said Thomas Bach, president of the International Olympic Committee.

The city of Hamburg, Germany aims to organize the Olympics that year, while the German Football Association (DFB) will struggle for hosting the continental event.

'It may be possible because the events are spaced by a few weeks, they do not clash, and I also think that no one doubts the German organizational capabilities', said Bach.

Hamburg competes with Paris, Rome, Los Angeles and Budapest, with the French capital and the US city the favorites in a dispute to be defined in 2017.

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