

# *Sports News Roundup October 27*

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## **Baseball**

When only Tuesday remains to close the qualifying stage, not counting the 11 pending games, the last tickets to the elite of the *55th Cuban Baseball Classic* remain to be defined.

Following Monday's results, 6 teams still have a mathematical possibility to get 1 of the 5 available seats while Ciego de Avila, Granma, and Industriales breathe calmly.

Behind the already qualified Ciego de Avila (29-12), Industriales (30-14) and Granma (28-15), competing for a ticket the teams of Pinar del Rio (23-15), Las Tunas (24-17), Matanzas (25-18), Havana (25-19), Isla de la Juventud (24-20) and Guantanamo (23-20).

However, they were out of the question to classify Santi Spiritus, Villa Clara (22-22), Cienfuegos (19-22), Santiago de Cuba (15-29), Artemisa (11-30), Camagüey (11-33) and Mayabeque (10-33).

## **Gymnastics**

The Cuban Manrique Larduet took 7th place in the *all around* category and passed to 3 finals at the *World Gymnastics Championship* based in the Scottish city of Glasgow.

Larduet, 19 years-old, was the best example for Latin America to finish in the top 10 of the *Competition I* with 88.656 points, said his coach Carlos Gil, who expressed his satisfaction with the performance of his disciple.

The *Toronto-2015* multimedallist got 15 points higher notes in freehand exercises (15.166), parallel bars (15.666) and fixed bars (15.058), 14.933 in rings and 14.000 in pommel horse.

The classification of *Contest I* was dominated by the Japanese Kohei Uchimura, defender holder (90.654), the European champion and America's Cup holder, Ukrainian Oleg Verniaiev (90.131), and British Daniel Purvis (88.956).

The other Caribbean present, Randy Leru, finished in 63rd place (82.865) while among ladies, Marcia Videaux and Dovelis Elena Torres, concluded in positions 55th and 89th, in that order.

## **Chess**

Cuban GMs Lázaro Bruzón and Lesly Martínez achieved successes at the beginning of the *6th Ibero-American Chess Championship* with a stage in Bilbao, Spain, in addition to the *Masters Final Grand Slam*.

Lázaro Bruzón is the 3rd seeded with 2659 Elo and easily defeated the local Miguel Ángel González (2084) using black pieces in 37 moves of an *English opening*, while Lesly Martínez (2490) triumphed against another host, Imanol Segura (1978), using white pieces.

As expected by their status as favorites they are also imposed the Iberian Francisco Vallejo (2684) and the Peruvian Julio Granda (2667) to Spanish Daneri Martin (2112) and Venezuelan Johnny Sadusea (2094), respectively.

A total of 93 contestants from 17 countries vying for a crown already held by Bruzon in 2006, by Granda in 2008, and the Paraguayan Axel Bachman, with 2593 points, tries to defend it today after defeating the Spanish Alain Prieto (2081).

9 rounds will be played by the *Swiss system* on the *Elysium Grounds Theater of Bilbao* while the only doubleheader to be played is today, Tuesday.

## **Wrestling**

An encouraging balance of 6 hits in 7 stages show the Cuban fighters inserted in the famed *German Wrestling Tournament Club*.

The most prominent were the free-style wrestlers Yowlis Bonne (66 kg) of *Nendingen* team, and Alejandro Valdés (66 kg) of *RWG Mombris* team, with balances of 3-0 and 2-1, respectively.

In that same club plays the star Mijail Lopez (130 Kg), double Olympic champion, smoothly winner in his only appearance on German territory.

## **Cycling**

The 3 Cuban women looking to qualify for the world lid and *Rio de Janeiro Olympics 2016* will held its 1st phase of the World Cup this weekend in the Colombian city of Cali encouraged by representatives from more than 30 countries.

The Season also includes stops in the New Zealand city of Cambridge, in early December, and in Hong Kong, in January, which will also be important to participate to reach the universal berth in March and score points for the Olympics.

Thus, Cubans Lisandra Guerra, who will compete in *speed* and *keirin*; Marlies Mejias, registered for the *omnium*, and Arlenis Sierra, in the *scratch*, will have to face tough challenges.

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