

# *Sports News Roundup December*

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### **Chess**

Cuban GM Lázaro Bruzón had the best system to break the tie and win the Carlos Torre Memorial chess tournament, which ended on Monday in Merida, Mexico.

This is the fourth time Bruzón wins the Mexican tournament. He divided the point in a draw with Cuban Yusnel Bacallao in the ninth round. This caused a draw between them and Grand Masters Jorge Cori from Peru and Yunieski Quesada from Cuba.

At last, Bruzón ended with seven points with five wins and four draws and added seven points to his ELO. The 2673 Elo will be made public when chess authorities publish the first ranking in 2016.

With seven units, Peruvian Jorge Cori came second and Cubans Yusnel Bacallao third and Yunieski Quesada fourth.

Bruzón celebrated his third consecutive win of the tournament 2013, 2014 and 2015. He also won in 2005 to become the top winner of this contest.

### **Prensa Latina Sports Poll 2015**

The voting to select the best athletes of Latin America and the Caribbean in the Prensa Latina Sports Poll 2015 by national and international sports media closed on Monday.

The Chilean male soccer team got 37 votes as the best team of the year to win the PL sports poll.

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, world and Olympic champion, won the vote as best male athlete of the year.

And Colombian triple jumper Caterine Ibarguen was declared best female athlete of 2015.

### **Cuban Baseball Series 2015**

Holguín's Cachorros took part in the only slide of the latest subseries of the 55th Cuban Baseball Series after defeating Pinar del Río's Vegueros to recover its path in the struggle to qualify for the playoffs.

Holguín won over Pinar del Río on Monday, first by shutout 4-0 with great pitching by Carlos Santiesteban supported by the offensive of Yuniór Paumier and Yeison Pacheco with two homers each. Later in the day, the Cachorros completed the slide with a win over the Vegueros by a score of 5-2 in a game marked by the performance of Yunier Mendoza , reinforcement from Sancti Spíritus, who batted two doubles, driving in three runs.

Leader and current champion Ciego de Ávila's Tigres again stumbled and lost to Isla de la Juventud's Piratas by a score of 5-7 in a long game that extended to 11 innings. Luis Felipe Rivera led the Piratas' offensive with two drive in runs in a game won by reliever Jesús Amador.

Granma's Alazanes tied Industriales' Leones in the second place of the standings to qualify for the playoffs as the Alazanes beat the Leones 8-5 with the eighth win of the season by Lázaro Blanco and outstanding offensive of Roel Santos and Maykel Castellanos.

Las Tunas's Leñadores won over Matanzas' Cocodrilos 6-4 in the first game to reach five consecutive victories but the winning strip was broken on the second game as the Cocodrilos won by score of 6-3 with the seven win of the season by pitcher Freddy Asiel Álvarez.

After the results on Monday, Ciego de Avila is leading the standings, Granma and Industriales are tied in second, followed by Las Tunas, Matanzas, Pinar del Río, Holguín and Isla de la Juventud, in that order.

Teams are taking a rest today, Tuesday, but will resume the series on Wednesday with games between Pinar del Río-Las Tunas, Isla de la Juventud-Granma, Industriales-Holguín and Matanzas-Ciego de Ávila.

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