

# *Round up of Sports News, Saturday, January 11, 2014*

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## Baseball

The eight teams that classified to the second stage of the Cuban Baseball Series included in their rosters another five players picked from the eight teams that resulted eliminated.

The team from the western Pinar del Rio province was highly benefited by taking on righthanded pitcher Vladimir Garcia and outfielders Giorvis Duvergel, Denis Laza and Roel Santos.

## Boxing

The Cuban boxers contesting the fifth stage of the World Boxing Series are ready to face Azerbaijan's Baku Fires team after they underwent medical check up and other requested procedures.

Senior trainer Rolando Acebal told reporters in Azerbaijan that the boxers are ready to make a good performance and that they will go for the triumph in each fight.

## Soccer

The International Federation of Football Associate confirmed that the Championship of African Nations CHAN 2014 will have a Competition A status, which means a jump in quality if compared to previous

events of its kind.

The two first editions of the African Championship of Nations, held in Ivory Coast in 2009 and in Sudan in 2001, were considered as exhibition games as classified by the International Federation of that sports.

## Tennis

Argentinean Juan Martin will contest the final stage of Sydney's Tennis Tournament after defeating Russian Dmitry Tursunov on Friday in the semifinals 6-4 and 6-2.

The Argentinean tennis expert, who holds the first position in Latin America, used little over one hour to defeat his Russian rival.

## Cycling

Cuba is contesting the 49th Cycling Tour of the State of Tachira, in Venezuela, which counts on the participation of athletes from the Americas and Europe. The tour opened Friday with a tour of four Venezuelan states.

The Cuban team was included in the preparatory stage for the 22nd Central American and Caribbean Sports Games, to take place in November, in Mexico. Outstanding cyclists make up the team, such as Agustin Martinez, Jose Mojica and Yasmani Balmaceda among others.

The cycling tour, which winds up on January 19, will be contested by 118 cyclists grouped in 16 teams representing Colombia, Panama, Cuba, Spain, Italy and Venezuela.

## Greccoroman Wrestling

The best Greccoroman Cuban wrestlers are fighting for the title of the National Championship of that sports discipline, underway in the central province of Ciego de Avila.

The event, which winds up on Sunday, is being contested by 84 athletes from 14 out of 15 Cuban provinces and the special municipality of Isle of Youth. The championship includes the senior and juvenile categories of the Cuban National Greccoroman wrestling team.

## Dakar Rally

Chilean motorist Francisco Chaleco Lopez remained out the Rally Dakar competition, underway in Argentina, after undergoing a fall on the track on Friday, according to the webpage of the event.

The pilot is fine, but his bike is out of service, the webpage announced. The accident occurred during the special 400-kilometer circuit, which is divided into two segments, between the cities of San Miguel de Tucuman and Salta, northern Argentina.

## Marathon

The sixth International Marathon known as Bank of Africa, will take place in Mali on February 2, according to Mali's National Athletics Federation.

Athletes from 15 African nations will contest the event, which will be hosted by the capital Bamako and it is organized by the national federation in collaboration with the Ministry of Youths and Sports. The marathon will be held under the slogan Peace and Reconciliation, the Federation said.

## Hockey

Three young Salvadoran hockey players will travel to South Korea to participate in a training season to take place January 13-25 in the Asian country, according to PL news agency.

The trip of the youths, sponsored by the South Korean government, will include the trainer of the athletes, who make up the Fundacion Tamarindo hockey team from the northern department of Chalatenango, 55 kilometers from the capital San Salvador.

South Korea is promoting the th Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic Games, while this is the first hockey team to have emerged from a rural Salvadoran region.

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