

Sport News Round Up March 13



Baseball

Holguin exceeded by a 2-1 closed margin to Pinar del Río to tie in the 4th seat of the *53rd Cuban Baseball Championship* with Industriales, which succumbed again to the leader Matanzas.

Los Sabuesos of Holguin guaranteed the important victory thanks to the decisive homer of Guillermo Avilés against star Yosvani Torres, while Yusmel Velázquez filed his 7th success backed by Rodolfo Sori's rescue.

In turn, Matanzas was consolidated at the top of Table after beating 10-7 to Industriales, with offensive role for the winners of Eriel Sanchez with 1 homer and 2 RBIs and 3 trailers of 1st baseman Yurisbel Gracial.

Reliever Alexander Bustamante was awarded the win and Felix Fuentes scored his 11th rescue while Alexander Rodriguez was charged with the failure, and Carlos Tabares, Frank Camilo Morejon and Yuliesky Gourriel hit home runs for the defeated team.

Meanwhile, Villa Clara used the setback of Industriales to seize 3rd place after defeating 7-6 to the battered Santiago de Cuba with 3rd victory of Irving del Rio and offensive highlight of Yandrys Canto, 3-2 with 1 homer and 2 RBIs.

In the other match of the day, Artemisa settled 8-2 to Isla de la Juventud with success of Yuniesky Gonzalez and laudable offensive of veteran Frederick Cepeda with 3 RBIs.

Matanzas now leads with 48 and 29, followed by Pinar del Río (46-31), Villa Clara (45-32), Industriales and Holguin (44-33), Artemisa (39-38), Isla de la Juventud (37-40) and Santiago de Cuba (34-43).

Boxing

The quarter-final calendar of the *World Boxing Series*, 4th season, was officially announced today by the organizers of the event.

The teams from Italy and Cuba, who finished as leading their respective groups, will act as visitor on March 28th and a week later, on April 4th, will receive their rivals.

The *Dolce Gabbana* from Italy, which leads Group A with 26 points, will bump into the Azerbaijan's *Baku Fires*, while *Los Domadores de Cuba*, with 28 points lead the Group B, will fight to the *Knockouts* from the United States in Miami, Florida.

Meanwhile, the defending champion, the Kazakhstan's *Astana Arlans*, will visit the team of Germany, and the *Otamans* from Ukrainian, runner-up of the previous series, will face the Russian team, which yesterday gave the only defeat to the Cubans during the knockout stage.

The 1st week of quarter-finals will cover the 49, 56, 64, 75 and 91 kg. divisions while the second one will include the 52, 60, 69, 81 and 91 kg.

The fights keep the back and forth format to both contenders, but could be defined with an 11th combat in more than 91 kilos if there is parity during the close of the 10th.

Terry Fox Run

Everything is now ready nationwide to for this Saturday's 17th edition of the *Terry Fox Run* in tribute to the young *Canadian Terry Fox*, according to Juan Carlos Mesa, deputy director of the *Havana Marathon*, who spoke on *Radio Rebelde*.

The well-known *Marathon of Hope*, is performed in Cuba since 1998, and the first 5 editions until 2002 were only carried out in the capital but from 2003 they are enjoyed in all municipalities in the country as part of the official calendar of the "Marabana" circuit.

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