

Sports News Roundup Sept 25



Baseball

Pinar del Rio escaped being swept by Matanzas and Las Tunas exceeded for the 3rd time to Camaguey, were the most striking results of the last day of the *54th National Baseball Series*.

The left-hander Julio Alfredo Martínez spread 2 hits in 6 innings to lead the current monarchs to a 2-1 closed win over Matanzas' *Los Cocodrilos* with rescue for promising Vladimir Gutierrez and defeat for Joel Suarez.

In other results, Las Tunas completed the sweep by knocking out 12-2 to Camagüey, Guantánamo dominated Santiago de Cuba 5-3, Ciego de Ávila avoided the broom by narrowly beating 6-5 to Sancti Spiritus, Villa Clara's Los Naranjas liquidated 6-2 to Cienfuegos, Artemisa left Isla de la Juventud on the field by 2-1, while Industriales and Mayabeque suspended for the game at the Latinoamericano Stadium in Havana, because of rain.

Canoing

Cuba's team of canoing will seek to reach 1st place by countries at the *Central American and Caribbean Games* in Veracruz, in November.

Alejandro Hamze, president of the local federation, explained that the Caribbeans expect to compete in the 13 events convened to meet or exceed the results achieved in *Cartagena de Indias 2006*, when the balance was 9 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Thus, a payroll of 3 coaches and 12 athletes in both sexes, who have done an excellent preparation with the best technology, has been designed, said the specialist, who also confirmed the classification of 16 athletes for the *2015 Pan-American Games* in Toronto.

Rowing

Most of the 18 Cuban rowers to attend *Veracruz 2015*, will compete in 2 or 3 modalities, in order to regain the top by nations achieved in *Cartagena de Indias 2006*.

Led by singles player, open category, Angel Fournier, double medalist in World Championships --silver and bronze, respectively--, Cubans will compete in the 11 categories called by the organizers.

Although there is a shortlist of 23 athletes with aspirations, the final figure will be 18, who will have to achieve at least 6 titles to win by nations; hence, the importance of controls and training, said the technical coach, Juan Carlos Reyes.

The aquatic channel of the regional event to host the rowing and competencies from November 25th to 29th will be opened on November 21st.

Veracruz 2014

The Mexican state of Veracruz is ready for the *22nd Central American and Caribbean Games*, reaffirmed the state governor, Javier Duarte.

In the presence of ambassadors of the area, Duarte reiterated that Veracruz competitions will be the best within the regional games.

From Xalapa, capital of the state, the governor said this week began the delivery of the venues for the Games, set to take place from November 14th to 30th.

He said the participation of athletes from 31 countries who will compete in first class facilities is expected.

Some of these spaces were renovated, while others were newly created as the velodrome in Xalapa, Mexico's most modern, he said.

In each of the six venues, the cities of Veracruz, Boca del Rio, Xalapa, Córdoba, Tuxpan and Coatzacoalcos, athletes will find the perfect place and conditions for their maximum performance, the governor said.

Veracruz will receive nearly 6,000 athletes and coaches from 31 countries, as well as 1,600 judges and technical staff, the source said.

The governor received the ambassadors of Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, who were briefed on the preparations for the games, local media reported.



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