

# *Sports News Roundup October 1*

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## **Baseball**

Holguín cut off the 6 consecutive successful chain of previously unbeaten Industriales to overcome it 5-2 on Tuesday in the continuation of the *54th National Baseball Series*.

Rodolfo Sorís starred from the mound for Holguín to limit Industriales' offensive to just 6 hits and 1 clean in 7 episodes, supported by the rescue of fast lefty Yaisel Sierra, while the right-hander Noelvis Entenza suffered his 1st reverse of the campaign.

2nd baseman Yúnior Paumier excelled by winners in 3-2, with 1 homer and 2 trailers, seconded by catcher Franklin Aballe with 2 RBIs.

Also, Sancti Spiritus maintained its good step to whiten 9-0 to Granma with highlights for veteran Ángel Peña, who admitted only 3 hits in 6 chapters, while failure corresponded to César García.

3rd baseman Orlando Acebey led Sancti Spiritus' *Los Gallos* offensive with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs, together with outfielder Liván Monteagudo, 3-2, with 2 RBIs.

Ciego de Avila also retained the winning pace to beat 4-3 to Camagüey, with Osmar Carrero's 1st success, salvage of Yadir Rabbi and the 2nd defeat of star Norge Luis Ruiz.

Outfielders Luis Robert Moirán and José García excelled in batting with 2 trailers per capita for Avilianians' *Los Tigres* while Osmel Águila took off homer for the losers.

In evening hours, Artemisa exceeded 2-1 to Pinar del Río, Guantánamo 5-3 to Isla de la Juventud, Santiago de Cuba 8-4 to Mayabeque, Villa Clara 6-3 to Las Tunas and Matanzas 15-0 to Cienfuegos, the 1st super knockout of the Season.

## **Basketball**

The Cuban women's basketball team faces Serbia on Wednesday in the *sudden death* phase, corresponding to the current *World Basketball Championship*, which takes place in Turkey.

Cuba concluded the qualifying stage with 1 win and 2 losses, in 3rd place in *Group C* and could advance to the 2nd round yesterday by defeating South Korea 73-57; while Serb with 2-1, were 2nd in *Group D*.

The winner of that crucial clash will guarantee a ticket among the top 8 of the world, competing in 16 casts divided into 4 blocks.

Brazil, Canada and the United States have already qualified for the Americas; precisely the Americans, along with Turkey, Spain and Australia, dominated their groups unbeaten, so they rest today waiting for their opponents to the quarter-final stage.

## **Chess**

Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez fell down to 15th place in chess world rankings, according to the *Chess International Federation's* latest list recently published in October.

Dominguez, 31 years old, lost 4 rating points during the last month, and now owns 2751 units, as he only played 6 games in September in the *European Club Championship* defending the 2nd board of Russian *St. Petersburg* club, and had 1 one win, 4 draws and 1 reverse.

However, the Cuban is still the best player in Latin America and the 2nd of the continent, behind American Kikaru Nakamura. Meanwhile, his fellow, the also Cuban GM Lázaro Bruzón with 2679 Elo units, remained inactive during September and fell down from the 59th to 62nd place in the world ranking.

In October list highlights the presence of other Latin American among the 100 best in the world, Peruvian GM Julio Ernesto Granda, with 2674 units, and is ranked 70th in the world list.

## **Cuba and Niger Will Expand Sport Cooperation**

In a pleasant dialogue today, Christian Jiménez Molina and Dan Mallam Abdoul, top sport executives of Cuba and Niger, respectively, agreed to expand bilateral sport collaboration for the *XXXI Olympic Games* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

At an official ceremony at the *Sports City Coliseum* in the Cuban capital, both officials agreed that the African nation will receive Cuban trainers for athletics, football, boxing and volleyball, among others, as well as conducting training bases in Cuba prior to the *Olympics* scheduled for August 5th-21st, 2016.

"Our cooperation with African nations transcends the sports, we have an incalculable debt to the people of that continent, as in a large part, we all are descendants from Africa," Jiménez Molina said.

"We really treasured and appreciate how much Cuba has done for our sport movement, and we strongly believe that the presence of Cuban coaches in Niger will be helpful for the development of sports in our nation," replied the distinguished, who traveled with his *General Director for Sports*, Mr. Abdoul Rachid, and other figures in a recent official visit to Havana.

The meeting was also attended by Tomás Herrera, director of *International Relations and Communication of INDER*, and Carlos Rodriguez, manager of *Cubadeportes SA*.

The Republic of Niger is a landlocked country in West Africa with 1 million 267 000 km. square, and more than 16 million people.

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