

Sports News Roundup Oct 27

Baseball

Although far away from the privileged positions, the current monarch Pinar del Rio showed signs of recovery in the *54th National Baseball Series* by sweeping to Guantanamo in their last sub series.

Pinar passed over *Los Indios del Guaso* by a narrow margin of 2-1 with the 1st success of the star Yosvani Torres, who spread 6 hits in 8 innings, supported by Vladimir Gutierrez' rescue.

The designated batter Lázaro Alonso led the winning drive when connecting 3-2 with 1 double and 1 driven in, while outfielder Robert Luis Delgado excelled by the defeated with 4-2, with 1 solo homer.

Meanwhile, Villa Clara surpassed 11-0 to Industriales with credit for right-hander Alain Sánchez, who only allowed 3 hits in 7 chapters, and offensive highlight of veteran Ariel Borrero and Yeniet Pérez' homer with 3 trailers per capita.

In another striking result, Artemisa escaped the sweep by winning 7-3 to the leader Matanzas with 3rd Miguel Lahera's success and prominence offensive of outfielder Dayán González, 4-2, with a double, 1 triple and 3 RBIs.

Also, Granma handcuffed a couple of occasions to Camagüey 4-3 and 5-0, while Santiago de Cuba and Ciego de Avila divided honors with initial score of 2-1, favorable to *Las Avispas*, and subsequent victory of *Los Tigres* by 4-3.

In the rest of clashes, Cienfuegos exceeded 2-1 to Mayabeque in the 1st challenge of a double feature, but later fell 4-1 in the *Los Huracanes'* revenge, while Isla de la Juventud blanked 3-0 to Sancti Spiritus and Las Tunas liquidated 4-2 to Holguin.

Sports and Tourism Cooperation

Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Rogelio Sierra Díaz, and his Algerian counterpart, Ramtan Lamamra recently signed a new cooperation agreement in the field of tourism and sports in Algiers.

The document includes the presence of a group of Cuban sports specialists and technicians by the end of the year, who will support and/or renew the existing group for several years.

Both executives agreed on the excellent sports cooperation living between Algeria and Cuba dates back to 1962, since the success of the current Algerian democratic process, and pointed out that the agreement will give a new impetus to this historic partnership which includes the sectors of health, energy, construction, education and culture, among others.

Cuban President Raul Castro officially visited Algeria twice in 2009, and that same year, the Algerian president, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, paid an official visit to Havana.

Marabana Marathon

The preparations for the 28th edition of *Marabana*, main event of marathon in Cuba, continues with the enrollment of 1 thousand local runners so far.

Carlos Gattorno, director of *Marabana-Maracuba Project*, told local ACN news agency that this figure represents a third of what they predicted for national participation.

Regarding the foreign presence, Gattorno said that so far 443 runners have been registered-from 40 countries, a historical record of participation in this event, whose deadline for registration is October 31st due to the need to ensure the hiring of all timing services.

Regarding logistics, he explained that they are receiving systematic collaboration of Ciego Montero, as a supplier, and also the support of the Food Industry Enterprises Union, to provide all services and water.

Gattorno added that they will develop, on November 8th, a clinic at the Institute of Sports Medicine, which will address the issue of hydration and its features.

He stated that the meeting will be attended by a group of doctors who shall perform a primary health check to all runners.

Also, the classic draw will take place at *Paseo Gallery*, in this city, a day later *Marabana's* starting whistle will be on November 16th at 7: 00 a.m. while *Maracuba's* shall be a day before at 10 a.m., both of them will be in accordance with *Radio Reloj Station*.

Jamaica and Cuba to Boost Cooperation in Sports

Jamaica and Cuba considered to boost cooperation in the fields of sports and physical culture, reported the Embassy of Cuba in Kingston.

According to the embassy, the Sports Minister of Jamaica, Natalie Neita-Headley, received in her office the charge d'affaires of Cuba, Ricardo Tur, and discussed the potential of the two countries to increase links in the sports sector.

After the meeting, Tur thanked the Jamaican Minister for her support as a member of parliament to the motion passed by the House of Representatives of Jamaica demanding the lifting of the criminal US blockade against Cuba.

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