

Sports News Roundup June 15



Volleyball

The Cuban women's volleyball team made its debut at the *Movistar Pan-American Cup* with a hard-won victory over Peru, host of the tournament that opened on the weekend.

The Cuban team won 3-0 in sets fiercely disputed 25-21, 25-20 and 25-22. The Cubans, placed in *Group B*, efficiently tightened the block, preventing the effectiveness of the Peruvian attack and having Melissa Vargas as the main player.

The Peruvian captain, Clarivett Yllescas, stated her team made many mistakes in serving and emotionally fell to the superiority of the Cuban attack.

In the same series, Dominican Republic defeated Uruguay 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-8) and Argentina defeated 3-0 to Costa Rica (25-14, 25-14, 27-25), Colombia beat Mexico 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-20) and the United States overpassed Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-22; 25-12; 25-18).

Today's matches are *Group B's* Cuba/Brazil, Peru/the Dominican Republic and Canada/Uruguay while *Group A's* covers Colombia/USA, Costa Rica/Puerto Rico and Argentina/Mexico.

Chess

The opening of the *Capablanca Memorial* in its 50th edition paid tribute to Commander Ernesto Che Guevara on the 87th anniversary of his birth and recognized emblematic figures of Cuban chess as GMs

Silvino Garcia and Vivian Ramon and the International Referee Serafin Chuit.

At the *Havana Libre Hotel*, Che's contribution to the development of the science game on the island and his links with the first editions of the oldest events of this kind on the continent were also evoked.

Parallel, Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez, owner of 2746 ELO points, debuts today Monday against his compatriot GM Lazaro Bruzon (2677) while the Ukrainian GM Pavel Heljanov (2718) will face off Russian GM Ian Nepomniatchi (2720).

Finally, in that same group, XIX FIDE category, will also rival the Chinese GM Yu Yangyi (2715) and Russian GM Dmitry Andreikin (2718).

Football

The soccer team of Chile will face Mexico today in search of its 2nd victory in the current *America Cup* based in several cities in the South American nation until next July 4th.

For its part, Venezuela and Brazil debuted with victories where Venezuela surprised against the favorite Colombia, while Brazil suffered to beat Peru on Sunday at the start of the actions in *Group C*.

However, the Cuban team tied 1-1 with Curacao at the *Pedro Marrero Stadium* in this capital on Saturday, an event corresponding to the *CONCACAF* 2nd round so it said goodbye to the *World Cup Russia 2018*.

Judo

Cubans Asley Gonzalez at 90 kilograms, and Idalis Ortiz (+78 kilos) closed with bronze medals at the 2nd and last day of the *Judo Grand Prix* held in Budapest, Hungary.

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