

Sports News Roundup June 20



Baseball

Cuba will return as the *invited team* to the upcoming edition of the *Caribbean Baseball Series*, to be held from February 1st to the 7th next year in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, confirmed the *Caribbean Confederation of Professional Baseball*.

The Caribbean organization, made up by the leagues of Puerto Rico, Mexico, Venezuela and Dominican Republic, decided to invite Cuba again, current monarch of the baseball classic played this year in the Puerto Rican city of San Juan, reported the local *Jit* sports publication.

The body also determined to maintain the same competitive format used in the last two editions, in which the 4 teams with the best results qualify to the semi-finals, and the winners of those matches will face off in a final match for the title.

Another decision taken by the Organization was the re-election as president of the organization of the Dominican Juan Francisco Puella Herrera, who will assume that position for the 6th consecutive time.

The baseball entity expressed its intention for Cuba to officially be part of the *Caribbean Confederation of Professional Baseball* to give this nation the possibility of hosting again the Caribbean Series very soon.

Chess

Chinese chess player, GM Yu Yangyi, laid down the law in the 1st round and dominates with an iron fist the *Elite Group* of the *50th Capablanca Memorial Tournament*, which today enjoys its only rest day.

The day before, Chinese Yu (2715 Elo) won his 3rd victory in a row after beating Russian GM Ian Nepomniachtchi (2720 Elo) and accumulated 4.5 points out of 5 in the 1st round of the competition.

Volleyball

The Cuban women's volleyball team advanced to the semifinals of the *Pan-American Volleyball Cup* by defeating 3-2 in the quarterfinals to Puerto Rico, in a game disputed in Lima, Peru, where today will be defined the teams to discuss medals on Sunday.

However, Cuba's men team suffered their 3rd loss to Canada in the *World Volleyball League*, losing 1-3 in the 1st of 2 scheduled games in *Group C* of the 2nd level, taking place in the *Sports City Coliseum* in Havana.

Rowing

Cuban single rower Angel Fournier will today look to be included among the 6 finalists of the 2nd stage of the *Rowing World Cup*, with a stage in the aquatic track of Varese in Italy.

Boxing

The Kazakhstan's *Astana Arlans* team beat 3-2 defending champions Cuba's *Los Domadores*, which is now forced to win on Sunday to retain the throne of the *V World Series of Boxing*.

Pen Robeisy Ramirez and cruise Erislandy Savon could win for Cuba, but gave in to light welterweight Yasnier Toledo, the medium Arlen Lopez and light flyweight Joahnys Argilagos; thus, the balance tipped in favor of the challengers.

Sunday evening is seen as less complicated for the advocate monarchs, which could get access to the quartet of wins that would guarantee them to reign without disputing the extra assigned clash in the *feather* category.

America Cup

Uruguay and Paraguay clash today in the *America Football Cup Chile-2015* soccer, focusing on a victory that allows them to secure second place in *Group B* and direct qualification to the quarterfinals.

Uruguay is famous for its claw, while Paraguay's fight matches with great dedication, all of which revolve around the clash.

Almost literally, this is a body to body soccer match that surely will take away a little serenity to this beautiful Chilean city, dazzling in its neo-colonial architecture and extensive beaches. The Home stadium, with capacity for 17 thousand people, will host the game.

In the other game of the district, Jamaica and Argentina will face off.

Yesterday, in *Group A*, Chile thrashed 5-0 Bolivia and Ecuador beat Mexico 2-1. After these results, the Chileans were on top of A, with 7 points, followed by Bolivia (4), Ecuador (3) and deleted Mexico (2).

Chilean Arturo Vidal, who played only the first half against Bolivia, is the leading scorer with 3 goals, followed by Argentinian Sergio Aguero, Chileans Eduardo Vargas and Charles Aranguiz, Mexicans Matias Vuoso and Raul Jimenez, and Ecuadorians Miller Bolaños and Enner Valencia, all with 2 goals each.

Thus, the *Table* positions in *Group A* is headed by Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador and Mexico; *Group B* is composed of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Jamaica; while *Group C* covers Peru, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela.

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