

Sports News Roundup July 15



Toronto 2015

Cuba had another lively day of competitions on Tuesday at the *17th Pan-American Games Toronto 2015* in a variety of disciplines.

In the case of baseball, after 6 quiet innings, Tyler O'Neill broke up a pitchers' duel to keep Canada undefeated in baseball actions at the Pan-American Games.

O'Neill hit a 3-run homer off Yoennis Yera in the 6th inning as Canada beat Cuba 3-1 on Tuesday night at *President's Choice Ajax Park* to move to 4-0 in preliminary-round play.

Canada's youngest player, the 20-year-old O'Neill, drilled his 2nd homer of the tournament off the batter's eye in center field to give veteran starter Shawn Hill all the support he needed.

The 34-year-old Hill, 3 years removed from his last major-league appearance, didn't strike out a single Cuban batter but allowed just 3 hits and issued 1 walk in 6 shutout innings.

That kind of mastery was needed with Yera on his game for much of the night. Cuba's starter allowed just 1 hit for the first 5 innings before an infield single, hit batter and O'Neill's homer broke things open for Canada.

And to close with baseball, the selections of the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba will try to settle their commitments today with victories that may get them closer to Canada, the only unbeaten in *Toronto 2015*

with 4-0 to easily run the preliminary phase with solvent advantage on the remaining 6 competing teams.

Meanwhile, Cuban rower Angel Fournier got his 2nd gold medal in Toronto 2015 with a victory in *men's single sculls*.

Fournier, bronze in *Amsterdam 2014 Rowing World Cup* covered 2,000 meters at 7.51.39 minutes to give the 15th golden medal to Cuba while Canadian Rob Gibson obtained the silver medal, followed by Argentinian Brian Rosso (bronze).

However, Cuban female gymnast Marcia Videaux broke the predictions and obtained the 1st place and accumulated 14,737 points, to get the gold medal in the *Artistic Gymnastics*, while silver and bronze medals went to the Dominican Yamilet Peña (14,250) and Canadian Ellie Black (14,087). This is the 1st gold medal for Cuba in this modality that was not in the Caribbean delegation predictions.

Finally, stellar Cuban judoka Idalys Ortiz won the women's +78kg final on Tuesday night defeating Mexican Vanessa Zambotti with 3 Shidos and adding a new Pan-American gold medal to her collection. Cuba's Pan-Am judo results now stand at 3 gold, 3 silver and 8 bronze medals.

With this victory Cuba's overall medal count is 15 gold, 11 silver, and 16 bronze to owns 3rd place.

After 4 days, Canada continues at the top with 25, 22 and 17, followed by the States with 19, 19 and 16; then Colombia with 14, 6 and 11, and Brazil is 5th with 12-8-11.

National School Games

About 475 adolescents of both sexes exhibit their potential in athletics that began today in the eastern city of Las Tunas as part of the *51st School National Games* edition.

The meeting will be attended by athletes from all provinces and the special municipality of Isle of Youth, as well as a representation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as a guest.

The event will be competed in the 12-13 and 13-14 categories, said the Organizing Committee of the lid to the National Press Agency.

Simultaneously, 75 disabled from different social organizations such as ACLIFIM, ANSOC and ANCI, and from Venezuela, will contest their medals.

Last week, the synthetic track of Las Tunas also hosted the athletics of the National School Games, youth category, in which the provinces of Havana, Santiago de Cuba and Guantnamo occupied the first 3 places, in that order.

National Day for Children's Day

Cuba will awaken on holiday next Sunday to celebrate, from one end to the other of the archipelago and in style all out in squares, parks, streets, beaches, countryside and mountains, the *Children's Day*.



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