

# *Sports News Roundup August 05*

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## **Javelin**

Cuban javelin thrower Yulenmis Aguilar celebrates her 19th birthday today with the world junior record, after a throw of 63.86 meters that guaranteed the *Pan-American U-20* crown and the Olympic ticket to *Rio de Janeiro-2016*.

The young Cuban athlete, silver medal in the *World Cadet 2013*, was 6th in the recently concluded *17th Pan-American Games Toronto 2015*, and managed to surpass the record of 63.01, set by the Ukrainian Vira Rebryk in July 2008.

'When I threw the javelin I knew I had a great shot of over 60 meters, but never thought it would be a world record,' confessed the athlete whose best record was 59.18.

Cuba has a rich tradition in the javelin, specifically among women with Olympic champions Maria Caridad Colon and Osleidys Menendez.

## **Varadero Resort to Host NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit Again**

The 5th phase of the *Beach Volleyball Circuit of the North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA)* will be held in this world famous Cuban beach resort from Aug. 26th-30th.

Daniel Toledo, general coordinator of the event, told local Prensa Latina news agency that the venue will be at the Varadero's *Bercalo Solimar Complex*, in northern Matanzas province, 140 km east of Havana.

Toledo said male and female players from 16 nations are expected to attend and highlighted the support from local authorities to this event that for 5th consecutive year is held in Varadero.

Cuba's men and women pairs, who won silver and bronze, respectively, at the recently concluded Pan-American Games in Toronto, will also compete.

According to the schedule released by **NORCECA** officials, the regional event began in Cayman Islands in April, and will be closed in Trinidad and Tobago on November 11th-16th.

The **NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit** also includes matches in the Dominican Republic, the United States, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Guatemala.

### **Cuban Baseball Team to Tournament in Colombia**

Cuba will take part in a 4-team international meet for the peace in Colombia, as part of the *Summer Festival* in celebration in the Colombian capital and other cities gathering teams from Bogota, Cordoba and Bolivar cities.

Just after having recently arrived from a tournament in Rotterdam, Holland, Cuban manager Victor Mesa will coach the Cuban team representing the Caribbean island.

According to the baseball authorities, the Cuban team will be composed by catchers Eriel Sanchez and Onel Vega, accompanied by infielders Lourdes Gourriel Jr., Anibal Medina, Jefferson Delgado, Luis Felipe Rivera and Yeniet Perez while the outfield will be covered by veterans Carlos Tabares, Ariel Sánchez, Edilse Silva, Victor Victor Mesa Jr., and the pitchers will be Alain Sanchez, Yulieski González, Vladimir García, Yosvani Perez and Jose Angel Garcia.

The main team of Cuba, directed by Roger Machado, won the bronze medal *"in extremis"* in the recent finished Pan-American Games in Toronto, thanks to 2 decisive homers in a row of Yorbis Adolis Borroto and Jose Garcia.

### **Cuba Faces Toronto Parapan Games with Cautious Optimism**

Cuba faces the *Para-Pan-American Games* in Toronto with cautious optimism, and the goal to match or exceed the medals reached 4 years ago in *Guadalajara* where 27 golds, 16 silvers and 11 bronzes were obtained.

Rene Jimenez, head of Sports for Disabled People department at the Cuban Institute of Sports, said the delegation is satisfied with trainings and a high efficiency to make those purposes come true is expected.

The executive declined to forecast position in the medal table, aware of the rise of other countries, and that Cuba participates in fewer disciplines than other regional powers.

"We are confident of the potentialities of our athletes, despite other countries with greater financial resources have been trained to ascend," Jimenez recognized. In addition, the fall from 2nd to 4th in Toronto 2015 medal table just held makes the speech is more cautious, without sacrificing the goals.

Cuba came with 67 athletes classified by record, but Track and Field felt a reduction, leaving the delegation in just 57 members, who will compete in 71 of 393 disciplines convened.

## Swimming

The young Cuban swimmer Elisbet Gamez will have her 2nd presentation at the *World Aquatics Championships* today, based in the Russian city of Kazan, in the preliminary round of the 200m backstroke style. Meanwhile, his teammate, the also novel Luis Vega, will appear in the 200 meters of the combined test modality.

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