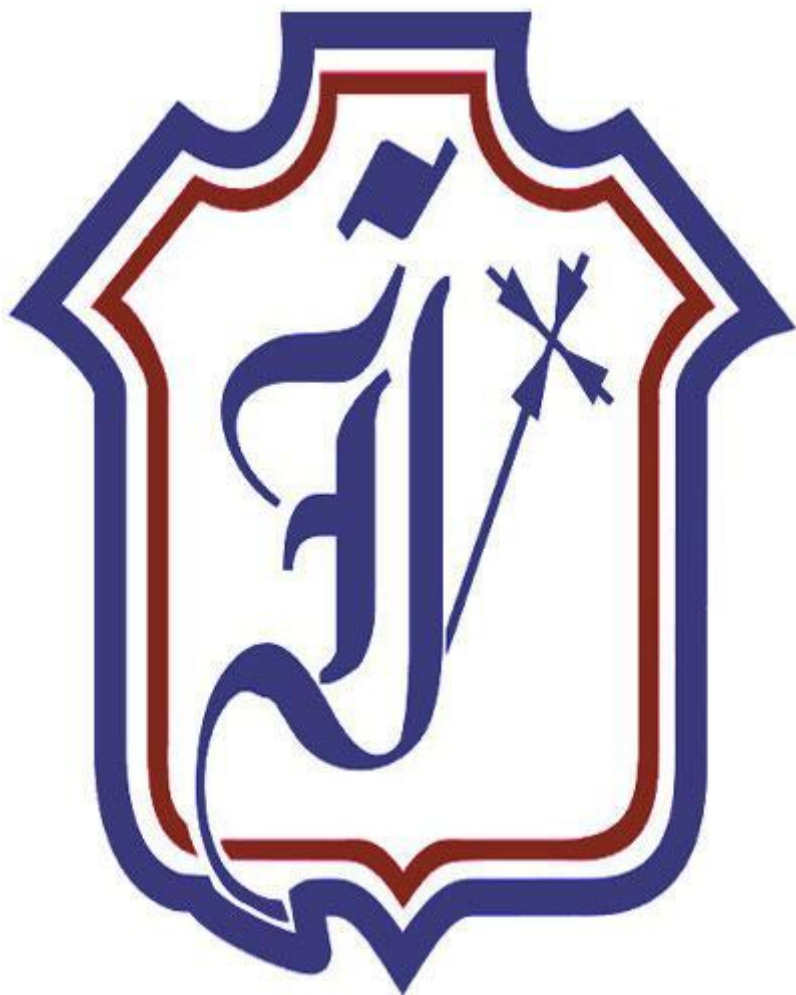


Sports News Roundup September

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Baseball

Industriales said victorious goodbye at the *Jose Ramon Cepero Stadium*, beating the host and defending champion, Ciego de Avila, this time 9-4, in the 3rd date of the 55th National Baseball Series.

This 2nd victory went to Yoel de Paula, who had run support of 12 hits, while locals managed 10 and committed 2 errors, with reliever Denis Castillo's setback.

By Javier Mendez' disciples excelled the 4th batter and 1st baseman Alexander Malleta, who shot a double that was about to become home run.

This was Ciego de Avila's *Los Tigres* 2nd failure facing *Los Leones* of the Capital, because after overcome them 5-4, fell 4-7, and now Ciego de Avila shows 2 wins and 2 setbacks.

Meanwhile, Industriales presents 2 and 1, and will face Pinar del Río at the capital's *Latinoamericano Stadium*, as today is a transfer day.

In the parallel match, Guantanamo's fans celebrated the 2nd win of local *Indios*

Guerreros del Guaso over Holguin's *Los Sabuesos*, which originally outstripped the locals by 4 runs for 1, at the nick of time before collecting the bats.

Now Los Indios march undefeated to the *Victoria de Giron Stadium* in Matanzas after sweeping Holguin thanks to timely homer of its main batter, Pedro Pablo Martinez, in the 9th entrance facing left-hander Luis Angel Gomez.

In other matches, Cienfuegos beat Matanzas, Camaguey knocked out Las Tunas, Granma edged 15-3 to Artemisa, Mayabeque was better 5-2 than Santiago de Cuba, and Pinar del Río split 4-6 and 8-7 to Sancti Spiritus.

This Wednesday is the date of transfer and on Thursday 2nd subset of the tournament, will be opponents Isla de la Juventud (1-3)-industriales (2-1), Guantanamo (3-0)-Matanzas (1-2), Pinar (1-2)-Cienfuegos (2-

1), Sancti Spiritus (2-0)-Artemisa (1-2), Holguin (0-3)-Villa Clara (2-1), Camagüey (1-2)-Ciego de Avila (2-2), Santiago de Cuba (2-1)-Las Tunas () and Mayabeque (1-2)-Granma (2-1).

And another news from baseball says that the selection of Cuba beat Chinese Taipei 3-2 in the 5th round of the *World Baseball Cup U-18* taking place in Japan, where it now appears with 4 wins and 1 reverse.

Basketball

Puerto Rico confirmed their favoritism after surpassing Cuba 91-61 points in *Group B* at the *Americas Olympic Qualifying Basketball* for men.

The Puerto Ricans reached their 1st win of the tournament with 19 points and 6 assistances from José Juan Barea, 16 points and 6 rebounds of Angel Vasallo, plus 14 points and 6 balls trapped under the basket by Renaldo Balkman and Richard Chaney Junior's, who scored 11 cartons.

For Cubans, Jasiel Rivero was again the spark plug with 20 points and 6 rebounds, escorted by Yoan Luis Haiti with 18 points and 13 balls near the basket. This is the 2nd defeat of the Cubans who rival Canada this Wednesday.

Rowing

The Cuban rower Angel Fournier seeks today his ticket to the semi-finals in the open weight individual test at the *World Championships of Rowing* underway in Aiguebelette, France.

Fournier, multimedallist in Cups and World Championships, share lanes with German Lars Harting, the Norwegian Olaf Tufte, the Lithuanian Mindaugas Griskavis, Serbian Dusan Bogicevic and Mexican Juan Carlos Cabrera.

Also this Wednesday will be in action with similar purpose the Cuban pair Aimée Hernández and Yariulvis Cobas, as the only Latin American participants in the double scull for ladies.

In the playoff, where only 2 boats emerge semifinals, the Caribbean will row with duets from Austria, Czech Republic, China and Denmark.

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