

# *Sports News Roundup October 06*

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## **Cuban Sports Movement Remembers Victims of Terrorist Act**

*Cuban Sports Movement* and the entire country remember today the bombing of a Cubana airplane in Barbados that killed 73 people, including the youth fencing team.

Commemorative events and meetings with relatives mark the tribute to the victims of this terrorist act, which occurred 39 years ago and that still cries for justice.

Activities include the traditional pilgrimage to the Colon Cemetery and the main event at the *Cerro Pelado High Performance Athletes School*.

In the aircraft were 11 young Guyanese that were going to study medicine in Cuba, 5 officials of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and 57 Cubans, including 16 fencers from the youth team, with trainers, technicians and managers. Athletes returned to their country covered with glory, because they had won all the gold medals in the Central American and Caribbean Championship in Caracas, in the junior division.

However, terrorists of Cuban origin Luis Posada Carriles and Orlando Bosch -- who employed two Venezuelans to carry out the crime, Hernán Ricardo and Freddy Lugo-- frustrated their dreams of reaching the awards in the Olympic Games with the criminal sabotage on that October 6th, 1976.

The self-confessed authors of this abominable act still enjoy impunity, backed by the silence of the American governments, self-proclaimed champions of the fight against terrorism, while giving shelter to

notorious murderers in its territory.

They were arrested by the Venezuelan justice days later, but they managed to escape from prison despite the claims of all the families of the martyrs and the Cuban people.

Facing the overwhelming evidence, the United States tries to evade the trial for fear that Washington's relations with the protagonists of that awful fact comes to light.

## **Baseball**

Matanzas and Pinar del Rio arrived at 7 and 6 consecutive wins, respectively, to maintain their upward trend in the *55th Cuban Baseball Championship* and being consolidated in the so-called *Sorting Zone*.

Yurisbel Gracial and Eduardo Blanco homered and drove in 3 each in the Matanzas' Los Cocodrilos 10-1 victory facing Holguin, with credit for Yoanni Yera, who spread 4 hits and 1 unearned run in 6 innings.

Pinar del Rio's Los Vegueros surpassed the laggard Camagüey 9-3 with star Yosvany Torres' 2nd win and offensive role of William Saavedra and Reidel Alvarez, author of 1 homer per capita.

Las Tunas deployed overwhelming offensive of 21 hits to beat Artemisa 15-3 in the challenge set by the homer and 3 RBIs of its 1st baseman Joenny Southerán, while catcher Yosvany Alarcón hit 5-4 with 2 doubles.

Lourdes Gourriel hit 4-2 with 1 double and 3 RBIs to lead the Industriales' 10-8 victory over Sancti Spiritus.

In turn, Lázaro Cedeño and Osvaldo Abreu drove in 2 per capita in the success of Granma 6-4 to Villa Clara, while Isla de la Juventud knocked out 11-1 to Santiago de Cuba, highlighting the veteran Luis Felipe Rivera's role, 4-2, with 3 RBIs.

Guantanamo struggled 10 episodes to overcome Mayabeque 16-12 in magical night of its shortstop Andrés de la Cruz, 6-5, with 1 homer, 6 trailers and 3 runs scored, while Ciego de Avila lost 5-2 against Cienfuegos when the game was sealed in the 6th chapter.

Ciego de Avila's Los Tigres still lead with 20 and 7, escorted by Pinar del Río (18-8), Industriales (19-9), Granma (17-10), Las Tunas (16-10), Matanzas (16-11) and Cienfuegos (13-11).

Then close the Isla de la Juventud, Sancti Spiritus and Villa Clara (14-14) in the 8th, followed by Guantanamo (13-14), Havana (13-15), Santiago de Cuba (10-18), Artemisa (8-17), Camagüey (7-21) and Mayabeque (4-23).

## **Diving**

Mexico seeks to defend its title at the *Pan-American Junior Diving Championship* from 8th-11th this month in Matanzas city, Cuba.

The *Mexican Swimming Federation (FMN)*, directed by Kiril Todorov, said the team of 33 competitors in various categories from 11-18 years old can meet its target because its figures participated in the *2013 Phoenix Championship*, Arizona, and *Nanjing 2014*, which had an outstanding performance of 22 countries.



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