

# *Sports News Roundup October 26*

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## **Baseball**

The struggle for the 5 qualifying available berths continues today when the official penultimate date of the preliminary schedule of the *55th National Baseball Series* is met.

At the beginning of the last subset, the most significant event was that the already qualified Industriales, Isla de la Juventud and Sancti Spiritus, increased to 4 their string of victories, while Las Tunas, home of the *All-Star Game*, suffered its 5th straight loss.

Finally, Matanzas and Isla de la Juventud were also ratified in the *Sorting Area* on Sunday to acquit gracefully in their respective clashes against the already ruled out Artemisa and Camaguey teams.

## **Football**

The Preselection of football of Matanzas province is preparing to intervene in the *Tournament of Ascent Cuban Soccer* to begin next January, which grants 2 tickets for the National Championship, 1st category in Cuba.

The group consists of 8 athletes under 23 years old within which highlights the front Yosniel González Martínez, Cuba team member to the world pre-qualifying Sub-17 that took place in Honduras on February 27th and March 15th this year.

Raúl Fernández Espinosa, trainer of the group, said that the players are in excellent shape and it only remains to iron out details in the individual order to achieve optimal conditions.

Finally, the Cuban coach said that in the next month a 2nd call to add more members to the pre-selection will be made, which will stimulate fraternal competition among all Matanzas' footballers.

### **Athletics**

Cuba will seek to increase its harvest of 4 gold and 1 silver medals, in the continuation of the *World Athletics Championship for the Disabled*, based in Doha, Qatar, until Saturday, October 31st.

Yunidis Castillo, 5 times Paralympic champion, will attempt to reach her 1st title of this competition to take part in the final of the 400m T47 (upper limbs affected category).

This Sunday, the Cuban delegation celebrated the another golden metal this time gotten by sprinter Omara Durand, who won the 200m T12 (deep visually impaired category), with a world record of 23.03 sec. and the gold of Leinier Savón, winner of the 100m T12 (also deep visually impaired category), besides Leonardo Diaz' golden medal in discus throwing, F56 (wheelchair category), with 45.10 m.

With the attendance of 6 Cubans, the lid is hosted at the *Suhai Bin Hamad Stadium*, covering 839 men and 443 women from 97 countries looking for their qualification to the *Paralympics Games* in Rio de Janeiro 2016.

### **Football**

The women's U-17 Costa Rican Football team arrive today to Havana to make 2 friendly caps against its Cuban counterpart at the court of the capital's *Pedro Marrero National Stadium* the coming 28th and 30th from 4:00 pm.

As reported by the *Cuba's Football Association*, the young visitors will also conduct joint trainings with the local cast headed by Cuban coach Constantino Valdés.

Worth mentioning is that both teams are preparing for their respective qualifying tournaments heading into the CONCACAF finals, to be held in Granada in March 2016, which grants 3 seats to the *World Cup* in Jordan that year.

Cuba will discuss its berth in a tournament to be held in Puerto Rico from November 13th-23rd, while Costa Rica will seek progress on the event to be held in Honduras from 11th-16th of the same month.

The Cuban women participate for the first time in this competition, while Costa Rica is ranked among the 4 most powerful in CONCACAF.

### **Fencing**

A modest performance recorded 2 fencers who represented Cuba in the *World Fencing Cup*, an event organized by Italy, among women, and Switzerland, by men, according to the website of the *International Fencing Federation*.

On Swiss territory, the city of Berne hosted the event until Sunday, in which Reynier Henriquez anchored in position 92nd, valid to add 1 point in the world rankings, while Yamilka Rodriguez closed in place 113rd but with no points, so both athletes did not qualify to *Rio de Janeiro 2016*.



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