

Sports News roundup November 16



Baseball

South Korea defeated Cuba by a score of 7-2 to reach the semifinals of the *Premier 12* baseball tournament played on Monday.

South Korea did most of its damage in the bottom of the 2nd, scoring 5 runs on 6 hits at *Taichung Intercontinental Baseball Stadium* in Taichung, some 130 km. south of Taipei. After Cuba scored twice in the bottom of the 5th, Yang Eui-ji hit a solo homer and Kim Hyun-soo came through with an RBI single for securing runs in the top 8th.

For Cubans, no hitter connected more than 1 single and the defeat was for Montieth, who allowed 4 hits and 3 earned in the very 1st entry opening.

In other results of the quarterfinals, Japan beat Puerto Rico 9x3, US beat Holland 6x1 and Mexico surprised everyone by defeating Canada 4x3, undefeated in *Group A* in the preliminary phase.

Now South Korea will meet Japan at *Tokyo Dome Stadium* on Thursday. Japan shut out South Korea 5-0 in the tournament opener on Nov. 8th at *Sapporo Dome Stadium*. Japan was a perfect 5-0 in *Group B* to play and defeat Venezuela 9-3 in the quarterfinals on Monday.

The United States and Mexico will meet in the other semifinal contests on Friday, also at *Tokyo Dome Stadium*. The 3rd-place game and the final will both be played at Tokyo Dome Stadium on Saturday.

Marabana

Cuba's Jorge Luis Suarez won for the 4th consecutive time the Havana Marathon race, *Marabana*, which had record participation of over 5,000 runners, including 1,500 foreigners from 62 countries.

Suarez, a policeman by profession, had to overcome a foot injury to succeed with a time of 2:29:30.

With his victory on Sunday, Suarez also guaranteed the return to *Madrid Marathon*, which he already competed and finished in 25th place —equivalent to 4th in place in his category—.

The female version of the race was won by Norway's Tonje Granne Kvala who ran the distance in 3:28.23 to become the 2nd foreign runner to win this competition, since the Italian Anna Zachi in 1993 with 3:26.24.

Another Cuban, Richer Pérez, Pan-American marathon champion, won the half marathon race, to run 21 km. in 1 hour 11 min. and 19 sec.

A month ago, this runner won the half marathon in Trinidad and Tobago, and now will take part in Panama and Puerto Rico, with a view in *Rio de Janeiro-2016*.

Also in the 21 km run, but among women runners, the Cuban Yudisleidis Castillo entered 1st with 1:18.49.

Sporting Stars React to Paris Terror Attacks

Sporting figures from across the globe have united in support of those affected by the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Here, *Press Association Sport* looks at some of the Twitter reaction to Friday's events.

Starts like Germany's Andre Schurrle said "What a terrible night! My thoughts are with families who lost their loved ones!; so did former France striker Thierry Henry, who added: "I'm appalled by the shocking scenes in Paris at the moment. My thoughts are with all the victims and innocent people suffering right now." Many others expressed their condolences, including: tennis world number one Novak Djokovic, former France striker Louis Saha, Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton, Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, two-time major champion golfer Martin Kaymer, former England striker Gary Lineker, Russian Maria Sharapova, Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo, England rugby player Danny Cipriani, Paris St Germain defender David Luiz, England cricketer Ben Stokes, Jamaican sprinter and six-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt; and former PSG manager Carlo Ancelotti.



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