

Sports News Roundup March 16



Baseball

The left-hander Matt Moore has been announced by the manager of Tampa Bay, Kevin Cash, as team opener against Cuba's national team on March 22nd in a friendly match to be held at the Havana's *Latinoamericano Stadium*.

Moore, 26 years old, is one of 14 pitchers traveling to Havana, which were announced at the roster of 34 players, released by the Tampa mentor.

Rounding out the team are 3 catchers, 10 infielders and 7 outfielders, including Dayron Varona, only Cuban-born player within the visiting squad.

In the information provided by the Tampa directive makes it clear that, although 34 players are traveling to Havana, only 28 of them will be active in the challenge.

In addition to the Cuban Varona, other 4 Latin-american players are listed: Dominicans pitchers Alex Colomé and Enny Romero, Puerto Rican pitcher Xavier Cedeño, and Mexican catcher René Rivera.

Boxing

The last 24 matches corresponding to the quarterfinals of the *Olympic Qualifying Boxing Tournament Buenos Aires-2016* will define today the 4 big ones in each weight.

The actions cover male divisions 49, 52, 60, 64 and 81 kilograms, to get everything ready for the semifinals on Thursday, crucial to dream about getting the berths for Rio Olympics.

Cuba placed 2 other representatives in the semifinals after the victories of cruiser Erislandy Savón and super complete Leinier Peró on Tuesday who defeated Ecuadorean Julio Cesar Castillo and Brazilian Rafael Duarte, 2-1 and 3-0, respectively.

Today, for the semifinals, Olympic champion Roniel Iglesias faces American Paul Kroll in the 69 kg.

Swimming

Swimmers from Ecuador, Chile and Puerto Rico together with the best local figures will encourage the major traditional *Cuba's Marcelo Salado Swimming Cup*, starting next Sunday at the Havana's *Aquatic Complex of the Sports City Coliseum*.

The Fair, originally scheduled for the current 21st-25th, has been postponed by the concert of the British *Rolling Stones* music group to be held in the sports areas of the Coliseum on 25th, so there will be double daily session with school competition categories in the mornings, and youth and adults in the afternoons, whose winners are expected to attend the *Mare Nostrum Circuit* in search of their tickets for *Rio 2016*.

Badminton

The Cuban badminton player Osleni Guerrero will take part in the 2nd edition of the *International Tournament of Jamaica*, from March 17th-20th in the Jamaican capital, confirmed the organizers.

Guerrero, the first preclassified under the masculine individual event, will use the event in Jamaica to get ready for the *Giraldilla de La Habana Tournament*, from March 23rd-27th, an event in which he will try to retain the crown obtained last year.

Also, every competition is fundamental in the emulation for the Antillean athlete to obtain his ticket to the Rio Olympics, whose classification process closes next May 1st.

In what it goes of the competitive period, Guerrero conquered the title in the contest of Guatemala, event in which he added 2, 500 units for the world ranking list, in which he turns out to be located in the 58th place.

The Cuban, in his most recent performance in a foreign tournament, the International Cup of Sao Paulo, Brazil, lost in the quarter finals in a match against Polish Adrian Dziolko.

Guerrero, in his competitive route until May, must compete, also, in the Grand Prix of Sao Paulo, the Challenge of Peru and the International of Chile.



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