

Sport News Roundup April 5



Pinar del Rio beats Industriales 7-1

Pinar del Rio reborn like a phoenix in the post season of the Cuban baseball by defeating Industriales 7-1 to tie the semifinal match three games per band and force the celebration of the seventh challenge.

The left-hander Julio Alfredo Martínez came to rescue the opener Vladimir Baños during the initial entry and he won the match by working for six innings and two-thirds.

In the offensive, the first base William Saavedra shined with a home run that unleashed the rebellion of Pinar del Rio in the sixth inning.

Today Saturday the two teams will meet again in the seventh and decisive match. The winner will be the rival of Matanzas squad in the discussion for the title of champion of the Cuban baseball.

Boxing

The Cuban Domadores put themselves clearly in the driving seat of this World Series of Boxing quarter-final match up with the USA Knockouts in their home bout of the event.

Havana was buzzing with excitement in the build-up- The stadium was packed to the rafters (16000 spectators) and in an indication of how important the WSB in on the island, this was the first time a sports event has ever been filmed in High Definition in Cuba, marking a significant technological milestone in the country's sports history.

According to an International Boxing Association (AIBA) news report on the match, noteworthy was the performance of Cuban boxer and Double World Champion Lazaro Alvarez, who defeated Knockouts boxer, Venezuelan Luis Arcon Díaz.

Also, says the AIBA, London 2012 Olympic Champion Roniel Iglesias was in imperious form against another talented Venezuelan in the form of Gabriel Maestre.

The Knockouts now face a significant uphill struggle on the return fixture, with the Domadores having only lost 16% of their bouts this season.

Cuba to Send 348 Athletes to CentAm, Caribbean Games in Veracruz

At least 348 Cuban athletes of 24 disciplines have qualified for the Central American and Caribbean Games of Veracruz-2014, in the wake of performance of 16 taekwondo fighters in the qualifying tournament of Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic.

The taekwondo fighters won seven golds, three silvers and three bronzes in Santo Domingo, as well as two sixth places and one ninth place, Jit weekly revealed today.

The Cuban team ranked first among countries, with 117 points, followed by the host (80), Venezuela (70) and Colombia (67).

Other Cuban sports with places in the regional games are badminton (seven athletes), handball (30), canoing (15), cycling (22), fencing (18), soccer (20), gymnastics and springboard (12), eurhythmics (three), field hockey (32), judo (16), synchronized swimming (10) and roller skating (6).

Cuba also guaranteed its presence in jai alai (seven), pentathlon (two), weight lifting (nine), water polo (26), paddling (20), women softball (17), shooting (20), archery (six), table tennis (four), triathlon (two) and volleyball (28).

The Veracruz Games are set to run Nov. 14-30. At least 5,365 athletes of 36 disciplines from 32 nations are expected to take part.

Cuban Ex-Boxer Olympic Medal at Moscow 1980 Dies

Cuban ex-boxer José Aguilar, who won a bronze medal at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, died from a stroke, national media reported today.

Aguilar died in the eastern city of Guantanamo, where there will be memorial service in the next few hours, and his funeral is scheduled for today Saturday, according to the sports publication Jit.

Aguilar won the Light Welterweight bronze medal at the 1980 Summer Olympics, where he was only defeated by former soviet Serik Konakbaev.

In addition, he was also runner-up in 1983 Pan American Games in Caracas, in the 67 kg category, and bronze in 1979 Pan American Games in San Juan, in the 63.5 kg category.

He also won several medals in other international competitions, including Central American and Caribbean Championships and three bilateral competitions against the United States, the last in 1983 (71kg).



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