

Sports News Roundup Sept 17



Chess

Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez drew with US GM Hikaru Nakamura in the 3rd stage of the *European Chess Cup* taking place in Bilbao, Spain, said Cuban *Prensa Latina* news agency from Madrid.

Domínguez, owner of 2 755 Elo points, played with black pieces and got the draw against Nakamura, who has 2 782 Elo points, in 38 moves of an *Scottish opening*.

The Cuban is defending the Russian Club of *San Petersburg*, while the American did it for the Italian *Obiettivo Risarcimento*.

Wrestling

After his successful return to Cuba, the stellar Greco-Roman wrestler, Mijaín Lopez, said that his intention is to win every tournament until the *Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro-2016*, according to this morning's edition of *Granma* newspaper.

Lopez, now world holder at 130 kilograms in the recently finished *World Wrestling Championship* held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, arrived on Tuesday night in Havana.

Basketball

The basketball teams of Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico are already qualified to represent the region in the *XXII Central American and Caribbean Games, Veracruz-2014*, and according to experts, should be the

main attraction of these games, the oldest and most representative of the area, the Cuban news agency, *Prensa Latina* said today.

Football

The Cuban national team of football, U-20, will face off today the host team of Trinidad and Tobago, in the 3rd date of the final stage of the *Caribbean Football Cup*, based in Port of Spain, in a game of life and death, reported the Cuba's *National Information Agency*, AIN, in Havana.

Judo

The Cuban coach Ronaldo Veitía expressed his full satisfaction with the outcome of his pupils at the recently concluded *1st Pan-American Sports Festival of Mexico*, where women's judo team won 1st place, key element in the 2nd position overall, achieved among 16 participating countries.

Professor Veitía, and 8th Dan black belt, told the *National Information Agency*, AIN, that the performance of all Cuban young athletes --3 gold and 1 bronze medals-- shows that the preparation for the World Cup of the category goes well and as provided by the technical group he leads.

In total, the Cubans had 20 fights, with 16 wins, 11 of these by Ippon, and their closest pursuers in the standings were Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela and Puerto Rico, in that order.

For its part, Cuba's men's team, led by also stellar Professor Justo Noda, closed with 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Cuba took the 2nd place by nations, with 4 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals, behind Brazil with 5-4-4.

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