

Sports News Roundup Sept 30



Baseball

Industriales have one of the best offensive numbers of the National Series with a BA (309), led by young Lourdes Y. Gourriel (435) —with 3 home runs—, while its pitching staff boasts a 1.50 ERA.

Pinar del Rio avoided being swept by Isla de la Juventud. *Los Vegueros* will try hard to improve the W column with the visit to Artemisa, while Matanzas will host Cienfuegos.

Santiago de Cuba will play hard against Mayabeque so they can escape from the bottom of the standings, and Las Tunas will have a very rough opponent in Villa Clara at the *Augusto Cesar Sandino's* stadium.

The games between Guantánamo-Isla de la Juventud, Granma-Sancti Spiritus, and Ciego de Ávila-Camaguey are also part of today's schedule.

Thus, the current *54th National Baseball Series Standing* goes as follows: Industriales 6-0, then tied in 2nd place Las Tunas, Ciego de Ávila, Granma, Sancti Spiritus, and Matanzas with 4-2, while Artemisa, Cienfuegos, Guantánamo, Villa Clara, Isla de la Juventud, Camaguey, Pinar del Rio show 2-4, to close with Mayabeque, Santiago de Cuba and Holguín with only 1-5.

Diving

The diver Jeinkler Aguirre added another title to the Cuban delegation attending the *Pan-American Sports Festival*, based in Mexico with his coronation at the aquatic disciplines actions performed on the premises of *Francisco Márquez Olympic Pool*.

Jeinkler totaled 475.95 points from the 10-meter platform to displace Mexican Jonathan Ruvalcaba (470,20) and Canadian Vincent Riendeau (433.95).

Although his best results have come as partner of José Antonio Guerra in synchronized platform test, Aguirre is the first individual figure in diving since last season. Aguirre is the only medal so far achieved by Cuba in these graceful competitive jumps.

Cuba raised its boot to 62 gold, 37 silver and 24 bronze medals, after the contribution of swimming thanks to Armando Barrera, Lázaro Vergara and Elizbet Gámez who were imposed on the almost all Brazilian domain.

Barrera clocked 2:05.96 minutes in the 200 meter backstroke, separated only by 66 hundredths of Brazilian Brandonn Pierry (2: 05.30) and Elizbet covered the 100 freestyle in 58.78 seconds, behind Brazilian Gabielle Goncalves (57.33).

Finally, in *synchronized springboard* event at 3 meters and after 6 competitive rounds, Mexicans were higher than Canadians Francois Imbeau-Dulac and Philippe Gagne, who finished with 385.40 units. While Cubans Jorge Luis Pupo and René Raúl Hernández managed 372.42 for bronze.

Hockey

With the goal of discussing the 1st place in both sexes, Cuba will send its best exponents in field hockey to the *22nd Central American and Caribbean Games* in Veracruz, Mexico, from November 14th to the 30th.

Alex Hernandez, national commissioner of discipline, told the local press that the preparation has been very good, and in the case of males, they had a major tuneup on Mexican soil recently.

The specialist mentioned Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, and Dominican Republic as the main rivals to face and the goal is to qualify for the *2015 Pan-American Games* in Toronto.

In the history of these events, Cuba has accumulated 9 gold medals, 6 of them won by men and 3 by females.

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