

Sports News Roundup March 05



Football

The Cuban U-17 soccer team faces Jamaica today in the 3rd round of the CONCACAF world qualifying cap, based in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

So far, the Cubans have 1 loss and 1 draw in *Group A*, after their loss in the debut against the United States 5-0 and then having a 1-1 draw with Honduras, thus exhibiting only 1 point to take 5th place while the Jamaicans yielded 0-2 against Honduras but then beat Guatemala 2-1 to show 3 points.

The group is led by the United States (6), followed by Honduras (4), Guatemala and Jamaica (3), and Trinidad and Tobago with (0) points.

The Cuban squad is almost bound to win today in a game against Jamaica to continue looking for 1 of the 4 tickets awarded to the *World Cup U-17* to be held this year in Chile.

Group B is led by Mexico and Canada with 6 points each, followed by Panama and Costa Rica tied with 3, while St. Lucia and

Haiti are very close to be eliminated after losing their first 2 presentations.

Cuba has attended 2 *World Cups Sub-17* years: Scotland 1989 and Italy 1991.

Table Tennis

Three Cuban racket players intervene since Friday at the *International Table Tennis Open of Yucatan*, Mexico, which will be played at the *Kukulcan Sports Complex*.

Cuba will compete in the women's section, with the experienced Lisi Castillo, while the men are represented by Yohán Mora and the talented Liván Martínez, all guided by the experienced coach of the national pre-selection, Leonel Pomares, said Amado Bode, national commissioner of discipline.

Several of the leading figures of the Central American and Caribbean region and the best host players are expected; thus, it will be a hard-training event for Cuban players, added the manager.

About *ITTF Latin-America Cup* to be held in Cuba from the 29th to the 31st of May, the Cuban coach said it will be a big sporting event, because the 12 best players in the area in each sex will take part, in search of places for the Cup World.

In that sense, the country will present its Caribbean champions Lisi Castillo and Jorge Moisés Campos, in both sexes, plus Andy Pereira and Jiménez, because of their location in the world rankings, plus an extra player for being the venue.

Triathlon

Cuba's Leslie Amat will participate at the *Pan-American Triathlon Championships* in Playa Hermosa, Costa Rica, this Sunday to score world ranking points with a view toward the continental game in Toronto, Canada.

Amat, who travels to Costa Rica today, will be accompanied by coach Dióseles Fernández.

The lid is attended by more than 200 athletes between the ages of 12 and 70, and the winner will add 200 units in the continental ranking.

In the *elite* section, where the Cuban will take part, includes the Olympic distance of 1500 meter swim, 40 km bike, and 10 km race.

Besides Cuba and Costa Rica, the United States, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Canada will compete in the women's event.

Amat comes to this event with the support of having obtained the 2nd seat in the Colombian edition of Barranquilla, held in late February, only surpassed by the Cuba's Lisandra Hernández, who won her title with the only available berth to Toronto to represent Cuba so far.

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