

Sports News Roundup March 11



Baseball

In continuation of the *54th Cuban Baseball Series*, Isla de la Juventud kept its aspirations to move to the playoffs by defeating Granma 19-3 in just 5 innings.

This is the 1st super-knockout of the elite stage where the winners deployed an offensive of 15 hits, including a grand slam of outfielder Jorge Luis Barcelán, who led the winning drive with 5 RBIs, escorted by veteran 3rd baseman Michel Enriquez, author of 1 homer and 2 trailers.

Now, Isla de la Juventud has 43 and 37 to stay just 2 games from Industriales, 4th with 45-35, which beat Holguín 10-9.

Meanwhile, Pinar del Río, although away 3 from Industriales, fed their remote hopes of qualifying to overcome for the 2nd consecutive time the leader Matanzas, this time 4-3.

In the last match of Tuesday, the closer José Ángel García reached 21 saves in the victory of Artemisa of 3 runs for 1 on Ciego de Ávila, which despite the defeat, remains firm in 2nd place in the Table.

When only 7 games remaining to close the 2nd phase, the already qualified Matanzas leads with 51 and 29, followed by Ciego de Ávila and Granma matched to 47-33, then Industriales (45-35), while Isla de la Juventud (43-37) and Pinar del Río (42-38) remain behind in the struggle for the 4th and final ticket to the playoffs, while Artemisa (38-42) and Holguín (35-45) closed the ranks.

And speaking of Cuba's national passion, it was reported that Cuba's female baseball team secured on Tuesday its presence at the *Pan-American Games* in Toronto, scheduled for July in that Canadian city.

Cubans, despite falling 1-0 to the United States, managed the ticket, since Puerto Rico suffered their 3rd defeat.

Thus, the United States, which won two games -- 1-0 against Cuba and 10-6 facing the Dominicans on Tuesday -- leads the tournament with 4 wins and no defeats, then Cuba and Venezuela that clash this Wednesday, show 2 and 1, while Dominican and Puerto Rico, close the Table with 0-3.

Boxing

Erislandy Savón added another award to his extensive competitive progression to be elected the *Best Boxer of the Continent in 2014*, when he was key element in the victory of Cuba's *Los Domadores* at the *4th World Series*.

The information issued by the national boxing commissioner Alberto Puig states that the star of cruiser-weights division was selected by the officials of the continental confederation gathered in Caracas, Venezuela on Tuesday.

The nephew of the three-time Olympic champ, Felix Savón, the current Cuban national champion who was born on July 21st, 1990, entitled youth king of the world and only 18 years old, took the vote of specialists for his style, punch and mobility to stay unbeaten in 8 appearances in the ring.

The laurels were also given to Roniel Iglesias (2009), Robeisy Ramirez (2010 and 2012), and Julio César La Cruz in 2011 and 2013.

Weightlifting

The *34th International Weightlifting Tournament Manuel Suárez In Memoriam* continues on Wednesday its 2nd competitive day in the city of Cienfuegos, in south-central Cuba.

Medals are being played at 62 and 69 kilos for men and 58, 63 and 69 in the women, but Dominican Republic won on Tuesday 2 of the 3 divisions contested in the 1st round of the tournament which ends on Saturday.

The most outstanding performance was starred by Dominican Beatriz Piron at 48 kg for women, who dominated the *start* with 79 kilos, the *clean and jerk* with 95, to compute a *total* of 174 kg., in all cases records for such competition.

Cuban Eleani Bermúdez and Chilean Antonieta Galleguillos accompanied her on the podium of *biathlon*, with *totals* of 141 and 139, respectively.

Another Dominican, Luis Garcia, won on Tuesday in the 56 kilos when posting 248 in total, to overcome the Chilean Francisco Barreras (240) and the Cuban Yoan Guillén (234).

Meanwhile, Brazil got its 1st title through Alexandra Aguiar, who dominated the *biathlon* at 53 kilos with 181, better than the American Melanie Eileen (166) and the Cuban Aliuska Loy (147).



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