

Sports News Roundup June 18



Chess

Cuban GM Leinier Dominguez (2,746 Elo points) is now defending the top of the classification list in the *Elite Group* of the *Capablanca in Memoriam Tournament*, in its 50th edition.

After his victory in the 2nd round against Russian GM Ian Nepomniatchi (2,718) in 50 moves of a *Reti* opening, the Cuban chess player is first, leading with 1.5 points, just like his counterparts Chinese Yu Yangyi (2,715) and Ukrainian Pavel Eljanov (2,718).

Eljanov and Russian Dmitry Andreikin (2,718) will be rivals, and Cuban Lazaro Bruzon (2,677) will go against Nepomniatchi, as Andreikin, with black pieces, defeated Bruzon after 43 moves of a *Ragozin* defense yesterday.

In order to continue the matches for the *Premier Group*, there will be matches between Yuniesky Quesada (2,646) vs. Carlos Hevia (2,535), Emilio Cordova (2,609) and Vitaly Kunin (2,579), Yuri González-Jan Krzysztof (2,610), Ermes Espinosa (2,504)-Kamil Mitony (2,604) and Isan Ortiz (2,572) vs. Yusnel Bacallao (2,530).

Cuban Bacallao and Polish Jan Krzysztof are lead the *Premier Group* with 2 points, followed by Ortiz, Polish Mitony, and German Kunin, all with 1.5 after 2 days.

Volleyball

Cuba improved to a 4-1 record in *Pool B* of the *Women's Pan-American Volleyball Cup* by defeating Canada in 3 consecutive sets (25-21, 25-20, 25-20) at *Eduardo Dibos Coliseum* of Lima yesterday, while Canada dropped to 3-2 after suffering its 2nd loss in a row.

Cuba held the top hand in attacks 44-33 and had the edge in service winners 4-3. Both teams scored with 6 blocks while the winners committed 19 unforced errors to 21 by the Canadians.

Cuba's captain Sulian Matienzo topped the winners with 14 points, including 2 blocks and 1 ace, followed by Melissa Vargas and Alena Rojas with 13 and 12 markers, respectively. Canada's Tabhita Love led all the scorers in the match with 18 points.

Sporting Events

The Cuban delegation to the *Pan-American Games Toronto 2015*, held a friendly exchange with the *Cuban Five* heroes in Havana, to whom they displayed their loyalty and commitment of victorious return from this continental competition.

And another news says that the delegation of the province of Santiago de Cuba to attend the *51st National School Games* from July 3rd-21st, is training hard and long to meet or exceed the 3rd place obtained last year, the highest by a local representation in these lids.

America Football Cup

Venezuela now faces Peru in the closing match of the 2nd round of *Group C* at the *America Football Cup* which will guarantee their ticket to the quarterfinals.

In other matches, Colombia, after 24 years, closely defeated Brazil 1-0 in a game full of tension and 19 fouls committed, where Brazilian Neymar and Colombian Carlos Bacca received red cards.

Finally, Bolivia faces Chile and Mexico goes up against Ecuador in *Group C*, as Argentina defeated the United States 3-0 and slipped into the semifinals.

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