

# *Sports News Roundup October 14*

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## **Baseball**

Ciego de Avila took another step towards its primary objective of qualifying for the 2nd round of the *55th Cuban Baseball Championship* by beating the ruled out Artemisa 4-1 to arrive at 25 wins and ratified ahead of the ladder.

This Tuesday, Avilanian opener Dachel Duquesne spread 8 hits and 1 clean in 8 innings with 7 strikeouts, but the success corresponded to closer Yunier Cano, supported by José García Adolis who homered and drove in 3.

Jonder Martínez allowed just 4 hits and struck out 6 in 8 chapters, supported by Ariel Martinez' towing and Adrian Sosa's salvage, in the Matanzas' closed 1-0 victory over Pinar del Rio, result for which they lost the 2nd leadership in the domestic classic.

Industriales used the failure of Pinar del Rio's Los Vegueros to climb to 2nd place in the Table after beating battered Mayabeque 6-5, with offensive highlight of Juan Carlos Torriente, 4-2 with 2 RBIs, and Yulieski Gourriel, 5-3 including double and solo homer.

Meanwhile, Granma succumbed 7-6 against Camaguey in defiance marked by rookie Yosbel Perez' offensive, who hit 4-2 with 1 double and 2 RBIs to support the solid work and winner of reliever Ramón Robles, while Luis Ferrales gave long homer for the defeated.

Also, outfielder Yusniel Ibáñez doubled twice and drove in 3 to lead Cienfuegos' important 9-4 victory over Las Tunas, with Carlos Ramirez' 4th successful relief, while Rubén Paz homered for the losers.

However, Norel Gonzalez' couple of homers were not enough to succor Villa Clara, which was defeated by Guantanamo 5-4 in a game marked by the effective relief of Lander Moreira and Robert Delgado's offensive role, 4-3, with 1 homer and 3 trailers.

In turn, Sancti Spiritus returned to winning ways by beating Santiago de Cuba 8-2 with credit for Yusnelvis Hernández in sober rescue covering 3 and 1 third innings, supported by 2 RBIs per capita from Daviel Gomez and Yoandi Baguet, besides Luis Serrano's homer.

## **Cycling**

*Titan Desert*, the hardest mountain bike test worldwide usually disputed by mountains and desert of Morocco, will have its *Tropic Titan* edition in Cuba next December, organizers released in advanced today.

The 1st edition of the competition, from December 5th to 10th, will have 150 limited seats and will pass through the mountains of the country, areas classified as *World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves*.

After 10 years of adventure in Morocco, the companies *GAES* and *RPM Events* announced sending experts to Cuba with the support of the Cuban Cycling Committee, the Cuba's Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation as well as the Ministry of Tourism of the island.

The result was the definition of a journey that begins with a prologue presentation along the heart of Havana and 5 days of full stages through vegetation, mountains and rivers.

The test will delve into the tropical vegetation through stages in Las Terrazas, Soroa and Viñales, with many fords, to end in one of the most idyllic places on the planet, the white sand beaches of Cayo Jutías.

One of the cores of this 1st edition of the *Titan Tropic Cuba* will be the attendance of the *Unstoppable* team in which compete renowned figures such as Santi Millán, Josef Ajram, Ibon Zugasti and Tomi Misser.

Juan Porcar, Counseling Adviser of *Alesport Group* and creator of the *GAES Titan Desert* by Garmin and *Titan Tropic Cuba* by GAES, said that after months exploring the possibility of creating a *Titan America*, Cuba was chosen for a new perfect place for a newly great adventure.

*Titan Tropic Cuba* by GAES includes:

December 5th – Technical checkout and prologue in Havana

December 6th - Havana - Las Terrazas stretch

December 7th - Las Terrazas - Soroa stretch

December 8th - Soroa - Viñales stretch

December 9th - Viñales - Viñales stretch

December 10th - Viñales - Cayo Jutías stretch

December 11th - Award Ceremony at Club Havana in Havana.

## **Badminton**

The Cuban Osleni Guerrero, 64th in world ranking, is taking part in the *International Badminton Tournament of Chile* in Temuco city, from 14-18 of the current month.

Guerrero, who won this event last May, will try again to retain the title and score points in the world ranking to qualify for the *Olympics in Rio de Janeiro 2016*.

Miguel Diaz, president of the Cuban Badminton Federation said Osleni will also attend events in the United States and Mexico in November with the goal of accumulating points in the world list, for which its Olympic qualifying process closes on May 1st next year.

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