

# *Sports News Roundup October 15*

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## **Baseball**

Las Tunas and Holguin are included in the selective group with 20 wins in the *55th Cuban Baseball Series*, whose 36th day of the preliminary schedule is disputed today.

Las Tunas' Los Leñadores, visiting the Cienfuegos capital relied on an offensive of 11 hits, including 4 homers, to beat Los Elefantes 7x6 and draw 1-1 their bilateral confrontation in the 12th subset of the tournament.

## **Taekwondo**

Cuban taekwondo athletes Robelis Despaigne and Rafael Alba will have a paramount test against the best world exponents in the division of more than 80 kg in the *Grand Prix* of the British city of Manchester.

This will be a great opportunity for the Cubans to earn points for the Olympic ranking, in pursuit of obtaining their qualification for Rio de Janeiro 2016, although only one of them will represent their country in Brazil.

According to the website of the International Taekwondo Federation, the event will be attended by over 230 competitors, including several world and Olympic monarchs and medalists.

Alongside Despaigne, London 2012 Olympic bronze medalist, and Alba, Puebla 2013 World Champion, there is a list of 32 world and Olympic medalists including South Korean Cha Dong-min, *Beijing 2008* Olympic monarch, and Italian Carlo Molfetta, also champion in *London 2012*.

It also appears the Gabonese Anthony Obame (Silver / London 2012) and the current world champions of Chelyabinsk 2015, in Russia, Azeri Radik Isaev, in the division of 87 kg, and Uzbek Dimitriy Shokin (+87).

For Cuba, whose representatives departed on Monday to London, this will be its first appearance in the history of Grand Prix competitions, according to the specialized Mastaekwondo.com website.

## **Boxing**

Cuba had a flawless semifinal of three wins and will try to achieve six crowns between at the World Boxing Championship organized in the capital of Qatar.

Cuba will be the most represented country in the final after Yosbany Veitia, Lazaro Alvarez and Julio Cesar La Cruz joined the already qualified Joahnys Argilagos , Arlen Lopez and Erislandy Savon.

The flyweight Veitia beat 3-0 Chinese Jianguan Hu and thus improved his bronze two years ago, but then he competed in the next lower division.

The Pan Am runner up left an excellent impression in the Ali Bin Hamad Arena where his squad has received constant support from fellow collaborators in that nation and will rival Azeri Elvin Mamishada in the final.

Alvarez defeated also 3-0 Uzbek Elnur Abdurahimov as ratification of the expertise that makes him favorite to reissue his hegemony in lightweight division and complete three titles in a row, coupled to the one as featherweight in Bakú'11, and will face Azeri Albert Selimov for the gold medal.

Meanwhile, La Cruz also won 3-0 over Russian Pavel Silyagin and will fight against Irish Joseph Ward, executioner 3-0 of Uzbek Elshod Rasulov, whom he beat in the tourney of 2013 , where he finished with bronze medal.

The light flyweight Argilagos has been the sensation despite being only 18 years old middleweight Lopez has also generated praise and cruiser Savon was solid in his most recent outing and completes the sextet that wants to be crown tomorrow.

Cuba does not have six finalists or more since the seven titles achieved in Belfast '01, and it's been four years it does not win by teams.

## **Badminton**

The Cuban badminton player Osleni Guerrero debuted with a victory at the *International Tournament of Chile*, to be extended until October 18th, in which the Cuban will seek to retain the title.

Guerrero, who won that contest last May and finished 7th in the pre-qualifying, defeated American Sattawat Pongnairat in 2 sets with markers 21-8 and 21-17 in 30 minutes of game time.



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