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this is lionel martin in havana...a sports scandal has ~~been~~
~~recently~~ hit cuba's favorite pastime -- baseball in Cuba...here
is the story.

Cuba is an unlikely place for a sports scandal involving
players who ~~throw~~ help to rig games and organised gambler ~~to~~ pay
them to do it. Unlikely because back in 1961 professional sports
were outlawed and so was gambling. Cuba has prided itself on clean
cut amateur sports where players play for the love of it and not
for the money.

But today cuba has a scandal reminiscent of the balck sox
scaldal in the united states almost sixty years ago. Seventeen
of duba's top baseball palyers and coaches -- some of whom have
faced canadian teams -- have been arrested and suspended permanently
for working with gamblers to fix games and to bet on them.

Cubans take their baseball mightly seriously -- ~~games~~ ~~trans~~
~~are organised in the provinces~~ each of cuba's 14 provinces have teams
~~and centres~~ that play in excellent ballparks during a regular
season. The players are supposed to receive the monthly checks from
their ^{NORMAL} ~~regular~~ work centers ^{factories, farms or offices} since ~~they~~ are no professionals. Games
are televised nightly.

The guilt7 players will have their names erased from cuban
baseball record books for ever. ~~An~~ ~~the~~ ~~baseball~~ ~~federation~~ ~~here~~ ~~said~~ ~~that~~ ~~quote~~ ~~:~~ ~~sports~~ ~~and~~ ~~athletics~~ ~~as~~
merchandise are practices of a capitalist society that has been
banished forever from our nation."

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