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Belgrade, October 26 (RHC/PL)-- Cuban boxer Andy Cruz (63.5 kilograms) seeks to extend his success in world boxing championships today, when he debuts against Jonathan Miniel from Panama in the universal fight organized by this capital.

The flamboyant Olympic champion of Tokyo 2020 pursues in the Belgrade World Championships to maintain an undefeated record that dates back to Hamburg 2017, where he won four bouts until obtaining his first crown in these scenarios.

Two years later, the Russian city of Yekaterinburg saw the star born in the western Cuban city of Matanzas win five times, before lifting his second planetary scepter.

Now, in the main Serbian city, six fights await him on his way to celebrate a third universal belt, which would take him to the pedestal that only historical fighters like Teofilo Stevenson, Adolfo Horta, Felix Savon and Julio Cesar La Cruz, among a few others, occupy in Cuba.

Cruz's debut in world competitions of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) was in Doha 2015 in the 56 kilograms and he only managed one win before losing in the quarterfinals.

In addition to Andy 'The Dancer', this Tuesday, the debutant Yoenlis Hernandez (75 kilograms) will fight for the Caribbean island against Brazilian Wanderlei Pereira.

On Monday's opening day, two other rookie world champions of the Cuban squad were successful in their first skirmishes.

The 57 kilogram (kg) representative Osvel Caballero was superior in every way to Azerbaijan's Umid Rustamov, whom he defeated by unanimous decision of the judges 5-0 (30-27, 30-27, 30-27, 30-27, 29-28 and 29-28).

Later, the middleweight Kevin Brown (67 kg) also secured his first success without throwing a single punch, after his opponent of the day, Jamaican Joshua Frazer, did not show up.

The Cuban armada will try to improve in Belgrade the harvest of three golden prizes of the previous fair of Ekaterinburg 2019, on the way to extend the historical total of 77 gold, 35 silver and 26 bronze medals.

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