

Cubans focus on basketball qualifiers

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Jasiel Rivero has been chosen three times as the most effective player of the match.

Havana, October 28 (RHC/JIT)-- With the concentration of a group of the national pre-selection in Havana, the definitive process to integrate the Cuban team for the first window of the qualifiers for the men's basketball Americup 2022 began.

As national commissioner Dalia Henry told the sports portal JIT, 10 athletes gathered at the Esfaar Cerro Pelado and are training at La Mariposa of the UCCFD Manuel Fajardo with a view to being included among the 12 that will play next November in the first segment of group D in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Those called up under the orders of Eduardo Moya are Marcos Chacon (LHA), Abel Font (LHA), German Luis Clark (CAV), Pedro Luis Roque (LHA), Neisler Raul Abreu (VCL), Yoel Cubillas (VCL), Carlos Cesar Villegas (CMG), Neiser Coutin (LHA), Sergio Machado (VCL) and Daniel Babastro (GTM).

There is no doubt that several players contracted abroad will once again play a leading role with the national team, including Henry reports that Yorman Polás from Camagüey (MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg, Germany), who plays there on his own account, has been authorized to earn a place on this occasion.

Havana's Jasiel Rivero (Valencia Basket, Spain) and Karel Guzman (U Banca Transilvania Cluj Napoca, Romania) will be important for the Aztec event, along with the Spartan Yoanki Mensia (Gimnasia y Esgrima, Argentina) and Yuniskel Molina (UNAN Leon, Nicaragua).

The president of the local federation also confirmed that despite not being part of the national pre-selection, Havana's Lisvan Valdez (Real Esteli) and Artemisia's Osmel Oliva (National University of Engineering), also from Nicaragua's Superior League, could be called up again.

For this first window Cuba has scheduled games on November 28 and 29 against the United States and Puerto Rico, respectively, at the Manuel Bernardo Aguirre University Auditorium Gymnasium in Chihuahua.

The following windows, in February and June-July 2022, will decide the first three teams of each key (4) that will continue on the road to the Americup and in search of the seven tickets to the Basketball World Cup in Indonesia, Philippines and Japan in 2023.

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