

Silver for Magdiel Estrada in Zagreb Judo Grand Prix



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Estrada reached the final after winning all his bouts by ippon and in which he did not concede scoring actions to his opponents.

The multiple Pan American champion defeated in order the Italian Luiggi Centracchio, the Mexican Gilberto Cardoso, then the Brazilian Pedro Medeiros and finally the Korean Eunkyul LEE.

In the discussion of the gold, however, he was caught 12 seconds into the fight and that was the end of his performance in the Croatian capital.

With this performance, the matancero improved his result of the previous stop in Budapest 2022 in which he finished fifth.

Maylin del Toro, bronze medalist in recent days in Hungary, after winning by waza-ari awasete ippon against French Melodie Turpin in the first round, lost in her second bout against local Iva Overan by ippon after 43 seconds of the fight.

The representative of Cuba in the -63 kg will have to wait for her winner to drag her to the discussion of one of the bronze medals.

The day before, Arnaes Odelin finished fifth after losing to the Belgian Mina Libeer in the golden point rule by ippon, so she could not surpass her performance in Budapest 2022, where she finished in the same position.

On Sunday 17, Kaliema Antomarchi (-78 kg) and Idalys Ortiz (+78 kg) will compete for the women, in addition to Ivan Silva (-90 kg) and Andy Granda (+100 kg).

The Cuban delegation, with only seven members, more than half of whom have not yet taken to the tatami, is in 11th place among 69 nations participating in the tournament in which 503 judoists are competing.

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