

Cuba remains undefeated in World Boxing Championship

Saidel Horta. Photo taken from ACN



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In the morning session, featherweight Saidel Horta did not have a good discipline on the ring in the first two rounds, but he came on strong in the third and finally won 4-3 against world bronze José Luis de los

Santos, from the Dominican Republic, to sign his third victory in the tournament.

Saidel had lost 2-3. But in this world championship, the fights that culminate with that vote are reevaluated by two other judges, who gave their respective votes to the Cuban. Now he will have to wait for the progress of an injury and will go on Tuesday for bronze against the Kazakh sub titlist Serik Temirzhanov.

In the evening card, the three victories came without major setbacks. Erislan Romero (51 kgs) defeated Azat Makhmtov of Bahrain 4-1; but he will have to improve a lot to beat Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan, Olympic gold medalist in Rio de Janeiro 2016, on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in his first bout of the competition, the medium world champion Yoennis Hernandez (75 kg) gave a practical class of good boxing to Mohammad Almhart (JOR) and beat him by unanimous vote. His next outing will be on Tuesday to face Mongolian Jargal Otgonjargal.

Finally, the super complete Fernando Arzola kept his left jab active to prevent Narender Narender (IND) from entering the area and came out on top 5-0. Next Tuesday he will cross gloves with China's Danabieke Bayikewuzi.

Tomorrow, on the eighth date of the World Championship, five other Cubans will step into the ring. Yosbany Veitía (54 kg) will make his debut against Shaffi Hassan (KEN); Alejandro Claro (48 kg) will fight Yassine Issufo (MOZ) and lightweight Erislandy Álvarez will face Alexys de la Cruz (RDO).

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