

Perfect performance by the Grecians: Six crowns



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Havana, June 30 (RHC)-- The Cuban wrestlers of the classic style in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games, San Salvador 2023 recorded a perfect performance on Thursday.

Six wrestlers took to the canvas at the La Cuna de "El Mágico" gymnasium and six finished on the top of the podium.

Kevin de Armas (60 kg), Luis Orta (67 kg), Yosvanys Peña (77 kg), Daniel Grégorich (87 kg), Gabriel Rosillo (97 kg) and Oscar Pino (130 kg) triumphed in their three performances and made their way to the gold medals.

Kevin defeated the Dominican Yerony Liria by 9-0 technical superiority, the Venezuelan Raiber Rodriguez by 2-0 and the Mexican Samuel Gurria by 4-3.

Orta defeated the Dominican Enyer Feliciano by disqualification, the Colombian Julio Orta by 12-4 technical superiority and the Venezuelan Leomar Cordero by 8-0.

Peña began his schedule with a 5-4 win over Venezuelan Wuilexis Rivas, and then overcame Colombian Jair Cuero and Mexican Enmanuel Benitez by 5-1.

Grégorich had three close fights, 3-1 against Dominican Johan Batista and Venezuelan Luis Avendaño, and 2-0 against Colombian Carlos Muñoz.

Rosillo began the road with a win by knockout over the Honduran Kevin Mejia. He then defeated Venezuelan Luillys Perez 7-0 and finally by knockout over Dominican Carlos Adames.

Finally, Pino celebrated his first Central Caribbean crown with three wins by technical superiority and no points against. He beat Venezuela's Moises Perez (9-0), Honduras' Gino Avila (8-0) and Puerto Rico's Edgardo Lopez (9-0).

Raul Trujillo, head coach of Greco-Roman wrestling, highlighted the unity and focus of his students to make this perfect performance a reality. He acknowledged debts in the preparation due to the difficulties faced in recent months, but indicated that the athletes knew how to grow and show signs of strength towards the future.

With a view to the Pan American Games of Santiago 2023, the coach considered that they can opt for the six crowns, as long as they manage to carry out the adequate preparation.

Kevin acknowledged that this has been the main achievement of his career so far; Orta avoided valuing the victories as easy and pondered the value of his rivals; Peña said he was very happy for what he achieved; Grégorich said he competed far from his best form; Rosillo expressed his confidence that this success means a rebirth in his career; and Pino was satisfied with achieving a victory as a grequista in the 130 kg in a multisport games.

All identified the world qualifying competition for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games as an imminent goal, and also the importance of building a good result for the continental event in Santiago 2023.

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