

Three Cuban crowns in Cologne Boxing World Cup



Havana, November 1 (JIT) -- Cuban Nelson Williams (92 kg) celebrated twice at the V Cologne Boxing World Cup 2023, in Germany, by being crowned and awarded as the most technical fighter.

In the last card of the event, the Camagüeyan found stiff resistance in the English Patrick Brown, but he made "a tremendous fight" according to the coach and head of the delegation Robinson Poll.

Rolando Martinez (57 kg) opened the golden path for the Island, when he defeated by unanimous decision of the judges the host Mura Yildirim.

The Guantanamo native showed speed and excellent defense to overcome the attacks of the local idol.

The last Cuban gold medal went to Erislandy Alvarez (63 kg), silver medalist in the world championship of Tashkent 2023, who defeated David Gkevorgkian from Teutonic 5-0.

The Cienfuegos native won by unanimous decision in the four contests he held in the fight, which was attended by 120 boxers from Great Britain, France, Australia, Mongolia, Sweden, Canada, Belgium,

Finland, Cuba and Germany.

Giovis Salfrán (51 kg) won the silver medal after losing 1-4 to local Salah Ibrahim. Jorge Manuel Soto (80kg) also won, after losing 2-3 to Welshman Taylor Bevan.

That performance was valued as very good by Poll, who in statements to JIT pondered the performance of the winners and the rest of the members of the boxing embassy.

"We won three gold medals and two silver medals, so we surpassed what we did in 2022. We fulfilled what we had planned, which was to train them all," he said.

Cuba also presented Adonis Bell (+92 kg), Karen Cantillo (54 kg), Melani de la Caridad Girado (57 kg) and Juliannet Diaz (60 kg), who lost their debuts.

In the fourth edition of this fight, Lázaro Álvarez Estrada (63.5 kg) and Yoenli Hernández (75 kg) climbed to the top of the podium. Rafael Joubert (60 kg) was second. The Caribbean squad finished second in the men's tournament, preceded by the host country.

The recently concluded edition gave tickets for the European qualifiers for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, to be held in the Italian city of Busto Arsizio from February 29 to March 12 of that year.

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