

Raul Trujillo describes 2023 as a very good year for Greco wrestling

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Havana, December 5 (ACN) -- Raul Trujillo, head coach of the Cuban Greco-Roman wrestling team, described in this capital as a very good year 2023 for the gladiators of that style, with outstanding results such as the two gold medals and one bronze medal in the World Championship.

Trujillo told the Cuban News Agency via WhatsApp that he is satisfied with the achievements of his pupils, despite the difficulties that the country has at present, which limits, for example, greater exposure in the international arena, he said.

The outstanding coach said that Cuba's grequistas knew how to grow in each competition and demonstrated their excellent level, even in the world event held in Belgrade, Serbia, last September.

From that tournament, he highlighted the outstanding performances of Luis Orta, in the 67 kilograms (kg), and Gabriel Rosillo (97 kg), winners of the title in their respective divisions.

He also praised the performance of Oscar Pino (130 kg) with his bronze medal, to add his fourth in universal competitions, with three third places on the podium and a silver award.

He also pointed out that in these weights, they guaranteed their tickets to the Olympic Games of Paris 2024 and next year they will be looking for the three remaining places to try to attend with a full team to that strong fight, he said.

Regarding other joys experienced in 2023, Trujillo recalled the six gold medals out of a possible six at the Central Caribbean Games in San Salvador, which concluded last July, an undoubtedly excellent result, he said.

He added that a greater challenge would come later with the Pan American Games in Santiago de Chile, concluded in early November, an event in which Cuban wrestlers in the Greco-Roman modality won four gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

In general I am very happy for everything achieved this year by the athletes and the collective, but we must now focus on what is to come and prepare ourselves as best as possible to face the new challenges that will surely be very strong, concluded the award-winning coach.

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