

# *Two wins and one setback for Cuba in the Pre-Olympic Boxing Championship*

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**Fernando Arzola**

Havana, March 7 (JIT) - Triumphs by world medalists Alejandro Claro and Fernando Arzola, and a setback for Central Caribbean bronze medalist Yakelín Estornell, marked the Cuban performance in the Busto Arzizio 2024 Pre-Olympic Boxing Tournament.

From that Italian city, the federation's Alberto Puig de la Barca highlighted the work of Claro (51 kg), who "walked" 5-0 judges to Iran's Omid Ahmadisafa and will meet on Sunday with Ecuador's Fernando Delgado in the round of 16.

"He showed total superiority", commented the also national boxing commissioner on the performance of the world's third-ranked boxer, who was defeated 30-26 by one judge and 30-27 by the other.

Arzola, universal subtitle, dispatched by RSC the Senegalese Balde Diarga at one minute and 22 seconds of the opening round to access the Saturday day of "eighth round", as rival of the Chinese third of Asia Danabieke Bayikewuzi, his victim in the world contest of Tashkent 2023.

"He placed strong punches in series and the referee applied two protection counts before stopping the fight," narrated Puig, not satisfied with the 3-2 that sealed the joy of the Finn Krista Ovalainen against Estornell, whom the five officials saw dominate the last act.

This Thursday, Jorge Cuellar (71 kg) will take the ring for the second time to face China's Mengyang Zhao, and the world's runner-up Erislandy Alvarez (63.5 kg) will make his debut against American Emilio Garcia.

#### 5-3 IN YOUTH WORLD CUP

The world cup for juniors held in the Montenegrin city of Bubva left today a balance of three successes and two disappointments for Cuba, which on Thursday will bring the debut of Adonay Gutierrez (71 kg) and the second outing of Yurisniel Abreu (75 kg).

#### TODAY'S RESULTS

60 kg: Yehison Pamiás (CUB) 5-0 to Alikhan Asker (KAZ)

67 kg: David Manuel Espinosa (CUB) 5-0 to Elnur Abdulaev (GEO)

86 kg: Javier Alexander Sayas (CUB) 5-0 to Kushwah Dev (IND)

54 kg: Angel Dimitrov (BUL) 3-2 to Kevin Alejandro Sánchez (CUB)

80 kg: Ramazan Magomedkhanov (RUS) 5-0 to Jorge Luis Mayeta (CUB)

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