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Mexico City, April 16 (RHC)-- Two gold medals for Magdiel Estrada and Arnaes Odelin ended the first day for Cuba in the Pan American Senior Judo Championship in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Estrada in the 73 kg division only had to fight twice to win the gold and 700 points for the world ranking, a figure that in the next update could put him with a direct ticket to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

In the semifinals, the Yumurino defeated local Eduardo Araujo in Golden Rule, who was given a third shido (penalty) at 6:27 minutes to disqualify him.

In the final he won by wazari against the Peruvian Alonso Wong. The bronze medals went to Mexico's Gilberto Cardoso and Costa Rica's Julian Sancho.

Before the tournament at the Code Dome in the capital of Jalisco, Estrada had a quota for the Japanese capital by continental quota as the highest scorer for the Island after the five in direct qualification places. In Odelín's case, it was the one with the most fights held to reach the first place in the podium.

She defeated by wazari the American Amelia Fulgentes for the pass to the semifinals, a phase in which she defeated Leilani Akiyama, also from the North, by ippon in only 59 seconds. For the golden prize she won in 5:09 minutes against the Brazilian Ketelyn Nascimento, who was hansoku make (disqualification).

The Cuban should move up quite a bit from 57th place by 699 points when the ranking is added and updated. Her total of 1,399 should give her the continental quota spot.

With Polanco's silver came another piece of good news as that medal gives him 490 points.

He had already moved up to 35th with 1,588 after other good results in the grand slams of Tbilisi, Georgia, and Antalya, Turkey. Surely next Monday he will appear in the green zone reserved for direct access with a total of 2,788.

These good hopes for Cuba were preceded this Thursday by the exit of Maylín del Toro in 63 kg and Idalys Ortiz in +78, due to their positive PCR test for covid-19, as informed to JIT by medical sources from the headquarters.

After the results of the start Brazil leads the table by countries with two metals of each type followed by Cuba (2-1-0), Ecuador (1-1-2), Chile (1-0-0), Mexico, United States and Peru (0-1-2), and Dominican Republic, Panama, Canada and Costa Rica (0-0-1).

For Cuba, Kaliema Antomarchi will close this Friday, who will start for a pass to the semifinals against Canadian Coralie Godbout.

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