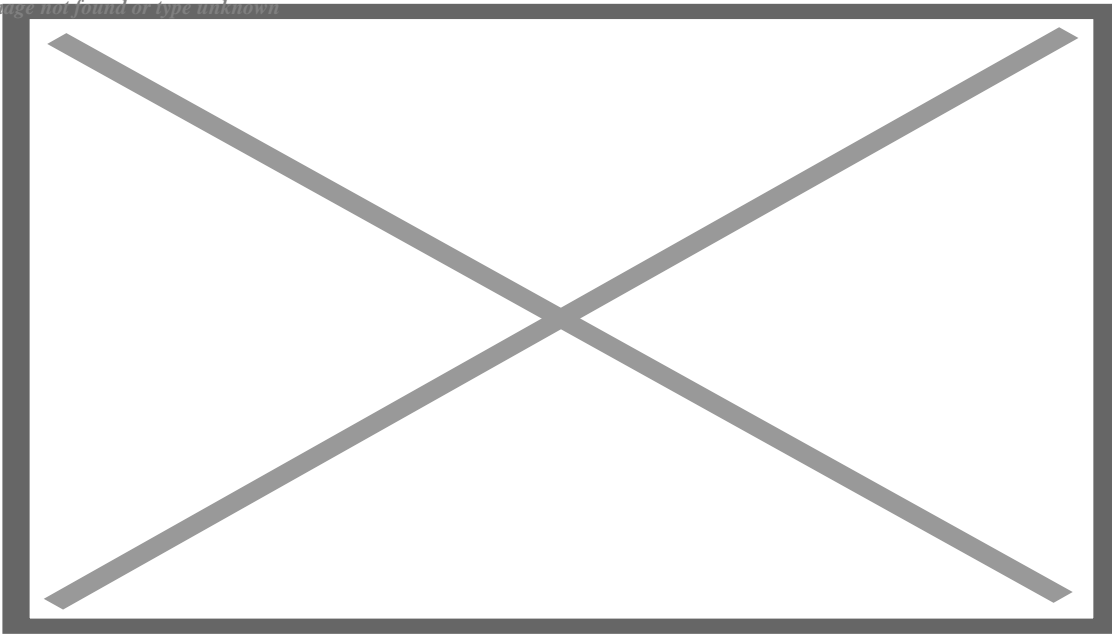


# *Yoennis and other favorites win in Girón Boxing Tournament*

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**Yoennis-Hernandez**

Camagüey, June 24 (JIT)-- Good outings of the medium world king Yoennis Hernández and other favorites went into the books on day four of the Girón 2022 Playa Girón National Boxing Tournament, in which the setback of champion Yainier Areu also occupied space.

Yoennis (CMG) satisfied the fans gathered at the Rafael Fortun Sports Palace where he secured bronze after proving too much for Luis Portuondo (SCU), in a clash that generated a protection count for him, in the third act, and a 5-0 vote.

Effective in the three distances, the runner-up of the last edition hit solidly, always in command of the actions. "We have increased the work in the middle and short distances," he told JIT about what he exhibited between the ropes.

"It is one of the aspects that I have improved, because before it was difficult for me to get my hands out in those types of exchanges," he explained before commenting that his training has also been aimed at increasing the power of the punch.

The happy performance of the established was kicked off by the miniboss Billy Rodriguez (HAB), who led all the way in his bout against Rey Moreno (LTU) to merit a 5-0 decision and advance to the final.

"I'm focused on the melee, because it is very necessary against professionals, and that's what I applied now," he said before insisting on the purpose of retaining the crown raised three years ago.

"I feel in great shape and the goal can't be any other, because I'm in better shape than when I won the first time," he emphasized after a work marked by the ease and speed in the handling of his hands.

It was more complicated for flyweight Damián Arce (CMG), who had to work hard to overcome the promising Alejandro Claro (SSP), 4-1, but in the end he got his ticket to the Saturday's final.

He will then face again defending champion Yosbany Veitía (SSP), another laureate who happily left the facility after defeating Giorvis Salfrán (GTM) 4-1.

Most surprisingly, Nelson Williams (CMG), winner 3-2 at the expense of defending titleholder Yainier Areu (CMG) in the 86 kilogram category, was happy to break the odds.

This Friday from 2:00 p. m. the belts in the minus flyweight and supercomplete categories will be decided, the finalists in the remaining categories will be completed and we will have to follow the variations in the team competition, led by Sancti Spiritus (15 points), with Camagüey (13) and Guantánamo (12) as main followers.

#### THURSDAY'S PROGRAM

48 kg (1/2): Billy Rodriguez (HAB) 5-0 to Rey Moreno (LTU)

52 kg (1/2): Yosbany Veitía (SSP) 4-1 to Giorvis Salfrán (GTM)

52 kg (1/2): Damián Arce (CMG) 4-1 to Alejandro Claro (SSP)

57 kg (1/2): Osvel Caballero (MAY) 5-0 to Osvaldo Diaz (SSP)

75 kg (1/4): Yoennis Hernandez (CMG) 5-0 to Luis Portuondo (GTM)

75 kg (1/4): Alex Michel Perez (SSP) 5-0 to Noelvis Reyes (PRI)

63 kg (1/2): Erislandy Alvarez (CFG) 4-1 to Rogerlandy Delís (CAV)

48 kg (1/2): Delvis Abreu (CFG) 4-1 to Yoel Oliva (SCU)

57 kg (1/2): Saidel Horta (CFG) 5-0 to Raisel Moncada (CMG)

63 kg (1/2): Jorge Moirán (GTM) 5-0 to Jairo Munive (HOL)

75 kg (1/4): Jorge Cuellar (SSP) 4-1 to Darriel Guerrero (CAV)

75 kg (1/4): Yusmel Ruiz (SCU) 5-0 to Odisbel Ramirez (MTZ)

86 kg (1/2): Carlos Perez (HOL) 5-0 to Edel Moya (SCU)

86 kg (1/2): Nelson Williams (CMG) 3-2 to Yainier Areu (CMG)



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