

Two titles and another ticket in continental sport shooting championship

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Laina Pérez and Jorge Grau

Havana, November 8 (JIT)-- Cuba won two gold medals, one bronze medal and a ticket to the Pan American Games of Santiago 2023 during the second day of the continental shooting sports competition held in Lima, Peru.

The crowns were won by the men's and mixed teams in the 10-meter air pistol; the third place went to the women's team in the same modality and the ticket went to Guillermo Alfredo Torres, in skeet.

Jorge Grau, Yohe Tamayo and Guillermo Pías led the qualifying stage with 1,718 points, ahead of the American (1,715), Colombian (1,704) and Brazilian (1,703) teams.

For the gold medal, against Nickolaus Mowrer, James Hall and Stephen Lutz, our team won with a score of 12-10. For the bronze medal, the Brazilians defeated the Colombians by disqualification.

In the mixed event, Grau and Laina Perez scored 571 points and finished second in the preliminary phase, only surpassed by Andrea Perez and Yautung Cueva (575).

The Antilleans left in third place of that stage the Mexicans Alejandro Zavala and Daniel Urquiza, who also rounded 571 units but fewer shots to the center of the target (16 against 11). Peru's representatives finished in fourth place.

For the title, Grau and Laina narrowly beat the Ecuadorians with a 16-14 score. Shortly before, the bronze medals had been won by the Aztecs, who beat the Peruvians 17-7.

In the women's competition, Laina, Sheyla Gonzalez and Claudia Hernandez closed the preliminary phase in fourth place with 1,673 points. They followed the teams from the United States (1707), Guatemala (1676) and Ecuador (1674).

In the bronze medal match, they beat Ecuador's Diana Durango, Andrea Perez and Sofia Padilla 13-11 to reach the podium. In the fight for the gold medal, the Americans prevailed over the Guatemalans with a score of 12-6.

The other event that took place on Monday was the men's skeet, in which Guillermo Alfredo Torres achieved throws of 23, 22, 23, 23, 25 and 21 points for a total of 114. With this result, he obtained the 20th place in the competition and qualified for Santiago 2023.

At this moment Cuba has four tickets for the continental multisport festival of 2023, namely three pistol players (Grau, Yohe and Laina) and the shot putter Torres.

This Tuesday the event continues at the Polígono Las Palmas, in Lima.

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