

Cuba's Greco-Roman wrestlers prepare in Brazil for Pan American Games

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Havana, October 12 (ACN) --Cuban Greco-Roman wrestlers are preparing these days in Brazil for their participation in the upcoming Pan American Games in Santiago de Chile, to be held from October 20 to November 5.

Five of its six exponents are currently in that South American nation, and only Oscar Pino, 130 kilograms (kg), a four-time medalist in world events, who is competing in the German Bundesliga, has yet to join the team.

Cuba's grequistas team, led by the outstanding coach Raul Trujillo, is made up of Kevin de Armas (60 kg), Olympic and world champion Luis Orta (67 kg), Yosvani Peña (77 kg), Daniel Gregorich (87 kg), Gabriel Rosillo (97 kg), universal champion in last month's competition, in addition to the aforementioned

Pino.

The Caribbean nation's greatest hopes for titles in the continental multisport event to be held in the Chilean capital are pinned on this modality.

With a harvest of two gold medals and one bronze medal, the Greco-Roman gladiators stood up for the island in the World Wrestling Championship, which concluded on September 24 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Once again, Trujillo's pupils proved their worth in top-level events, with outstanding performances by Orta and Rosillo, winners of gold in their respective divisions.

Pino also deserves praise with his bronze metal, to add his fourth medal in such tournaments, with three third places on the podium and a silver award.

Martin Torres, national commissioner of this combat sport, recently told the Cuban News Agency that the Cuban wrestlers' goal at the Pan American Games will be to win 15 medals, including at least four titles.

He added that of the 18 athletes who competed in the Central Caribbean Games in San Salvador, which concluded last July, there will only be one change in the women's division, with the incorporation of Brenda Elizabeth Sterling, who will replace Hangelen Yanes in the 68 kilograms.

In that regional competition, the wrestling representatives swept 15 golden metals, and only three crowns escaped them.

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