

Andy Manuel in another world artistic swimming final

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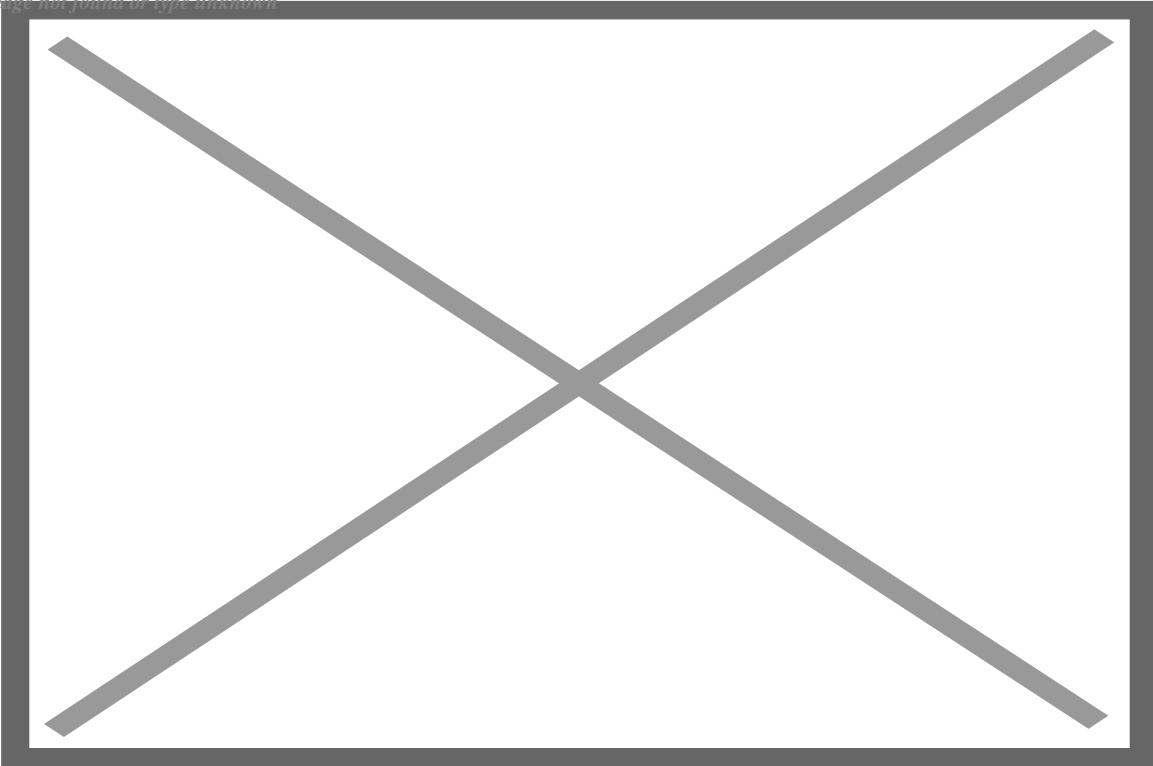


Photo: Calixto N. Llanes, special envoy.

Havana, February 6 (JIT)-- Cuban Andy Manuel Avila excelled today and advanced to the final of the free routine in the solo event, corresponding to the artistic swimming of the World Aquatic Sports Championship of Doha 2024, in Qatar.

The matancero, with a score of 95.0625 units, was included among the 12 men - place nine - who this Wednesday will have medal options in a modality premiered in the Fukuoka 2023 edition.

"He worked very confident. We could see the progress from his previous performances and he is very excited about the possibility of competing in another world final," said Viviam Segura, the national commissioner of that discipline, to JIT from the headquarters.

Andy had reached the title discussion in the technical and free routines of the world competition held in Japan, but this time he did it with a more accurate exhibition, especially thanks to the good leg work.

For Viviam that was the highlight of the presentation. However, she acknowledged that beyond the logical joy for Andy's evolution, it would not be objective to think that he could be included among the medalists, taking into account the qualifications of other finalists.

In any case, this encouraging growth in one year, endorsed by the rigor of the judges who score at the world championships, is evident. Andy's score was more than 10 points higher than the one he earned in Japan (84.8166). For the Yumurino and the technical team that accompanies him, the next goal will be to improve the judges' evaluation in the final, as it happened a year ago. FRANK ABEL OUT OF THE SEMIFINALS Cuba's only incursion this day in the Doha 2024 diving competition was in charge of Frank Abel Rosales, during the preliminary phase of the three-meter springboard.

The 15th place achieved a few days ago in the one-meter springboard was a better result than the 56th place among the 69 contestants. Apparently, the logical inexperience of her young age weighed heavily. "She did not make any serious mistakes, but there were technical details that made it impossible for her to get a better score," explained Milagros Gonzalez, national diving commissioner.

Her accumulated score closed at 272.70 units. The most discreet performances were in the two and a half backward turns in position B, and the three and a half inside turns in position C.

"He is a young man with a great future, he is barely 18 years old and has already put together a complex program, with jumps of high degrees of difficulty," Milagros said.

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