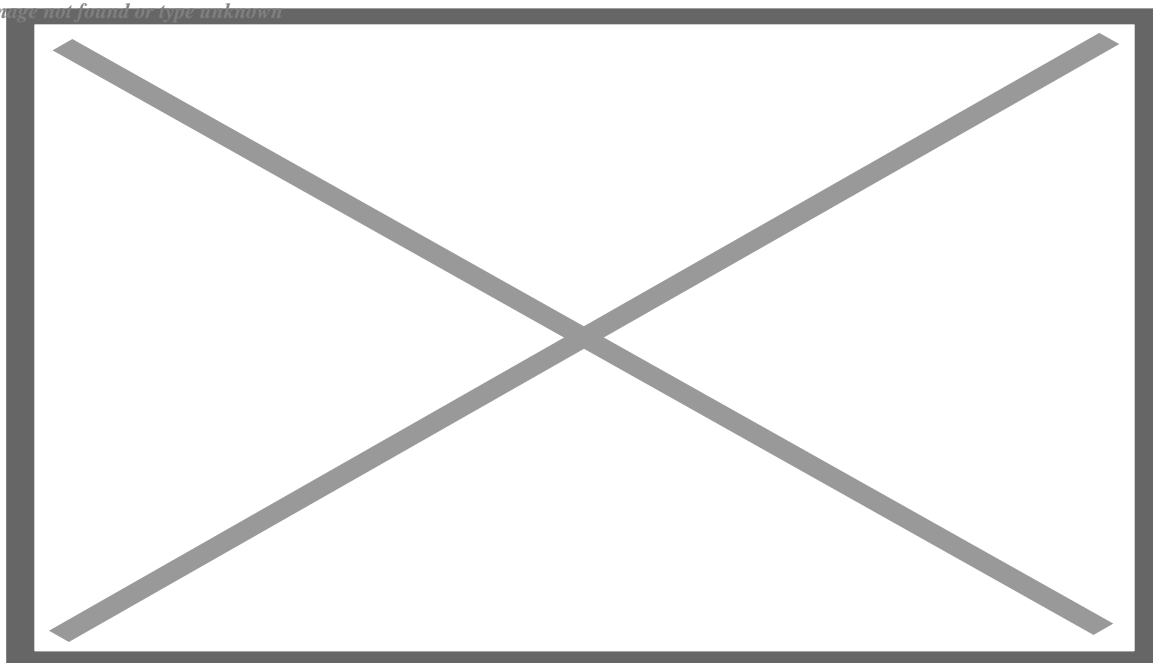


Adrian Puentes: Cuba's best in Archery World Cup

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Havana, July 21 (JIT) - Adrian Puentes placed among the top 64 in recurve archery on Wednesday at the start of the Hyundai Archery World Cup Medellin 2022, in Colombia.

The Pan American champion in Rio de Janeiro 2007 shot 665 points in the double round at 70 meters, placed 33rd and next Friday will open the matches against British Patrick Houston.

The latter finished with the same score as the Cuban, so they will be rivals in the beginning of the so-called Olympic round, for which the duels are drawn by taking the results of the 70-meter double round.

That ranking was dominated by South Korean favorites Je Deok Kim (687 points) and Woojim Kim (684), and had among the top 10 placed other stars such as American Brady Ellison (675).

By the way, he shared a bale for the qualifying target with the Cuban Javier Vega, a debutant in events of this level and with a discreet result of 638 points, which left him in 74th place.

The more experienced Hugo Franco did not fare well in the qualifying rounds either. He barely managed 630 units and a 73rd place, far from his real potential.

In the individual event, 91 competitors from 36 countries competed. Some nations even relied on four men, although only three of them contributed points for the team event.

In that event, 21 countries competed and Cuba closed in the 17th place with 1,913 scratches. In the round of sixteen they will go against France, made up of Florian Billouey, Romain Fichet and Clemente Jacquey.

This Cup is the fourth stage of the orb series that began last April in Antalya, Turkey, continued in May with the one in Gwangju, South Korea, and in June with the one in Paris, France.

The Cubans seek with this participation to gain experience in the face of the competition they will face next September to seek qualification to the Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador 2023.

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