
Cycling: another key sport for Barranquilla 2018

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Several sports will be key so Cuba can achieve the aim of remaining in first place in the medal standings in the Barranquilla 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games.

One of them is cycling, which contribution should be around ten titles, all or almost all from the female team.

The power of the hosts, Mexicans and Venezuelans in this discipline is very well known, but our girls have a world-class quality and can achieve that goal with a good effort dosing.

Four years ago, the men contributed no gold medals, and within ten months exactly the scene should be similar, because we do not have talents that invite us to think otherwise. I wish I am wrong, but I think we won't see any Cuban in the highest step on the podium, as it happened in Veracruz 2014, where we only picked Arnold Alcolea's silver medal in the men's points race.

In any case, Colombia has a great power in this sex, and pedaling at home makes them unbeaten to lead the general medal standings in this discipline.

But among the girls, things change, because Marlies Mejías and Arlenis Sierra should contribute more than one title each, and should Lisandra Guerra reaches the competition recovered after her pregnancy, we can expect the best from her too, likewise from Yudelmis Domínguez, another athlete with good results in the last few times.

The girls' versatility will allow that, except Lisandra, they could also make it to the podium in the route events, and even strive as a team in the queen competition.

We should not forget there are very good competitors in the region, mainly from Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, who have lost and won vs. the Cuban girls, now more experienced after running as part of professional teams in the world of cycling.

There are still ten months to go, enough time for some of them to recover from their present injuries and for Lisandra to retake her shape after achieving the most precious of her medals, that's why, I am confident that cycling won't fail at Barranquilla 2018.

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