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Mijaín López: The Fifth and the Olympus for a Gladiator without Bounds

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When talking about sport legends worldwide you need to tell his history with golden edges. Mijaín López doesn't have absolutely anything to prove, but the motivation that holds his fourth Olympic medal keeps him extremely focused at his 37 years of age.

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In fact, going through the competition with three convincing wins, scoring 21 points and again allowing no points against, makes us feel confident to attain his objective. On top of that the body weight; a relentless opponent weren't a difficult obstacle for him.

His match in the semi-finals against the Chilean of Cuban origin Yasmany Acosta, his teammate on the mats for nine years and bronze medal winner in the World Championship seem the most difficult.

Mijaín took the initiative of the match, unfazed against the attacks of Acosta, knowing him perfectly... he was able to take him to the four-points position, and raising a defense against his

“pincers” and his lethal sways, it’s practically impossible.

His match for the gold medal was an easy win against Venezuelan Moses Pérez for technical superiority of 9-0.

Just watching him walk on the mats leads to an overdose of respect, his opponents must think the same, even the hardest, like some of those that he will face in his second crusade through the German Bundesliga, a truly demanding and advantageous scenario for his training aiming at the Olympic Games in Japan.

Before that he will seek his classification in the World Championship next September (14-22) in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. If he wins there, it would be his sixth World medal; he will certainly aim for the medal together with the classification for the Olympics that will be reserved for the first six of each division in Kazakhstan.

Mijaín was accompanied by other free style wrestlers on the podium Yusneylys Guzmán (silver in 50 kgs) and Lienna de la Caridad Montero (bronze-53 kg).

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