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Cuba climbs to third position in Barranquilla after winning 13 gold medals

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Cuba earned 13 gold medals on the fourth day of the competition program of the 23rd Central American and Caribbean Games based in the Colombian city of Barranquilla, main venue, and the co-hosts of Cali and Bogota.

Within the best of this Sunday it highlights the crown won by diver Anisley Garcia, she is only 16, who beat in an electrifying final the Mexican favorites Viviana del Angel and Gabriela Agundez, silver and bronze medalists, in that order.

More emotions were experienced at the Puerta de Oro Events Center, home of the artistic gymnastics tournament, where Marcia Videaux won the women's all around event, performance emulated by ace Manrique Larduet in the men's contest.

Other titles for the Cuban delegation went to weightlifters Adriel La O (77 kilograms) and Marina Rodriguez (63), both in the clean & jerk modality; cyclist Marlies Mejias in the women's scratch and the taekwondo athletes Rafael Alba (87 kilos), Jose Cobas (74) and the woman Glieny Castillo (62).

In addition, the rowing added gold medals through the duet of Angel Fournier-Adrian Oquendo in the men's coxless pair event; and Yariulvis Cobas (single

sculls), in both cases at the distance of 2.000 meters.

Cuba's other first places reached yesterday were for the 10-meter air rifle women's team at and the men's duo of modern pentathlon.

There were also highlights to swimmers Armando Barrera and Luis Vega, winners of silver and bronze medals in the men's 50 meters backstroke and the men's 400m individual medley, respectively.

Regarding team sports, Cuba achieved its first win in the women's field hockey competition when beating 2-0 Guyana and the women's basketball squad defeated 66-51 Colombia, while the women's volleyball side collected its third loss, this time 2-3 to Venezuela and the men's baseball team lost 1-8 to Puerto Rico, and now has balance of two wins and one loss.

For today, Cuba has great opportunities for titles in disciplines such as rowing, shooting, track cycling and taekwondo, among others.

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