
Carlos Muñoz remembered to the ticos why we have to support the National Team

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Why a 16 year-old adolescent, National Champion on his first participation in a World Open and stealing the show based on tricks that are well paid actually invites the Costa Rican to gamble in the sport that brought a World Championship in Costa Rica.

During the fourth day of competition in Playa Hermosa, Jaco, Costa Rica, the emotion got to the highest point when one of the people's pampers; Carlos Muñoz won the ovation when surpassed his performances of the previous hits of the first three days.

After a reunion with his surfing, the local from Esterillos, showed his lethal weapon when left behind surfers from Peru, South Africa, Panama and France. Muñoz is between the 16 surfers that will struggle for two spots in the main event in the finals of the Open category.

His atypical reactions came when there was interference in each of the series he participated in. However, here was where he won the applause, not only of the national public but from all people gathered at the beach, when he made the leadership of the series, even with a penalization of his second best wave of each hit.

"I think that I've been lucky, but very happy to get the victory, I never do this, I felt a little bit sad, but still I didn't give up and I gave left everything there to pass to the next round", Said Carlos Muñoz once he got out of the water.

It was key day for the participation of all teams in this championship. All national teams lost athletes during the competition of the conclusion of the repechaje rounds number 4 and 5, Open and Women. In other words, each of the categories has 32 athletes left. In Open there were 128 and Women 64.

On this sense, the first sad faces from the Costa Rican National Team were seen on Luis Vindas, Natalie Bernold and Lisbeth Vindas that couldn't get farther and were out of the competition in places 25, 15 and 11 according to their own divisions.

However, from the 35 countries competing in this world championship, Costa Rica is the third team with more athletes competing. Australia lost 1, United States 1, Hawaii 2, Costa Rica 3 and then Venezuela with 4.

Countries like Colombia, Jamaica and Aruba said farewell to the entire competition, especially because they didn't bring Long boards.

A Classic day

The most classic day for surfing in this world competition became after the announcement of the Technical Direction of the event that there it will be just a Long Board day. So, the two podiums from the Billabong ISA World Surfing Games 2009, will have just memories from the beginnings of this sport.

Cristian Santamaria and Diego Naranjo finally will get into the water. Santamaria's participation will be his first opportunity in a national representation.

Besides, the expectations of the “coincidence series” from Gilbert Brown and Carlos Muñoz, next to the biggest figure of the surfing worldwide, the French Jeremy Flores; grew even more after the hit.

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