

Costa Rica looks for medal with half team

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Billabong ISA World Surfing Games Costa Rica 2009 in Playa Hermosa, Jaco

During the fifth day of competition of the Billabong ISA World Surfing Games Costa Rica 2009 in Playa Hermosa, Jaco; where the representation of the longboarders Diego Naranjo and Anthony Flores (substituting Cristian Santamaria, injured), gets the ticos within the five best countries and a big chance of obtaining a medal if our Opens get through the rest of the days.

Costa Rica woke up third in the ranking, thanks to the conservation of three Open surfers, who add more points in the teams ranking. Only Australia, United States and Costa Rica have more than two surfers alive in the maxim category of a World Surf championship.

It's expected more from Anthony Flores, who survived to the second round of the repechaje. This because of the highest level demonstrated on the waves in podium 2.

About the participation of Diego Naranjo, it wasn't his best performance in representation of the country, due to the disqualification of the competition in the second round of the repechaje, helped mostly by an interference given to Peruvian Tamil Martino in a right wave that Diego took from the left.

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The Costa Rican, a little confused by the situation lived, got the news right after he got out of the water; however, the judges and the reprise of the video marked clearly the error of the Costa Rican surfer who says good bye in place 25 of that division.

With four surfers for these coming days of the rest of the competition, the tri-color team looks strong in the 65 percent of the competition. This contest has nothing left than pure surf stars in the three categories.

"The team has confronted the biggest level of surf in the history of championship participation. However, the situation gets better according to the other world championships. We are very positive with the great possibilities to achieve our first medal in a world competition", affirmed José Ureña, President of the Federation.

"The 12" of Surf

It's expected the quantity of people to grow considerably for the next round to support the national team because it is sounding stronger once the fans start to arrive in Jaco for the weekend. This weekend will be the busiest weekend of the year in the Central Pacific.

On the other side, the most Tico hit is coming with the participation of Gilbert Brown and Jason Torres next to Jeremy Flores, who lost the past round against Torres.

The ranking by teams goes like this:

- - Australia and United States – 19080 points

- - Hawaii -16960 points

- - Costa Rica – 15890 points

- - Brazil – 15640 points

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