



Cuba under pressure before Athens

Cuba will participate in more than 40 international matches before the Olympic Games –36 against teams of high level in different tournaments- in order to be in complete shape, said Technical Director Eugenio George.

About the medal chances in the next summer date, George considered necessary to see the results and evolution during the compromises before the event in Greece.

The Women National Team will be under big competitive pressure during 11 weeks before landing on the Olympic site. Official events in China (May), Switzerland and the Pan American Cup in Baja California, both in June, join the Grand Prix, from July 7 to August 1st. “We finish the GP and we won’t travel back, because that will be just 13 days before our debut in Athens.”



There is some concern about the quality of the team’s setters and how they can perform in the quadriennial battle, an issue that the veteran mentor treat without hesitation.

“The four setters entered the team after Sydney. Only Liana Mesa had some experience as libero, but Anniara Munoz, Dami Ramírez and Yanelis Santos came out from the second development group into the big team, as 14-15 years-old. Now

it is up to them to show their advance.”

The National Team is formed by Nancy Carrillo, Zoila Barros, Rosir Calderon, Dulce Maria Tellez, Rachel Perez (14 years-old and 1.91), Yusleini Herrera, Marta Sanchez, Yumilka Ruiz, Yaima Ortiz, Maivelis Martinez, Kenia Carcases, Anniara Munoz, Liana Mesa, Dami Ramirez and Yanelis Santos.