

Name: Marlenis Costa Blanco.

Date of birth: July 30, 1973.

Place of birth: La Palma, Pinar del Río, Cuba.

Nationality: Cuban.

Sport: Volleyball

Titles: Triple Olympic Champion.

Marlenis Costa Blanco. She is a former player of the women's volleyball team, standing out as a passer of the Cuban national team in the international arena, since 1991 at the XI Pan American Games in Havana that the team won first place and gold medal until 1996 when they were Olympic champions.

#### Biographical Synthesis

Born on July 30, 1973 in the municipality of La Palma in the Western province of Pinar del Rio, comes from a family of excellent athletes, including Reinaldo Costa and Francisco Costa of Baseball and Silvia Costa of Athletics, begins in the sport through Volleyball. He studied high school at the EIDE Ormani Arenado Llonch in his home province.

#### Sports career

He starts his sports career at a very young age. She participated in several National School Games when she was a student of the School of Sports Initiation, representing her province and in 1991 she was part of the National Team.

#### Participation in international events

- World Cup, Osaka, Japan, 1991, gold medal.
- Youth World Cup, 1993, gold medal.
- XII Pan American Games Mar del Plata 1995, Argentina, gold medal.
- XIII Pan American Games Winnipeg 1999, Canada, silver medal.
- Central American and Caribbean Games, Maracaibo, Venezuela, 1998, gold medal.
- Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain in 1992, gold medal.
- Atlanta Olympic Games, United States, 1996, gold medal.
- Sydney Olympic Games, Australia, 2000, gold medal.

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- World Championship, Brazil, 1994, gold medal.
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- World Cup, Osaka, 1991, gold medal.
- Ranked among the world's greatest champions in 1994 (collective) and Olympic champions (collective) in 1992-1996.