

Guatemala wins nine medals at VII Badminton Open Tournament

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Guatemala's dupla against Canada's in badminton

Guatemala City, September 27 (RHC/PL)-- Sports news media highlighted Monday the nine medals (1-2-6) of the national badminton team in the VII International Series Guatemala, held in Guatemala City.

In the men's singles, its top player, Kevin Cordón, shone, who returned to the court where he grew as an athlete and imposed his game against the young Canadian Victor Lai, whom he left in silver with a score of 21-13 and 21-11, reported Prensa Libre.

Expectations were high to see the 'golden left-hander' play, after his return from the Olympic Games in Tokyo, where he achieved a historic fourth place, and once again he did not disappoint his audience, who followed him from the Federation's Facebook page, since the ban on the public in the venues is maintained due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's nice to return again to international competitions after Tokyo because another new story begins, another Olympic cycle and what better way to start than winning a tournament, he said, after finishing his participation in this event undefeated.

Cordon said that the priority between now and the end of the year is to improve the ranking to be in the World Championship to be held in December in Spain, according to Publinews.

The Zacapaneco also celebrated the success of many of his teammates, both from the senior and junior national teams

Jonathan Solís and Aníbal Marroquín won silver in the men's double, as did Pamela González and Karolina Orellana in the women's double.

The list of bronze medals was more extensive with Ruben Castellanos and Alejandra Paiz (singles), Ruben Castellanos and Christopher Martinez (men's doubles), Alejandra and Mariana Paiz in the women's doubles, as well as Diana Corleto-Jonathan Solis and Mariana Paiz-Christopher Martinez in mixed doubles.

The United States and Canada (traditional rivals in the area) won five and three metals, respectively.

In the case of the former, two gold metals (women's singles and women's doubles), a silver in mixed doubles and two bronzes in women's singles and men's doubles.

The Canadians won two golds (men's and mixed doubles) and one silver (men's single).

On the other hand, the Indian athlete Samayara Panwar won the silver in the single and the Mexican Job Castillo won the bronze in the men's single.

The open tournament concluded the day before and was held since last Thursday at the Sports Coliseum in Zone 4 of the capital.

It brought together badminton players from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Croatia, India and Guatemala as host, a week after hosting the junior tournament of the same sport.

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