

Cuban chess player reigns in Central Caribbean tournament



Jerzy Jesus Perez was crowned at the Central American and Caribbean Under-20 Chess Championship.

Havana, July 17 (RHC) -- With an undefeated performance of eight points in nine rounds, Cuban Jerzy Jesus Perez was crowned in the Central American and Caribbean Under-20 Chess Championship, held in the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula.

Perez, currently with the title of Fide Master, achieved seven wins and a couple of draws on his way to the reign, which also gave him the direct title of International Master and a Grand Master norm.

Precisely, one of the draws signed in the tournament was against Kemel Antonio Gallo, also from Cuba, who finished in second place with a total of 7.5 points, in another very good performance.

Nicaraguan José Nahun Espinosa completed the podium, after accumulating 6.5 points and a better tiebreaker than Costa Rica's David Alejandro Cabezas and Jamaica's Jaden Shaw, placed fourth and fifth, in that order.

The women's tournament was also convened to nine rounds by the Swiss system and the success was celebrated by Costa Rica's Kristel Melissa Diaz with 8.5 points, a section in which there was no Cuban presence.

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