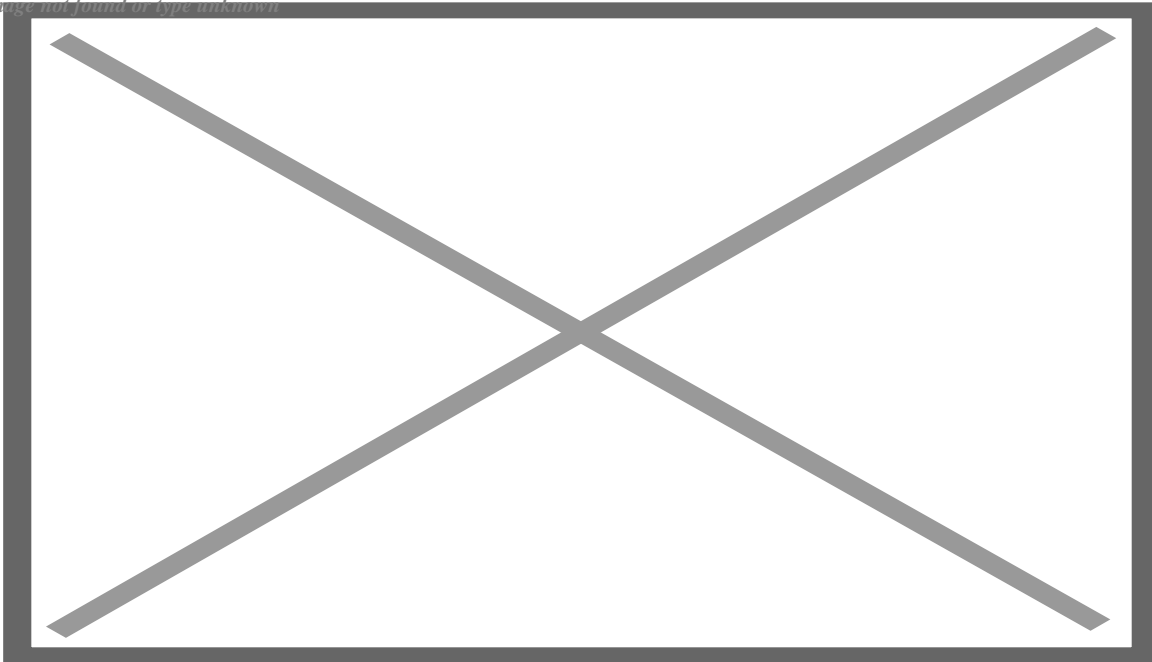


Chess player Luis Ernesto Quesada undefeated in Biel

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Luis Ernesto Quesada
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Havana, July 19 (ACN) - With his second consecutive victory, Cuban Luis Ernesto Quesada remained among the 13 players who with impeccable performance lead the open tournament at the Biel Chess Festival in Biel, Switzerland.

The event is one of the most prestigious every year in the international circuit and in this occasion the Cuban GM has started with a good step. His victory this Tuesday was against the Indian Ajay Krishna.

He won with white pieces after 30 moves of a Queen's Gambit in which he took advantage of his opponent's mistakes and orchestrated an attack on the kingside with queen, rook and bishop.

Luis Ernesto is in third place in the tie-break ranking, only ahead of China's Xiangzhi Bu, recent winner at the event in the city of Benasque, Spain, and Chopra Aryan, also from India.

Cuba also has Carlos Daniel Albornoz from Camagüey, who had won in his debut, but agreed a draw in his second presentation by moving black pieces in another opening with Queen Pawn against the Swede

Richard Wessman.

Now, with 1.5 units, he occupies the 16th place among 99 participants and on the third date he will compete against Irine Kharisma Sukandar, from Indonesia, the only woman with a perfect performance of two wins.

Frenchman Marco Materia, another of those with a pair of scores, will face Luis Ernesto.

As part of the Biel Festival, a rapid tournament was played in which Luis Ernesto enjoyed a good fourth place. He closed with a total of seven points out of a possible nine and only conceded one loss on the last day against Canadian Shawn Rodriguez-Lemieux.

The northern player took the second place (7.5 points) in a podium dominated by the young Indian Pranav Anand, owner of eight stripes.

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