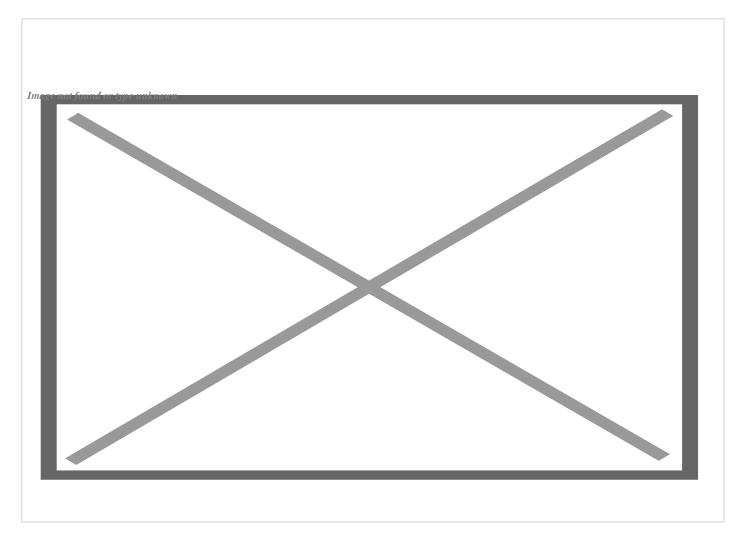
## Peaceful farewell to the Biel Chess Festival



Havana, July 28 (JIT) - Cubans Luis Ernesto Quesada and Carlos Daniel Albornoz signed a draw in the farewell of the Biel 2023 Chess Festival Masters Tournament in Switzerland, a few days before starting their incursions in the World Cup.

Luis Ernesto drew against the Indian Krishna S Rohith and Albornoz against the Chinese Xinyang Nie, which left them with six points out of a possible 10 and shared places from 14th to 27th.

Once the tiebreaker system was applied, Luis Ernesto was in 20th place, one ahead of Albornoz. Each had one loss and six draws, too many for their aspirations to finish in the lead.

Their Elo accumulations also suffered losses. Luis Ernesto left 9.2 points and his teammate 15.7 in the next update of the ranking.

The event was won by China's Xiangzhi Bu with eight points, a reign that joins the one achieved a few days ago in the open tournament of Benasque, in Spain.

Now the Cubans will travel to Baku to take part in the Fide World Cup Azerbaijan 2023, which will also have the participation of Yaniela Forgas from Santiago de Cuba and Yerisbel Miranda and Lisandra Ordaz from Pinar del Rio.

In the men's section there are 206 registered for the initial round, which will schedule actions for 64 girls. Both tournaments are agreed by the KO system with matches of two classic games and quick tiebreaks, if necessary.

## THREE PERFECT STEPS IN JUNIOR SELECTIONS

Only Roxángel Obregón from Villaclare, Elizabeth Luis from Pinar del Río and Kemel Gallo from Espiritu achieved victories during their two initial presentations in the selective tournaments to define the Cuban representation to the World Junior Chess Championship of Mexico 2023.

In the third round of the call hosted by Santa Clara, Kemel will enjoy his day off, as the men's event only groups nine contenders. Roxángel will face her fellow countrywoman Lorena Montejo and Elizabeth will face Gretel Caballero from Mayabequense.

The winners in each gender will secure a ticket to the universal event to be held in the Aztec capital from September 20 to October 2.

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