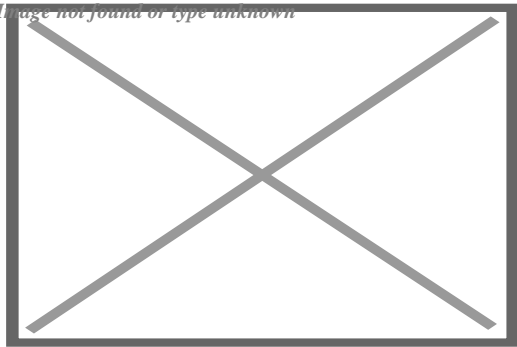


Discreet closing for Cuba in Chess Olympiad

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World Chess Olympiad

Havana, Sept 22 (ACN) The Cuban teams ended with ties at the closing of the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, and their final placings were among the worst in history.

In the open segment, won by the unstoppable Indian team, the Cubans negotiated a draw with Finland in the farewell, a result that left them with an accumulated 13 points and anchored in 46th place, far from the expectations of its five members.

However, some individual performances should be highlighted, in this case, those of Luis Ernesto Quesada and Elier Miranda, whose combined efforts contributed eight wins throughout the tournament.

The first board, Carlos Daniel Albornoz, finished with five scratches in 10 games, and although he only managed a couple of wins, he signed six draws against the best players of each of the squads faced.

The Indian team, led by their star player Dommaraju Gukesh, deserved all the praise thanks to an impeccable performance, marked by 10 wins and only one draw in their match against Uzbekistan.

The unstoppable pace of the new champions left them with 21 points and five points ahead of the very strong United States squad, in which the Cuban nationalized American, Lenier Domínguez, defended the third board.

In the women's tournament, the Cubans put an end to their incursions with another draw, this time with the girls from the United Arab Emirates.

That outcome left the points obtained in the tournament at 12, valid for a discreet 55th place.

India, with 19 points, won the gold medal, leaving behind the teams of Kazakhstan (18) and the United States (17).

Among the exponents of the Island, the most notable was the performance of Yerisbel Miranda, who played all 11 rounds and finished with 7.5 points, although with low-ranked opponents.

The experienced Maritza Arribas had another of the outstanding performances, rounding up six scratches in nine rounds, thus adding 15 points to her Elo coefficient.

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