

In the decider, Roger Machado's pupils decided early by scoring 1 run in the 1st chapter and 2 on the 5th, while Yander Guevara silenced the Granma's powerful offensive for 9 innings, allowing only 3 hits, with 6 strikeouts and no walks.

The *grand final* will start on Friday at the *José Ramón Cepero Stadium* where they also play on Sunday, and then move to the *Cristóbal Labra Stadium*, in Isla de la Juventud, to play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if necessary.

Chess

The Cuban GM Lázaro Bruzón went up 1 position, while his teammate Leinier Dominguez dropped 2 in the world ranking of chess, which was recently updated by the International Federation of discipline, and will run until April 30th.

Bruzón, with 2691 Elo points, improved from place 55th to 54th, while Dominguez, with 2729 units, fell from the 26th to 28th place in the world rank.

The two Cubans, inactive during March, are the only Latin Americans in the *Top 100* of world chess, and plan to come back to stage in the *World Team Cup* which starts on April 19th in Armenia.

The chess ranking that is monthly updated is led by the Norwegian GM Magnus Carlsen with 2863 followed by the Italian GM Fabiano Caruana (2802), only players that exceed 2800 points.

Swimming

From the 17th edition of *Marcelo Salado Swimming Cup*, the principal male figure of the national team, Armando Barrera, improved his mark on Tuesday demanded for the *Pan-Am Toronto-2015* in the 100 meter backstroke style when registered 56 sec. and 38 hundredths.

The Triton of only 19 years old surpassed the record of 56 sec. and 54 hundredths with what he got bronze medal in *Veracruz 2014* late November, and thus exceeded the 56 sec. and 59 hundredths demanded by the *International Swimming Federation* for the continental event in Canada, while adding his 2nd gold medal in this traditional Cuban lid after winning the 50m backstroke.

Young promising figures Christian Ricardo, Luis Vega and Elisbeth Gámez, also stood and improved their records, told to local agencies Rodolfo Falcon, President of the Cuban Federation of Swimming, and Olympic runner-up in *Atlanta'96* precisely at 100 backstroke.



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