

Brazil's Alexandr Fier defeats opponents at Capablanca Chess Tournament in Havana



Havana, May 6 (RHC)-- Brazilian Alexandr Fier continues to encounter no insurmountable obstacles in the elite group of the 56th Capablanca in Memoriam 2023 International Chess Tournament, hosted by the Habana Libre Hotel.

The South American has not cared about the color of his pieces, as he has achieved his three victories with both of them, the most recent one this Friday against the Venezuelan-born Spaniard Eduardo Iturrizaga, after 40 moves of an English Opening.

Fier takes part for the first time in the main section of the Cuban classic. Due to his Elo he did not start among the favorites, but he is already catching the eye with demonstrations of good play, now imposing an advantage with an attack on the kingside from which Iturrizaga could not save himself.

Also with successes resolved their third games were Denmark's Jonas Bjerre, in 47 moves of a Caro Kann Defense against Cuba's Elier Miranda, and the host Omar Almeida after 37 of a Pirc Defense as opponent of his fellow countryman Lelys Martinez.

Draws between the hosts Luis Ernesto Quesada and Carlos Daniel Albornoz, and of the German Rasmus Svane with the Indian Raunak Sadhwani, completed what happened in the segment that gathers the top-ranked men of the tournament.

The leaderboard "stretched" with Fier in the lead, followed by Bjerre with 2.5. Sadwani closes the leading trio with two streaks. Svane, Iturrizaga and Luis Ernesto follow behind with 1.5 units and half a step behind Albornoz and Omar. Lelys and Elier appear with only half a point.

This Saturday the fourth round of the grouping will be played and at the same time, on the same stage, the Continental Women's Chess Championship of the Americas 2023 will begin, with 72 players registered, among them the main figures of the Island.

The Blitz event, which will be held for the first time in these competitions, will be animated by 52 competitors and the rapid event by 67.

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