



ITF WORLD TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH COREA

Daejeon , one of the most important cities of South Korea, was elected for organize the ITF XIII World TaeKwon-Do Championship. These event of the ITF will go to the history by one reason; it was the return of the TaeKwon-Do ITF to the city of their birth. South Korea lived the return of ITF with great expectation, with local and international press and TV, that covered every competition day.

31 countries and 750 competitors attended the tournament and demonstrated that the health of ITF is radiant and arrived to South Korea to cohabit in harmony with the WTF.

The Spanish delegation was composed by the president of the International TKD Federation of Spain that also made the coach functions, Carlos Martin; as referee Fernando Pérez, and the competitors Alejandro Veyssiere, Christian Oriolani, Francisco Espeche, Mariano Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez and Maximiliano Montiel; and the physiotherapist Mr. Abdel Monaim Ghamam. As team sponsors the companies Cramer, Vision, Fuji, Black Belt and the Spa Wellness Mirasierra.

The participation of our team was divided according to the competition; in individual sparring Alejandro Veyssiere who fought against Ireland competitor lost his fight after two rounds; in second time Francisco Espeche had in their Japanese competitor a hard opponent to which the referees attributed the victory; in third place Mariano Molina lost against the Argentinean competitor who showed his biggest experience, and finally Christian Oriolani beat his opponents from Malaysia, USA and Italy until arriving to the semi finals with the English competitor who won the fight after a tie. In this way Christian won the first bronze medal for Spain.

The second competition day began with the team patterns where the Spanish team beat to Italy and arrived to semi final against United States. Once both teams executed the designated pattern a tie was obtained (we thought that Spain was in the final after their perfect execution), but after a one more designated pattern the referees decided that USA will be in the final, and finally they were world champions. The Spanish had a new bronze medal, and it confirmed the good level and the good line of work of the FITE.

In Team Sparring Spain lost 3 to 1 against Holland who finally was World Champion after beat Russia, Ireland and Italy in a polemical decision.

The last day was reserved for breaking competition; special and power techniques, individual and team. Spain had points in knife hand, side kick and circular kick but it was not enough.

To conclude the event the present televisions requested to the organization an exhibition of some countries; and the organizing committee required of the Spanish team to carry out the exhibition of team patterns, that which full with satisfaction to our competitors and lift the moral of all.

The final balance of the World cup is encouraging. Spain participated in all the modalities and left a good mouth flavour, equalling its best result obtained in a World cup.

South Korea has been a worthy organizer in the return from the ITF to its origin country, and we are sure of the good coexistence between both styles ITF and WTF. The visit of several delegations to the central headquarters of WTF, the Kukiwon, is a very good signal about the good international relationships among the organizations.

Congratulation to the Spanish Team and the complete delegation for the good work carried out.

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