



## World TKD Championships South Korea

Carlos Martin: We arrive to the last day of the World cup. We get up early to participate in the individual and team breaks. In the individual power breaks Francisco Espeche carried out a good participation with points in Yop Chagi, Dollyo Chagi and Sonkal Yop Taeregi, but it was not enough to enter in the dispute of the medals. A good experience for Francisco that will possibly give us happiness in the future. It is necessary to highlight the Canadian competitor Cris Reid, with an excellent performance he broke all the boards in all the techniques and arrived to the tie with the American. They arrived to the tie with Ap Joomok (front fist with 5 Boards); the Canadian broke two boards behind and the American only one. The winner, Mr Reid, demonstrated that each technique should be executed with maximum precision.

In the special techniques we decided not to participate for our competitors small injuries. The best jumper was the Italian that in the end of the tournament received the overall award with three medals in the individual competition.

The evening day team power breaks competition where the good performance of Christian Oriolani, Francisco Espeche, Mariano Molina and Alejandro Veysiere, was not enough to enter in the medals position.

The team special techniques were dominated by the team of Kirkystan.

The afternoon session offered to us the final of Sparring between Italy and Holland; and the polemical decisions was again in the center square. After Italy won the first two fights, 2 - 0, Holland lifted the encounter (3 - 3) and they arrived to the tie where the victory was for Netherland. In my opinion the winner was Italy before the tie but.....

The tournament arrived to the end with a happiness more for us, we were required by the organization to make an exhibition for local television. The national team once again demonstrated that it was the honorary winner of the pattern event with a technical execution of maximum qualification.

The general balance leaves us the return from ITF to South Korea and the opening of a new market, up to now private room for the WTF.

The competition level was elevated in all the items, and under my point of view, the umpires should work a lot to improve its level.

Now the ITF has an arduous work to improve this matter.

The Spanish participation was exemplary and one more time I had the honour to lead the team to the world maximum level.

Tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> we will move to Seoul to visit the city.

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