



TRAVEL AND PREVIOUS DAYS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

The journey of the Spanish delegation of TaeKwon-Do ITF to the world championship gave beginning June 30th at 4 a.m in the morning in Madrid airport.

The Spanish delegation headed by Mr. Antonio Blanco (4th degree, national coach) and Mr. Fernando Pérez (5th degree, umpire), and the physiotherapist Mr. Andel Mohnaim. The rest of the delegation was composed by the competitors:

- Christian Oriolani (IV Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -71Kg, Team member.
- Mariano Molina (IV Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -71 Kg, Team member.
- Francisco Espeche (III Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -71 Kg, Team member.
- Nicolás Fernández (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -63 Kg, Special Techniques, Team member.
- Gabriel Leske (I Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -71 Kg, Team member.
- Adrián Ramírez (I Dan): Individual Tul, Team member.
- Ricardo Rodríguez (III Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -80 Kg.
- Maximiliano Montiel (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -80 Kg.
- Leandro Monreal (II Dan): Sparring +80 Kg, Power techniques.
- Carlos Berkenbush (II Dan): Sparring -80 Kg, Special and power Techniques.
- Gastón La Torre (II Dan): Sparring +80 Kg, Power techniques.
- Gustavo Oyarzo (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -63 Kg.
- Javier Seoane (I Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -63 Kg, Special techniques.
- Eduardo Villafranca (5^o Gup): World Kup.
- Antía López (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -52 Kg.
- Tania Iglesias (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -70 Kg.
- Daniela Goitre (II Dan): Individual Tul, Sparring -52 Kg.

Before beginning the trip the trainer gave the new training suit to the team as well as of the T-shirt courtesy of FUJI Mae. The Spanish team travelled together some competitors of the Argentinean delegation.

Once arrived at the airport of East Midlands, the team transferred to Birmingham city, and were received by the translator assigned by the organization.

The trainings supervised by the national coach Mr Antonio Blanco , started immediately with individual and team patterns. The Spanish delegation were training in a near square to the hotel during one an a half hour, with numerous wayfarers like spontaneous public.

The second day was dedicated to the competitors weight in. Once finished the delegation could enjoy a lunch without dietary restrictions.

The afternoon was dedicated for coaches meeting; during this time the team continue their training near the hotel.

The third day was the inauguration ceremony. The Spanish umpire Mr. Fernando Perez was the person designated by the organization to read the oath of referees.

After the ceremony finished the Spanish delegation started again with the trainings for tul and sparring, supervised in all the details for the national trainer.

DAY 1:

The first Spanish competitor was Nicolás Fernández, in Pattern 2nd degree, who won his two first matches and lost the third one against the Argentinean who finally was silver medal. In this same category, Maximiliano Montiel won his first round performing JUCHE as designated pattern, but he lost against the Argentinean competitor. The third Spanish competing was Gustavo Oyarzo who developed an excellent work during several rounds, but in an inexplicable decision he lost against the Russian who made a lot of mistakes.

In the female categories of II degree, the Spanish Antia Lopez showed a very high performance, and after several rounds she lost against the Argentinean. Also the work of Daniela Voitre who overcame several rivals, falling of equal forms against the Argentinean. The third female Spanish competitor was Tania Iglesias, who lost in her first round in a close decision.

In the center ring was the male pattern third degree category. The first Spanish competing was the Madrilenian Francisco Espeche who found a hard opponent in the Japanese, that finally was bronze medal. The other Spanish competitor Ricardo Rodriguez lost in the first round against Argentinean Aristides Palopoli, who finally was winner of the categorie.

The biggest first degree category put the Spanish competitors into the most outstanding competitors. Mr. Javier Seoane lost in the second round after a close decision. Adrian Ramírez after overcoming several beats, arrived to the semi final against the Argentinean competitor and lost in a polemical decision; any way bronze medal and congratulation for his first worlds experience. The other Spanish was Gabriel Leske who beat clearly against the Russian but lost in the final against the Argentinean; Silver medal for him in his first world senior championships.

The category of male 4th Degree, beginning in the afternoon. Mr Cristian Oriolani, after overcoming several beats with an ankle injury, lost in quarterfinal. Mariano Molina arrived to semi finals against the English competitor, running off with a meritorious third position.

The female sparring categorie started with the Spanish Antía López -52 Kg, who lost against the Australian competitor. Daniela Goitre, in the same category, fought against the Argentinean, the last world champion in Korea, outlining a hard combat, with exchanges of fists that put against the strings to the Argentinean who made be worth their experience running off with a victory before the Spaniard.

Tania Iglesias - 70Kg, fought against the Irish competitor. Surprising performance of the Spaniard who developed a very aggressive work, but it was not enough.

To finish the day male sparring -63kg. Javier Seoane, after a good work lost against the English competitor.

The balance of the first day was very positive. The coach Mr. Antonio Blanco was moved by the general performance of the delegation.

DAY 2:

In -63 kg the Spanish Nicolás Fernández had a hard fight against the Argentinean competitor who won and finally was the winner of this category. Gustavo Oyarzo, fought against an English competitor to which was imposed with clarity, losing in second round in a very disputed combat.

In -71 Gabriel Leske won against the Ukrainian competitor after a tie. After several rounds he won in semi final against the Dutch competitor. Francisco Espeche, development a very good performance, winning the first beat and falling in second one, in a hard confrontation with intense exchanges of hands. Cristian Oriolani, was imposed in first round, with very spectacular actions demonstrating an excellent recovery of his ankle injury, but he lost in the second round against the English.

In -80 kg. Maximiliano Montiel lost in first round against the Argentinean competitor. Ricardo Rodríguez won his first fight against the Japanese and lost against the other Spanish competitor Carlos Berkenbush. Carlos Berkenbush surprised when being imposed in the previous beats to a Japanese, Argentinean and to Ricardo, but he lost in the last seconds with an Australian competitor.

In +80 Kg Leandro Monreal lost against the Georgian competitor (2meters high). The other Spanish Gastón La Torre, won his first fight against the American, but he lost in quarterfinal against the English competitor Richard Belle who found in Spanish a hard opponent.

To finish the day team patterns and sparring.

The Spanish team was imposed in patterns with great clarity to the Canadian team but unfortunately lost against the Argentinean Team who finally won the tournament. Bronze medal for Spain, congratulations.

In Team sparring, again Spain – Argentina. Adrian Ramirez and Nicolas Fernandez lost their fights and Christian Oriolani won. With this result 2 – 1 for Argentina; in the fourth fight Gabriel Leske and Sebastian Luraschi (category +80 Kg), Spanish was imposed during most of the assault until the Argentinean imposed his biggest span taking out a minimum advantage in an exchange of fists. With this victory the Argentinean ran off with the preliminary round.

One more time the coach Mr. Antonio Blanco showed his gratefulness to the team.

DAY 3:

The Saturday was reserved for the World Kup and to the special and power techniques.

In the World Kup, also opened for the categories of black belts that participated in the World Championship. Mr Eduardo Villafranca who ran off with the first position in patterns (Green-blue belts), lost in first sparring round.

In the World Kup of black belts, participated Ricardo Rodríguez and Javier Seoane. The first one was imposed in the category of black belts III to V degree. Javier Seoane, got the Silver medal in patterns 1st degree, and Gold medal in Sparring, after overcoming with absolute clarity 3 rounds against European and Argentinean oponents.

In individual special techniques, Carlos Berkenbush broke in Twimyo Nomo Yop Chagi, Javier Seoane also arrived with clarity in the same technique but not being able to break. Nicolás Fernández run off with a third position after highlighting his great aptitude for the jump.

In Power breaking, Leandro Monreal and Carlos Berkenbush was not pass the second eliminatoy round of side kick. Gastón La Torre offered all the assistants the most touching moments wining to the all the opponents. Congratulations to the new world champion.

In the section of teams special techniques, the Spanish team lost the bronze medal after a tie with Wales.

The injustice arrived in power techniques, in the eliminatoro round with side kick (Yop Chagi), the Spanish Cristian Oriolani was the only one in breaking all the pretenders, in spite of having a ankle sprain of grade 2 and needing bandage to compete, it was forced to repeat the break without bandage for protest of the Canadian team, ignoring the committee of the tournament the presented medical certificate. After not breaking, the only team in getting it was the Scottish, but they carried out the technique with jump, this error was not detected by the referees and that it allowed them to consent to the world title.

The Spanish won a bronze medal after two breaks of Gabriel Leske with circular kick.

One more time the national trainer together with the Spanish umpire congratulating the team for their job.

DAY 4: FINAL

The last day of tournament was reserved for the finals.

In the patterns 1st degree final, Gabriel Leske got the silver medal against the Argentinean competitor, Darío Núñez, after a tie.

In sparing -71kg Gabriel Leske fought against the experienced Argentinean competitor, Ariel Alemano who was finally winner in the last moment. The sensations transmitted by Gabriel Leske left impressed to most of assistants, included Great Master Choi Jung Hwa who applauded to Gabriel after the finalization of the final.

As colophon, the ceremony awards. In this item the organization offered a special award to Mr. Gaston La Torre, for his perseverance and charisma.

Lastly to highlight the work of all the members of the Spanish team, the competitors, the coach Antonio Blanco and the physiotherapist Abdel Monhaim; as well as the constant support of the sabunim Fernando Pérez and Alejandro Veyssiere.

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