

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

Read the text below.

TICOS DEFEND HONOR AND PRIDE AT "FITE NITE"

Mixed martial arts (MMA) fighters from across Latin America waved their countries' flags and tested the strength of eight Costa Rican MMA ring representatives in "Fite Nite Defensa Nacional." MMA usually combines boxing, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, wrestling and some Asian-based martial arts, among others.

International competitors began the night with explosive takedowns and ferocious strikes, dropping the "Ticos" to a 0-2 start. But the home team battled back tenaciously until Costa Rica's contestants won five of the remaining six fights and defended the country's pride. Costa Rica fought against Panamanian, Guatemalan and Peruvian fighters.

Insufficient knowledge of freestyle wrestling left Costa Rica behind after losing the two opening fights to Panama's fighters Leonardo González and Alberto García. However, after the second pounding loss against Panama, victories by Costa Rican representatives Javier Valenciano and Ariel Sexton marked "Tiquicia's" comeback win of the evening. "Winning is never easy," Sexton said. "Panamanians are strong, real strong, but this is our house and we gotta represent it." Valenciano gave Costa Rica its first victory of the night against Alejandro Rodríguez of Guatemala. Siviany Chacón, a "Tico" who won his debut fight in a mere 15 seconds, said he was not surprised by the outcome.

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Based on the text above, choose the appropriate alternative to answer each question. (Items 1 to 5)

1) Who won the third freestyle wrestling match?

- A) Ariel Sexton
- B) Alberto García
- C) Javier Valenciano
- D) Leonardo González

2) Where did the MMA tournament take place? In _____

- A) Costa Rica
- B) Panama
- C) Brazil
- D) Asia

3) Who participated for the first time in a MMA competition?

- A) Alejandro Rodríguez
- B) Leonardo González
- C) Siviany Chacón
- D) Ariel Sexton

4) What country won the first two fights of the night?

- A) Costa Rica
- B) Guatemala
- C) Panama
- D) Peru

5) Which teams were the strongest in the "Fite Nite"? The _____

- A) Brazilians and the Asians
- B) Peruvians and the Guatemalans
- C) Panamanians and the Costa Ricans
- D) Guatemalans followed by the Panamanians