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Cuba 2023 San Salvador Central American and Caribbean Champions

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, July 2, 2023.- Cuba was crowned Champion of the twenty fourth Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023 after winning the gold medal match to Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-22) at the Sports Palace Carlos El Famoso Hernández.

Cuba won their eleventh Central American and Caribbean title undefeated (5-0) and remains the top winner of all time in Men's Volleyball at the CAC Games. Since 1998 that Cuba hasn't won the championship and the last occasion, they reached a title match was in 2006 when they finished second.

For Dominican Republic, this is their third bronze medal in the history of the Games (1962, 1998).

Dominicans finished second with a 3-2 record. Cuba was dominant over their opponent, despite coming from behind in the third set from a fourpoint deficit (9-13).

Cuba's serves were powerful and was their key element to win the gold medal match with an 11 to two advantage. Points from attacks were balanced, Cuba scoring with 33 and Dominican Republic totalizing 27. Cuba also led in blocks 9-3. In errors they too were similar, Dominicans committing fewer, 22 against 24.

Cuba's middle blocker Javier Concepción and teammate outside hitter Miguel Angel López shared as top scorers with 12 points each. Concepción scored the most points from serves with 4 aces.

Middle blocker José Masso added 11 points. Outside hitter Hector Cruz topped Dominicans offense with 10 points, followed by team captain Henry Tapia collecting 9 points.

Bronze Medal Puerto Rico 3, Centro Caribe Sports -Guatemala- 0 Puerto Rico won the Bronze Medal with a 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-14) victory over the representatives of Centro Caribe Sports -Guatemala-. Puerto Rico finished third place with a 4-1 win-loss record, to win their fourth bronze medal in the history of the Games (1950, 1959, 1986). For CCS (Guatemala), with a 2-3 record and fourth place is their best finish in Central American Games.

Puerto Rico set the pace in the first and third sets, while CCS couldn't keep the advantage, they held the entire second set reaching a close 25-23 finish for Puerto Rico. Middle blocker Johathan Rodriguez led his team to victory with 10 points from 9 kills and one ace. Outside hitter Pelegrin Vargas and opposite Jamal Ellis produced 8 and 6 points respectively. On the CCS (GUA) side, team captain Carlos López scored a

match-high of 13 points on 12 kills and one ace. Opposite Erik Flores contributed with 7 points. Puerto Rico secured their victory with 37 points from kills against 28, a 7-3 margin in blocking points and a 4-2 advantage in aces. Both teams handed out a similar number of points from unforced errors, Puerto Rico (23) and Centro Caribe Sports (27).

Mexico 3, El Salvador 0

Mexico defeated El Salvador 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-15) to finish fifth place. Mexico finished the tournament with a 4-1 win-loss record and fifth place. Host El Salvador ended sixth place, their best historic position in CAC Games with 2-3. Mexico prevailed with a huge 48 advantage in attacking points against 16. They were also more effective in blocks 8-6 and in points from serves 5-2. El Salvador committed fewer errors than Mexico (14-25).

The only two players that finished with double digits were Mexicans opposite hitter Diego Gonzalez with 13 points on 8 kills, four blocks and one ace, and outside hitter Josué López who scored 10 points on 8 kills and two blocks. Opposite hitter Gustavo Ortiz led El Salvador with 9 points on 7 kills and two blocks.

Suriname 3, Trinidad & Tobago 1

Suriname finished seventh place after defeating Trinidad & Tobago 3-1 (25-18, 25-18, 21-25, 26-24).

Suriname in seventh place ends the event 1-3 and Trinidad & Tobago 0-4 in position eight. Suriname was superior in points from attacks 65-46 and in aces 7-1; both teams scored on six blocks. Suriname handed out less points from unforced errors (6-17). Keven Sporkslede, team captain of Suriname scored a match-high of 20 points (19 kills, one ace). Middle blocker David Pinas added 19 points (18 kills, one block) and opposite Zefanio Brienburg contributed with 14 points (12 kills, one block, one ace). Outside hitters Daynte Stewart and Brandon Legall led Trinidad & Tobago with 19 points and 13 points respectively.

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