

Cuba beat Dominican Republic and was proclaimed champion of the V U23 Men's Pan American Cup



HAVANA, Cuba, July 16, 2023.- Cuba retained their crown undefeated while beating Dominican Republic 3-0 (35-33, 25-21, 25-14) and winning the gold medal at the V U23 Men's Pan American Cup, that was held successfully this past week at Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum.

Both teams qualified for the North, Central American and Caribbean Confederation (NORCECA) to the II Junior Pan American Games of 2025.

For the second consecutive day the local team beat the Dominicans, but on today with a higher performance, managing better numbers in attacks (51-26) and in serves (10-0), however the opponents were higher in blocks (10-11) and in unforced errores (28-5). Three players of the home team scored double digits, outside hitter José Ramón Gómez with 18 points (15 attacks and three aces), opposite Alejandro Miguel González, scored 17 (14-2-1) and attacker-receiver Bryan Camino with 14 (12-0-2).

The only Dominican with double digits was opposite Adrián José Figueroa with 10 kill points. Middle blocker Alexander Ortiz added eight, ocho, seven on monster blocks.

Peru won bronze at the U23 Pan American Cup in Havana

Peru defeated Chile in straight sets (26-24, 25-11, 25-22) to win the bronze medal.

Peru was able to control the match despite the momentary reactions of their opponents, but in stats they only led in attacks (45-33), while in blocking (6-5) and serves (7-3) the losers were better.

Outside hitter Sebastián Blanco led Peru once again and all scorers of the match with 21 points. The other two with double digits in the match that lasted an hour and 17 minutes were outside hitter Rafael Fuentes (13) and opposite Ian Gei (11) of Chile.