

## Cuba needed five sets to subdue Peru to start the U23 Pan American Cup



HAVANA, Cuba, July 11, 2023.- Cuba subdued Peru, but needed five sets to obtain their first success at the V U23 Men's Pan American Cup that started this Tuesday at Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum.

Purivians, while the home team committed several errors, were fighting strong, focused, knowingly what it meant winning two sets to the favorite squad to defend their title won in the previous tournament in 2018 and were happy even with the loss (25-19, 20-25, 25-12, 21-25, 15-7).

The undisputed leader of the host team was opposite Alejandro Miguel González who set a high of 35 points, accompanied by middle blocker Thiago Suárez (12) and outside hitter Bryan Camino (10).

The most productive players of the South American team were outside hitter Sebastián Blanco (17) and Leonel Despaigne (16).

Cuba, despite their 30 errors (only 17 from their opponent), reached substantial advantages in attacks (53-42), blocks (13-7) and serves (16-4).

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The U23 Men's Pan American Cup started with a four set victory of Chile over Nicaragua at the Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum with other three teams competing.

It was a balanced match almost the entire time, which finished with 23-25, 25-21, 25-17 and 26-24 for almost two hours of battling where the Central Americans paid a high price for their lack of decisions.

The South Americans were more effective in all the offensive elements of the game with an advantage of 60 points to 47 in attacks, as well as in blocking (9-6) and in serves (9-6).

Three Chileans were the top scorers, led by outside hitter Josué Ruiz, who tallied 23 points, accompanied by opposite Ian Gei (20) and the other attacker-receiver Rafael Fuentes (21).

For Nicaragua the most productive players were outside hitters Yader León (12) and Yesdy Pacheco (10).