

Peru beat Nicaragua at the Men's U23 Pan **American Cup**

HAVANA Cuba, July 15, 2023.- Peru earned their second win at the capital's coliseum beating Nicaragua in straight sets 25-15, 25-22 and 25-17 to confirm their third place of the preliminary round at the U23 Men's Pan American Cup.

In a little over an hour, except for the second set where they had some errors, the South Americans didn't give the Central American team any chances by dominating



Outside hitters Sebastián Blanco and Leonel Blanco were the most productive in the match, scoring 17 and 12 points in that order, while for the opponents, only middle blocker Gerald Gómez scored double digits with 10 tallies.



Cuba defeated Dominican Republic and will meet again for the Gold

Cuba defeated Dominican Republic 3-1 (27-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-12) to top the preliminary round and will meet again with their resilient opponent on Sunday to defend their title at the V U23 Men's Pan American Cup at Ciudad Deportiva.

The local team faced a resilient Dominican team from the start, winning 27-25, while in the second leg it was easier and more dominant to finish early 25-18.

The visitors, undefeated in this phase just like the Cuban team with a 4-0 record, never gave up. In the third they took advantage of the bench players sent to play, lowered their guard

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to go up in the final moments and finish with a 23-25 victory.

However, the bench players were hurt, they were called to recover their errors for the desired sweep, showing their talent and harmony to win 25-12, the set with the highest advantage which Cuba dominated in attack (46-36), block (10-5) and serve (13-6).

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