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## Costa Rica will defend Central American title against Nicaragua



MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 15, 2017. - Costa Rica will defend their Central American title against Nicaragua on Saturday at the women's Volleyball tournament of the eleventh Central American Games Managua 2017 at Alexis Argüello sport complex.

Costa Rica will play for their eighty title after beating Panama 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 26-24) with erratic performance. Costa Rica with 5-0 win-loss record and 23 points is set to face Nicaragua for the gold medal in their fourth consecutive title match, aiming to keep reigning the Central American territory.

Guatemala and Honduras will play for the bronze medal. Guatemala has 3-2 record and 15 points, and Honduras 2-3 record and 10 points; Honduras needs a straight set victory to decide the bronze medal winner on point ratio.

### Costa Rica 3, Panama 0

Defending champion Costa Rica will play for their eighth Central American title after beating Panama 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 26-24). Costa Rica's erratic performance controlled Panama after recovering from a seven point deficit (5-12) in set three. Costa Rica with 5-0 win-loss record and 23 points is set to face Nicaragua for the gold medal in their

fourth consecutive title match, aiming to keep reigning the Central American territory. Panama surprised Costa Rica with strong attacks but failed consistency with difficulties in receiving Costa Rica's powerful serves. Panama stands with 1-4 record and 7 points. Costa Rica held advantage in attacks 33-31 and aces 9-1; in blocking both finished with 4 points. Costa Rica scored Panama's 30 unforced errors while committing 24 or their own. Opposite Paola Ramirez led Costa Rica with 15 points, while middle blocker Mijal Hines and setter Yuliana Gonzalez chipped in with 9 and 8 points respectively. Outside hitter Joanna Arroyo of Panama scored 12 points, middle blocker Angela Evans finished with 10 points and opposite Hashlyn Cuero added 8 points.

### Guatemala 3, Belize 1

Guatemala had difficulties to beat Belize 3-1 (28-26, 19-25, 25-14, 25-15). Guatemala's enormous 16-6 advantage in serves managed to finish on top as their performance lacked energy and strength. Belize celebrated their first set ever over Guatemala at a senior even. Guatemala is still in position of winning the bronze with 3-2 record and 15 points, depending in the result facing Honduras, while Belize has 0-5 record and three points. Guatemala held advantage of 40-38 in kills and both team scored on 9 blocking points. Guatemala committed fewer errors 27-32. Once again, opposite Rut Gomez and outside hitter Blanca Recinos led Guatemala with 18 and 10 points respectively. Belize balanced their offense between Nelissa Ramirez (15), Shantell Arnold (12) and Sherika Burton (12).

### El Salvador 3, Honduras 2

El Salvador won exhausting five sets 3-2 (25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 20-25, 19-17) to Honduras in their last clash. El Salvador won the dramatic party of sets that lasted over two hours to finish the event with 2-4 win-loss record and 8 points. For Honduras, with 2-3 record and 10 points, the loss comes as a spoiler while moving into tomorrow's contest to Guatemala in which they need a straight set victory to decide the bronze medal winner on point ratio. Honduras held advantage in kills (47-41) and blocks (9-7); the difference came as El Salvador benefited from 56 opponent errors while committing 41. Both teams scored 8 points on aces. Outside hitter Kathya Vasquez and middle blocker Denisse Rogel led El Salvador with 16 and 12 points respectively. Opposite Cecille Johnson was in charge of Honduras offense with 22 points; middle blocker Mariajosse Diaz added 12 points.

The last day features Honduras (2-3) against Guatemala (3-2), followed by Belize (0-5) facing Panama (1-4), and finishing with Nicaragua (5-0) against Costa Rica (5-0).