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MONDAY, JUNE 4	09:30			
	11:00			
	14:00	CRC		
	15:30	NCA	USA	
	17:00	GUA	CUB	
	18:30	HON	PUR	
	20:00			
TUESDAY, JUNE 5	08:00	GUA	CRC	PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES
	09:30		HON	09:00 NICARAGUA
	11:00	PUR		09:45 PUERTO RICO
	12:30	NCA	USA	10:30 UNITED STATES
	14:00		CUB	11:15 COSTA RICA
	15:30			12:00 CUBA
	17:00	Practical Clinic		12:45 GUATEMALA
	18:30			13:30 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
	20:00			
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6	08:00	GUA (15:00)	USA (15:00)	
	09:30	HON (17:00)	CUB (17:00)	
	11:00	PUR (19:00)	NCA (19:00)	
	12:30	CRC (OFF)		
	14:00			
	15:00	GUA vs USA		
	17:00	CUB vs HON		
19:00	PUR vs NCA			
THURSDAY, JUNE 7	08:00	CUB (15:00)	GUA (15:00)	
	09:30	USA (17:00)	HON (17:00)	
	11:00	NCA (19:00)	CRC (19:00)	
	12:30	PUR (OFF)		
	14:00			
	15:00	CUB vs GUA		
	17:00	HON vs USA		
19:00	CRC vs NCA			
FRIDAY, JUNE 8	08:00	HON (15:00)	GUA (15:00)	
	09:30	USA (17:00)	CUB (17:00)	
	11:00	CRC (19:00)	PUR (19:00)	
	12:30		NCA (OFF)	
	14:00			
	15:00	HON vs GUA		
	17:00	USA vs CUB		
19:00	CRC vs PUR			
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	08:00		1ST B (17:00)	
	9:00	2ND A vs 3RD B		
	9:30		1ST A (19:00)	
	11:00	2ND B vs 3RD A	4TH B (OFF)	
	12:30			
	14:00			
	17:00	1ST B vs WINNER OF M11* (or M10)		
19:00	1ST A vs WINNER OF M10* (or M11)			
SUNDAY, JUNE 10	08:00	LOSER OF M10 (14:00)	LOSER OF M11 (14:00)	
	09:00	LOSER OF M12 (16:00)	LOSER OF M13 (16:00)	
	10:00	WINNER OF M12 (18:00)	WINNER OF M13 (18:00)	
	11:00			
	13:00	LOSER OF M10 vs LOSER OF M11		
	15:00	LOSER OF M12 vs LOSER OF M13		
	17:00	WINNER OF M12 vs WINNER OF M13		

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Team composition



CRC • Costa Rica

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	ALFARO ALFARO	KENDALL	ALFARO	S	13-ene-2001	54	180	301	298	ALAJUELA	-	-	1	1
2	VARGAS ARIK	KEREM	VARGAS	L	12-ene-2002	51	171	298	275	ATENAS	-	-	1	1
5	GUZMAN OROZCO	JEFFERSON	GUZMAN	WS	12-ago-2001	52	180	305	295	SAN RAMON	-	-	1	1
6	Dowshel Jekeal	Mc Donald Smith	D. Smith	OP	16-mar-2003	86	188	321	303	Quepos	-	-	-	-
7	Deykel Steven	Smith Smith	D. Smith	WS	23-jul-2001	76	174	321	303	Limon	-	-	-	-
8	DIAZ LOPEZ	RELLY NIHAT	N. DIAZ	MB	02-ago-2003	58	193	316	313	QUEPOS	-	-	1	1
10	MIRANDA PANIAGUA	FREIDZER	MIRANDA	WS	27-jun-2001	52	185	306	303	SAN RAMON	-	-	1	1
11 C	Arrieta Arce	Juan Diego	Arrieta	MB	23-may-2001	70	185	312	305	SAN CARLOS	-	-	-	-
12	Yeyco Steven	Jimenez Alvarez	Y. Jimenez	MB	15-ene-2001	75	185	307	304	Limon	-	-	-	-
13	VARGAS QUESADA	ALVARO	VARGAS	WS	18-ago-2001	52	182	315	307	ABANGARES	-	-	1	1
15	CRUZ CORRALES	JUSTIN	J.CRUIZ	S	23-ago-2002	53	189	307	198	GRECIA	-	-	1	1
20	ALFARO ARIAS	REYMAN	REYMAN	OP	28-may-2001	68	193	308	301	PEREZ ZELEDON	-	-	-	-

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	JUAN ACUÑA GAMBOA
Head coach:	JUAN ACUÑA GAMBOA
Assistant coach:	PABLO ACUÑA CAMPOS
2nd assistant coach:	RONALD PEREZ LOPEZ

COLORS

Main:	RED
2nd:	BLUE
3rd:	WHITE

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	14.8	16.5	17.4
Height:	171	184	193
Spike:	298	310	321
2-hand block:	198	292	313
National selections:	0	1	1

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Team composition



CUB • Cuba

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Gutierrez Suarez	Jose Miguel	Gutierrez	WS	27-oct-2001	73	192	329	325	Villa Clara	-	-	21	21
2 C	Thondike Mejias	Christian Manuel	Thondike	S	28-may-2001	76	195	340	336	La Habana	-	-	12	12
7	Gomez Alonso	Ricardo	Gomez	L	01-abr-2001	78	202	350	348	Mayabeque	-	-	14	14
8	Chirino Callam	Adrian	Chirino	S	26-mar-2002	84	194	329	325	Camaguey	-	-	6	6
9	Gonzalez Rodriguez	Alejandro Miguel	Gonzalez	MB	12-mar-2003	85	200	345	340	Matanzas	-	-	8	8
10	Bolaños Vera	Gustavo	Herrera	WS	31-ene-2002	78	197	350	345	Cienfuegos	-	-	-	-
11	Ibar Menendez	Reynier	Reynier	MB	09-mar-2001	90	199	345	340	La Habana	-	-	7	7
14	Allen Serrano	Luis Vidal	Allen	MB	02-may-2001	67	195	350	348	La Habana	-	-	12	12
16	Andreu Flores	Victor Ramon	Andreu	WS	31-ago-2001	72	188	345	338	Camaguey	-	-	16	16
19	Ramirez Masso	Alexei	Ramirez	OP	21-jun-2001	76	194	340	336	La Habana	-	-	8	8
20	Hernandez Hernandez	Eduardo Sergio	Hernandez	OP	14-feb-2001	71	190	343	338	La Habana	-	-	10	10

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	OSVALDO IDEL MARTINEZ ARIAS (CUB)
Head coach:	MARIO RAUL IZQUIERDO PEREZ (CUB)
Assistant coach:	GERARDO NODARSE GALVAN (CUB)
Doctor:	RICARDO GUERRA LABRADA (CUB) / Id: 181783

COLORS

Main:	RED
2nd:	BLUE
3rd:	WHITE

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	15.2	16.7	17.3
Height:	188	195	202
Spike:	329	342	350
2-hand block:	325	338	348
National selections:	0	10	21

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Team composition



GUA • Guatemala

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Gamboa Quiñonez	Francisco Alexandro	Gamboa	WS	05-mar-2003	67	187	290	275	IZABAL	-	-	4	4
2	Estrada Juárez	Walter Josué	Estrada	S	16-nov-2002	89	180	285	270	SUCHITEPEQUEZ	-	-	6	6
4	Hoil Ortega	Kevin Carlos	Ortega	WS	14-oct-2001	65	180	290	275	PETEN	-	-	10	10
6	Caballeros Sanchez	Carlos David	Caballeros	OP	22-ene-2003	62	177	280	275	BAJA VERAPAZ	-	-	-	-
7	Alvarado Amperez	Angel Alexander	Alvarado	L	12-abr-2004	61	171	265	260	ALTA VERAPAZ	-	-	-	-
8	Ralon Bolaños	Daniel Alejandro	Ralon	S	12-mar-2003	64	176	268	265	GUATEMALA	-	-	6	6
9	Zuñiga Cámbara	José Francisco	Zuñiga	OP	07-feb-2002	64	182	285	275	JUTIAPA	-	-	6	6
10	Escobar Sanchez	Hugo Fernando	Escobar	L	27-jul-2002	65	166	258	256	GUATEMALA	-	-	6	6
11	Mejia Morales	Edwin Estuardo	Mejia	MB	10-oct-2001	65	185	305	290	EL PROGRESO	-	-	10	10
12 C	Ismalej Ixpata	David Aimar	Isma	WS	04-feb-2001	66	176	285	269	BAJA VERAPAZ	-	-	15	15
15	Hernández de León	Jason Omar	Hernández	MB	19-ene-2002	91	191	300	285	RETALHULEU	-	-	6	6
17	Gonzalez Alvarez	Mario Salomon	Gonzalez	MB	02-dic-2001	65	184	296	293	GUATEMALA	-	-	6	6

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	Luis Fernando Castañeda Maldonado (GUA)
Head coach:	Luis Fernando Castañeda Maldonado (GUA)
Assistant coach:	Julio Roberto Reyes de Leon (GUA)
2nd assistant coach:	Nehemias Rocaelf Samayoa Lopez (GUA)

COLORS

Main:	NAVY BLUE
2nd:	WHITE
3rd:	ROYAL

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	14.1	15.9	17.3
Height:	166	180	191
Spike:	258	284	305
2-hand block:	256	274	293
National selections:	0	6	15

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Team composition



HON ● Honduras

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Gernat Flefil	Matthew	Gernat	S	02-ago-2001	72	177	267	263	AST	-	-	-	-
2	Orellana Figueroa	Luis	Orellana	S	13-sep-2002	54	173	265	257	Estancia	-	-	-	-
4	Palma Lagos	Roberto	Palma	WS	04-oct-2001	65	181	290	287	VIP	-	-	-	-
5	Cruz Velasquez	Ubaldo	Cruz	L	12-ene-2001	60	178	290	287	VIP	-	-	-	-
6	Garcia Cardona	Gabriel	G. Garcia	MB	08-feb-2002	63	187	310	300	Fenix	-	-	-	-
9 C	Escoto Archaga	Allan	Escoto	WS	12-ene-2001	65	179	302	295	Casa Campo	-	-	-	-
10	Azar Alvarez	Joseph	Azar	WS	22-feb-2002	71	172	283	278	Copan B	-	-	-	-
12	Aguirre Zambrano	Rodrigo	Aguirre	MB	04-nov-2002	65	183	270	267	Copan B	-	-	-	-
13	Arriola Benedith	David	Arriola	S	04-dic-2001	72	173	290	275	Freedom	-	-	-	-
16	Pineda Laguna	David	Pineda	MB	11-ago-2002	61	185	300	305	Copan B	-	-	-	-
17	Santos Zuniga	Jorge	Santos	MB	25-may-2002	90	176	292	285	Freedom	-	-	-	-
23	Paredes Vargas	Rufo	Rufo	OP	25-jun-2001	68	180	297	285	AST	-	-	-	-

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	Jaime Garcia Handres (HON)
Head coach:	Alejandro Castillo Reyes (HON)
Assistant coach:	Maynor Casasola Robles (HON)

COLORS

Main:	WHITE
2nd:	BLUE
3rd:	BLACK

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	15.6	16.5	17.4
Height:	172	179	187
Spike:	265	288	310
2-hand block:	257	282	305
National selections:	0	0	0

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Team composition



NCA • Nicaragua

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Cano Osorio	Josue	CANO	WS	19-nov-2001	65	180	290	270	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
2	Sacasa Sacasa	Milton	SACASA	OP	26-may-2001	69	173	270	258	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
3	Calero Obando	Ramces Josue	CALERO	S	03-abr-2001	65	173	282	276	MASAYA	-	-	12	12
4	Lozano	Steven	BALTODANO	WS	10-sep-2001	50	171	265	250	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
5	Carcache Aguilar	Jordan	CARCACHE	L	31-oct-2002	50	154	275	270	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
6	Zamora Morales	Axel	ZAMORA	OP	30-ene-2001	70	169	295	290	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
7	Bermudez Gonzalez	Ronaldo Luis	BERMUDEZ	MB	08-nov-2001	71	185	300	284	ALEMAN	-	-	6	6
8	Monterrey Perez	David Alejandro	MONTERREY	WS	30-may-2002	56	174	278	262	TERESIANO	-	-	-	-
9 C	Cerda	Ronny	CERDA	S	02-ene-2001	66	174	265	266	DORIS MARIA	-	-	-	-
10	Sandoval Bravo	Marcial	Sandoval	WS	12-oct-2001	66	180	290	278	ACADEMIA	-	-	5	5
11	Maltez	Hansley Josue	MALTEZ	MB	04-ene-2003	56	180	278	262	ACADEMIA	-	-	-	-
12	Morales Arostegui	Ismat Josue	MORALES	MB	14-jul-2002	63	182	290	286	PUREZA DE MARIA	-	-	-	-

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	CUADRA BERTHA (NCA)
Head coach:	MENA JORGE (NCA)
Assistant coach:	ESCORCIA BENITO (NCA)

COLORS

Main:	WHITE
2nd:	BLACK
3rd:	NAVY BLUE

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	15.4	16.5	17.4
Height:	154	175	185
Spike:	265	282	300
2-hand block:	250	271	290
National selections:	0	2	12

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Team composition



PUR • Puerto Rico

PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Hoyos	Omar	Hoyos	WS	20-dic-2001	76	196	245	237	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
2	Ramirez	Roberto	Ramirez	S	22-mar-2002	60	185	246	240	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
3	Santa Cruz	Carlos	Santa Cruz	OP	14-may-2002	65	193	252	246	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
4	Acevedo	Jorge	Acevedo	L	31-may-2002	50	175	248	242	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
5	Negron	Sebastian	Negron	OP	15-feb-2001	72	191	246	242	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
6 C	Hernandez	Wilmer	Hernandez	WS	01-ago-2001	88	192	248	244	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
7	Adames	Emanuel	Adames	MB	27-nov-2001	85	196	252	247	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
8	Berrios	Juan	Berrios	S	12-jul-2001	78	193	246	242	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
9	Rosich Oliver	Diego	Rosich	WS	28-feb-2002	88	193	256	249	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
11	Marin	Juan	Marin	MB	14-mar-2002	86	192	256	252	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
12	Mercado Tirado	Carlos Adrian	Mercado Tirado	WS	23-ene-2001	88	199	256	252	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-
13	Davila	Jose	Davila	MB	04-jul-2001	60	192	256	246	National Team (PUR)	-	-	-	-

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	Jean Carlos Juarbe (PUR)
Head coach:	Juan Albarran (PUR)
Assistant coach:	Luis Aponte (PUR)
Therapist/Trainer:	Efren Collazo (PUR) / Id: NCCA No. 173

COLORS

Main:	WHITE
2nd:	RED
3rd:	BLUE

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	16.0	16.6	17.4
Height:	175	191	199
Spike:	245	251	256
2-hand block:	237	245	252
National selections:	0	0	0

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Team composition



PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Weight [kg]	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
								Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
2	C Karlous	Joseph	Karlous	S	16-oct-2001	79	180	315	305	Balboa Bay Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
3	Briggs	Mason	Briggs	L	21-ene-2001	68	183	318	305	Legacy Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
4	Knipe	Aidan	Knipe	S	12-abr-2001	73	188	323	307	Team Rockstar (USA)	-	-	-	-
5	Tangutur	Akhil	Tangutur	WS	11-mar-2001	70	191	325	307	Pac6 Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
10	Smith	Ethan	Smith	MB	27-mar-2001	84	196	330	315	949 Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
12	Deluzio	Joseph	Deluzio	WS	24-abr-2001	91	196	338	325	Orlando Gold VBC (USA)	-	-	-	-
13	Knight	Alexander	Knight	WS	22-jun-2001	75	198	335	312	Pac6 Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
14	Hartley	James	Hartley	WS	08-feb-2001	79	198	343	333	Carolina Union Volleyball Club (U	-	-	-	-
15	Hill	Ethan	Hill	MB	26-feb-2001	79	198	335	318	Balboa Bay Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-
16	Godbold	Clarke	Godbold	OP	22-abr-2002	88	198	330	310	SCVC (USA)	-	-	-	-
18	Solan	Scott	Solan	OP	02-jun-2001	86	201	356	343	Vegas United Volleyball Club (US	-	-	-	-
19	Gates	Nathaniel	Gates	MB	26-ene-2001	88	201	340	318	Coast Volleyball Club (USA)	-	-	-	-

OFFICIALS

Team manager:	Lutjen, Gabriella (USA)
Head coach:	Keller, Brad (USA)
Assistant coach:	MacRae, Nicholas (USA)
2nd assistant coach:	McMillan, Colin (USA)
Doctor:	Dyck, David (USA) / Id: 180286

COLORS

Main:	BLUE
2nd:	RED
3rd:	WHITE

STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Age:	16.1	17.1	17.4
Height:	180	194	201
Spike:	315	332	356
2-hand block:	305	317	343
National selections:	0	0	0



Coaches look forward for opening of NORCECA U19 Championship

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, June 5 2018.- Coaches of the seven countries competing at the NORCECA U19 Boys' Continental Championship are pleased to be in Costa Rica and battle for two tickets to next year's age-group FIVB World Championship.

The two pool winners at the end of the preliminary round advance directly to the semifinal round while the second and third places will crossover in quarterfinals.

Costa Rica coach Juan Acuña: "This team has been preparing for three years since the Central American championship in Panama. My players are taller than all the teams in Central America, we hope to reach our objective to finish among the first four; we acknowledge that Cuba and United States our powerful teams and we are aiming to fight for third place against Puerto Rico if we prevail against the other Central American teams".

Cuba coach Mario Izquierdo: "The main goal is to qualify for the world championship and the other objective is to try and win this tournament. Cuba's best attribute is our physical condition and our strong attacks. We come from eight months of concentration in the Volleyball Academy in Havana where each player has developed according to our plans and we are ready to see the results. Every opponent presents difficulties".

Guatemala assistant coach Julio Reyes: "Guatemala has prepared for over a year for this competition, we have high expectations and we have worked consciously. I consider my team's good attitude our best feature. Every team here wants to qualify to the world championship and we are thankful for this opportunity, we will make our best effort to finish in the best position possible".

Honduras coach Alejandro Castillo: "We have really huge expectations, but our training was not as much as we wished for. Our strength is our unity, adding to the fact that we have great defense which our opponents will find difficult to break. The team has played together for two years since the Central American tournament and we've been preparing since the beginning of the year".

Nicaragua coach Jorge Mena: "We've been preparing for the past five months, working hard. Costa Rica is in our pool and we consider them to be the one to beat if we want to advance in the tournament; we know each other and it won't be an easy task. Playing against Puerto Rico will be a good preparation match for my players".

Puerto Rico coach Juan Albarran: "We've been practicing four days a week for the past two and half months at the Olympic center back home. Our goal is to try to qualify for the world championship, winning one game at a time; first we need to finish on top in the preliminary round and then prepare the right strategy to face our next opponent according to the other pool. Our strongest weapons are receiving and serving, adding that several players have experience in international events such as the world championship in Bahrain and the senior's Pan-American cup".



United States coach Brad Keller: “You want to hope to be in the world championship, we have no doubt it won’t be easy. We are very pleased to be here, we’ve been working hard for the past two weeks in preparation for this tournament; our motto is work hard. My players know each other since they were 12 years old, they all get along very well and they love each other, it’s a great group and it’s not big of a shock they understand one another on the court. We have no idea what to expect of our opponents; historically speaking, Puerto Rico and Cuba are always tough teams, we are familiar with some of Puerto Rico’s players that play in the US. There is always team that surprises with very talented players. In the past our strengths have been serving and passing the ball well, hopefully they will work here for us. The mental game is an issue at any stage; it’s the number one focus for most of us coaches”.

Entrenadores esperan el inicio del campeonato NORCECA Sub-19

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, 5 de junio de 2018.- Los entrenadores de los siete países participantes en el Campeonato Continental NORCECA Sub-19 masculino están complacidos de estar en Costa Rica y luchar por los dos cupos disponibles para el Campeonato Mundial FIVB de la categoría a celebrarse el año entrante.

Los dos ganadores de grupo al finalizar la ronda preliminar avanzarán directamente a la ronda de semifinales, en tanto que los segundos y terceros lugares jugaran de forma cruzada la ronda de cuartos de final.

Entrenador de Costa Rica Juan Acuña: “Esta selección se viene preparando desde hace tres años en el campeonato centroamericano en Panamá. Es un grupo de jugadores de mayor estatura de lo usual en nuestra zona, esperamos lograr el objetivo de estar entre los cuatro primeros lugares; estamos conscientes de lo poderosos que son Cuba y Estados Unidos, esperamos poder disputar un tercer ante Puerto Rico, siempre que superemos a los representantes de Centroamérica”.

Entrenador de Cuba Mario Izquierdo: “Como principal objetivo buscamos la clasificación al campeonato mundial y el siguiente objetivo es intentar ganar el torneo. La fortaleza de Cuba es mayormente en la preparación física y el ataque. Llevamos ocho meses en una concentración en la Habana en el Escuela Nacional de Voleibol en donde los jugadores han ido evolucionando satisfactoriamente, cumpliendo con todos los parámetros planificados y esperamos ver los resultados. A todos los rivales los consideramos difíciles”.

Entrenador Asistente de Guatemala Julio Reyes: “Guatemala tiene un poco más de un año de preparación para esta justa deportiva, traemos buenas expectativas y se ha trabajado a consciente. Considero que la actitud de los jóvenes es un aspecto que caracteriza a nuestro equipo. El objetivo de todos es clasificar al mundial y nos sentimos satisfechos de tener esta oportunidad, haremos nuestro mayor esfuerzo para terminar en el mejor lugar posible”.



Entrenador de Honduras Alejandro Castillo: “Para nosotros las expectativas son enormes pero el proceso de entrenamiento no fue el que hubiéramos querido. La unidad del equipo es nuestra mejor virtud, sumado a nuestra defensa que será un factor clave para que puedan vencernos. El equipo se conformó desde el campeonato centroamericano hace dos años y llevamos desde principio de año con entrenos constantes”.

Entrenador de Nicaragua Jorge Mena: “Nos hemos preparado por un período de cinco meses, entrenando fuerte. Estamos en el mismo grupo con Costa Rica y consideramos que es el rival a vencer para avanzar en el torneo; nos conocemos muy bien siendo rivales centroamericanos, pero no será un juego fácil. El juego ante Puerto Rico será un fogueo para mis muchachos”.

Entrenador de Puerto Rico Juan Albarran: “Hemos estado entrenando por cuatro días a la semana por dos meses y medio en el albergue Olímpico de nuestro país. Nuestro objetivo es intentar clasificar al mundial, pero hay que hacerlo un juego a la vez; primero enfrentar la fase de grupos y preparar la estrategia para los próximos rivales según los resultados del otro grupo. Nuestra fortaleza es el recibo y el saque, además tenemos jugadores que aportan experiencia porque ya han competido en eventos internacionales como el mundial de Bahrain y la copa panamericana de mayores”.

Entrenador de Estados Unidos Brad Keller: “Siempre está la esperanza de estar en el campeonato mundial, y no dudamos de que no será sencillo. Estamos complacidos de estar acá, hemos trabajado fuerte preparándonos por las pasadas dos semanas; nuestro lema es trabajar fuerte. Mis jugadores se conocen desde los 12 años de edad, se llevan muy bien y se quieren, es un buen grupo y no es sorpresa que se entienden muy bien en la cancha. No sabemos qué esperar de nuestros rivales; históricamente Puerto Rico y Cuba siempre son equipo difíciles, estamos familiarizados con algunos jugadores de Puerto Rico por que juegan en EEUU. Siempre hay un equipo que da la sorpresa con jugadores talentosos. En el pasado nuestra fortaleza ha sido el servicio y el acomodo, esperamos que acá nos funcione bien. El aspecto mental es un factor en cualquier categoría, es la prioridad número uno para la mayoría de entrenadores”.