

Newsletter

Puerto Rico wins the Gold and Sequiel Sanchez the MVP at Barranquilla



BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, August 2, 2018. - Puerto Rico won the Gold Medal match of the men's volleyball tournament and wing spiker Sequiel Sanchez received the Most Valuable Player award at the 2018 Barranquilla XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games that concluded on Thursday at Humberto Perea Coliseum.

Puerto Rico defeated host Colombia 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-14) with a remarkable performance, winning their fifth gold medal in the history of the event, having played a total of nine title matches.

The host Colombia made a historic presentation while reaching the Central American and Caribbean podium for the first time ever, winning the silver medal.

Puerto Rico edged Colombia the entire first and third sets with a sizeable advantage from the beginning. The winner's strength over the net by Sequiel Sanchez, Maurice Torres and Steven Morales never seized, holding off Colombian figure Liberman Agamez. Colombia had their momentum in the second set when subs Alomia Carlos and

Gustavo Larrahondo gave a fresh air to their offense, stopping Puerto Rico only for a few moments.

Puerto Rico carried out advantage in every skill, with 36-32 in spikes, 9-5 in blocks and 7-2 in aces; while limiting their errors only to 10 points and scoring on 23 opponent errors.

Wing spiker Sequiel Sanchez led Puerto Rico with 15 points on 11 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces; opposite Maurice Torres followed with 14 points including 10 kills and 3 blocks, while middle blocker Steven Morales registered 10 points. Middle blocker Kevin Carabali finished with 10 points.

Mexico won their sixth bronze medal in the history of the event, storming over Cuba 3-2 (22-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 15-8) while recovering from 0-2 set deficit.

Final Standings: 1. Puerto Rico; 2. Colombia; 3. Mexico; 4. Cuba; 5. Venezuela; 6. Dominican Republic; 7. Guatemala; 8. Trinidad and Tobago.



Individual Awards

Most Valuable Player: Sequiel Sanchez, Puerto Rico

1st Outside Hitter: Miguel Lopez, Cuba

2nd Outside Hitter: Sequiel Sanchez, Puerto Rico

1st Middle Blocker: Marc Honore Trinidad and Tobago

2nd Middle Blocker: Livan Osoria, Cuba

Best Setter: Pedro Rangel, Mexico

Best Opposite: Maurice Torres, Puerto Rico

Best Libero: Yonder Garcia, Cuba

Best Server: Maurice Torres, Puerto Rico

Best Digger: Yonder Garcia, Cuba

Best Receiver: Arnel Cabrera, Puerto Rico

Best Scorer: Liberman Agamez, Colombia