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Tough duels on day two at the Barranquilla CACG



BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, July 29, 2018.- Tough duels on day two at the men's volleyball tournament at the 2018 Barranquilla XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games at Humberto Perea Coliseum.

In pool A, Venezuela defeated Dominican Republic in five exciting sets 3-2 (18-25, 25-17, 25-23, 24-26, 15-11), while Cuba dominated Mexico in three heated sets 3-0 (25-23, 25-18, 25-18). In pool B, host Colombia with strong effort stopped a combative Guatemala (25-17, 25-21, 26-24).

Pool-play resumes on day three of competition, where top winners advance into the semifinals.

Puerto Rico 3, Trinidad and Tobago 0

Puerto Rico came out on top Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 (25-11, 25-18, 25-19) in pool B. With a spectacular defense, Trinidad and Tobago edged Puerto Rico to work harder for their second victory in pool-play. Trinidad and Tobago led the third set up to point 16, when Puerto Rico's strong serves finally subdued their great effort. Puerto Rico led 38-27 in kills, 4-3 in blocks and 9-1 in aces. Puerto Rico benefited from 24 opponent errors, allowing 17 points on their own.

Wing spiker Pablo Guzman topped Puerto Rico's scorers with 9 points, on 6 kills and 3 of them in aces; Kevin Lopez chipped in with 7 points on kills. Eddie Rivera and Sequiel Sanchez scored 5 points apiece. Brandon Legall led Trinidad and Tobago with 9 points on kills.

Venezuela 3, Dominican Republic 2

Venezuela defeated Dominican Republic in five thrilling sets 3-2 (18-25, 25-17, 25-23, 24-26, 15-11) in group A. This was Venezuela's first victory, evening their record to 1-1, while defending champion Dominican Republic drops to 0-2 record. Venezuela pocketed the intense tie-break that Dominicans forced to play after winning a dramatic fourth set. Venezuela finished with a comfortable 12-9 margin in blocking, stopping Dominican Republic's 62-60 advantage in attacks, as well as a 7-3 margin in service points. Venezuela committed 24 errors and Dominican Republic 32. Venezuela balanced their points with middle blocker Edson Valencia scoring 18 points, including 11 kills and 6 blocks (the most so far); middle blocker Jose Verdi contributed with 14, opposite Emerson Rodriguez scored 13 and Jhonlenn Barreto 11 points. From Dominican Republic, wing spiker Elvis Contreras scored a match-high of 23 points, including 20 kills and 2 serves, followed by wing spiker Wilfrido Hernandez and middle blocker Mario Frias with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Cuba 3, Mexico 0

Cuba dominated Mexico 3-0 (25-23, 25-18, 25-18) in a tough pool A match. Cuba and Mexico engaged an emotional duel, with force at the net and stunning blocks, adding to the high energy in their performers. Cuba dismantled Mexico with 21-17 advantage in the first set with their towering blocks. During the exchange of court to start set three, Pedro Rangel of Mexico and Adrian Goide of Cuba were expelled for improperly conduct. Cubans defeated Mexico with 44-33 superiority in spikes and 6-0 aces.

Mexico was better in blocking with 7-3 advantage. Cuba scored 22 points on Mexico's errors, committing 19 unforced error of their own. Opposite player Miguel Gutierrez of Cuba, led all scorers with 16 points, on 13 kills and 3 aces; wing spikers Miguel López and Osniel Mergarejo finished with 15 and 10 points accordingly. Wing spiker Gonzalo Ruiz led Mexico with 13 points, the only one from his team with double-figures.

Colombia 3, Guatemala 0

Colombia claimed their second victory in pool B after defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 26-24). Colombia finished day two of competition with strong effort in set three recovering from a 15-20 deficit as Guatemala controlled the actions. The Central American team surprised the host, dominating serves and capitalizing on their offense at the net. Colombia will conclude pool-play against Puerto Rico, match that will decide top place in pool B that advances directly into the tournament's semifinals.

The hosts were superior to Guatemala with enormous 42-29 margin in attacks and 11-8 in blocks. In serves, Guatemala led only by one point (6-5). In errors there was a slim difference, Colombia with 19 and Guatemala with 18. With 12 points, wing spiker Adonis Herrera led Colombia's victory, joined by middle blocker Renzo Mendoza and opposite Liberman Agamez with 9 tallies each. Guatemala's wing spiker Wagner Pacheco topped with 11 points, followed by Edgar Maldonado and middle blocker Leonel Aragon with 7 points apiece.