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Guatemala unbeaten, Honduras and Nicaragua capture first win

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 11, 2017. - Guatemala remains unbeaten, while Honduras and Nicaragua captured their first win at the conclusion of day two of the men's Volleyball tournament at the eleventh Central American Games Managua 2017 being held at Alexis Argüello sport complex.

In Monday's matches, Guatemala defeated Belize in straight sets 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-23) to remain unbeaten with 2-0 win-loss record; Honduras won their first match holding off Costa Rica 3-1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-19) and Nicaragua battled in a five set thriller over Panama 3-2 (26-24, 25-19, 21-25, 22-25, 15-13), both improving to 1-1 record.

Day three of actions in the men's division features Guatemala (2-0) against Costa Rica (1-1), Belize (0-1) meets Panama (0-2) and Nicaragua (1-1) faces El Salvador (1-0). Honduras (1-1) has the day off.

Guatemala 3, Belize 0

Guatemala defeated Belize 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-23) earning their second victory. Guatemala had a rough beginning and ending against Belize, but they knew how to set their pace while finishing with a huge 40-27 margin in kills. Guatemala had to work harder in sets one and three with Belizean demanding spikers. Belize held a slim 4-3 margin in aces and Guatemala 5-2 in the blocking category. Both teams allowed 27 points on errors. Outside hitter Wagner Chacon led Guatemala's scorers with 12 points on 11 kills and one block; outside hitter Carlos Lopez and opposite Erik Flores tallied 9 points apiece. Outside hitter Bryton Codd led all scorers with 13 points and opposite Karym Coleman added 10 points.

Honduras 3, Costa Rica 1

Honduras won their first match holding off Costa Rica 3-1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-19). Honduras held a comfortable six point margin



during sets three and four as they alienated Costa Rica from the game with spectacular comeback scoring mostly by the middle. Honduras earned their first victory of the event, standing with 1-1 win-loss record as well as Costa Rica. Despite Costa Rica's 40-35 advantage in attacks, Honduras blocked Costa Rica all the way with a huge 13-5 margin. Both teams finished with 6 aces, Honduras committed 35 errors and Costa Rica 41. Middle blocker Watler Ornelo topped Honduras with 18 points on 12 attacks, 4 blocks and 2 aces, joined by opposite German Moreira with 11 points on 8 kills and 3 aces. Costa Rican Alberto Blanco led all scorers with 20 points, the only player from Costa Rica with double-digits.

Nicaragua 3, Panama 2

Nicaragua battled strong to defeat Panama in a thriller 3-2 (26-24, 25-19, 21-25, 22-25) first victory. Nicaragua and Panama engaged in exciting rallies with powerful spikes struggling to keep their concentration and limit their errors. The home team's main offense was their 13-6 huge advantage in blocking and they held a 53-44 margin in kills. Nicaragua scored on 51 opponent errors and committed 43. Panama led in aces 4-1. Opposite Denis Garcia was Nicaragua's best scorer with 16 points, the only player with double-digits. Outside hitters Jonny Zeledon and Jonathan Tuckler contributed to Nicaragua's victory with 9 points apiece. Panama balanced their offense between Oswald Marshall with 16 points, opposite Donaldo Ureña with 14 points and outside hitter Domingo Avila with 13 points.