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Agamez scores 39 points as Colombia moves to semifinals

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, July 31, 2018. – Liberman Agamez scored 39 points to qualify Colombia to the men's volleyball semifinals of the 2018 Barranquilla XXIII Central American and Caribbean Tournament at Humberto Perea Coliseum.

Liberman Agamez scored impressive 39 points in Colombia's nail biting tie-break quarterfinal match to Venezuela 3-2 (23-25, 25-22, 26-28, 26-24, 15-13).

Earlier, Mexico joined the final four, easily defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-11) in their quarterfinal.

In Wednesday's semifinals, Puerto Rico will play against Mexico, followed by the host Colombia facing Cuba.

Mexico 3, Guatemala 0

Mexico reached the men's volleyball tournament semifinals after defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-11). Mexico will face Puerto Rico in Wednesday's semifinal match while Guatemala meets Dominican Republic in a classification match for 5-8

positions. Mexico used their complete list of players controlling the actions with no resistance from Guatemala. Mexico outnumbered Guatemala with huge advantage in every skill, with 36-18 in attacks, 16-2 in blocks and 7-2 in aces. Both teams scored 16 points on errors. Opposite Daniel Vargas of Mexico led all scorers with 12 points including 10 kills and middle blocker Gabriel Cruz contributed with 10 points including 5 blocks. Guatemala's top scorer was opposite Edgar Maldonado with 6 points.

Colombia 3, Venezuela 2

Liberman Agamez scored 39 points in Colombia's victory over Venezuela 3-2 (23-25, 25-22, 26-28, 26-24, 15-13) qualifying to the men's volleyball semifinals. Colombia's nail biting five-set victory was carried by its best weapon, Liberman Agamez, whose pounding force over the net scored on 30 kills and 3 blocks, in addition on 6 aces with unstoppable serves. Venezuela also pressured with strength, grabbing away the third set to Colombia while recovering from a 21-24 deficit that Colombia wasn't able to grasp. Liberman extended to the tie-break with his powerful serves, cheered by the noisy crowd that celebrated Colombia's huge victory. Adonis Herrera, Humberto Machacon and Leandro Mejía added 10 points apiece for Colombia. Venezuela's offensive was also on fire, with 31 points by Emerson Rodriguez, followed by Willner Rivas scoring 20 points and Jose Verdi with 10 points. Colombia edged Venezuela with huge 11-5 margin in blocks and 10-6 in aces; they also held advantage in attacks with 68-63 margin. Colombia committed more errors 38-26.

