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# Newsletter

## Cuba and Puerto Rico first two semifinalists at Barranquilla CACG



BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, July 30, 2018. - Cuba and Puerto Rico are the first two semifinalists at the men's volleyball tournament of the 2018 Barranquilla XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games at Humberto Perea Coliseum.

Cuba topped pool A after defeating Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-22, 25-12, 25-14) with no setbacks on impressive 14-1 advantage in blocking. While Puerto Rico.

In quarterfinals, Mexico faces Guatemala and Colombia meets with Venezuela.

### Guatemala 3, Trinidad and Tobago 1

Guatemala moved to the quarterfinals after defeating Trinidad and Tobago 3-1 (25-22, 25-17, 22-25, 25-22). Guatemala finished fourth place in pool B, with 1-2 record and will wait for their opponent in the quarterfinal round after pool A is completed. Guatemala jumped to an early lead in the first set (11-8) that Trinidad and Tobago overcame with a spectacular effort to be in top in the second technical time-out; still Guatemala remained consistent taking the first and second sets.

Trinidad and Tobago worked hard, minimizing their scoring errors to extend Guatemala's victory to a fourth set. Guatemala capitalized on numerous and continuous opponent errors (18-36), as Trinidad and Tobago led in kills 55-49 and in blocking 12-7. Guatemala held a 5-1 margin in aces. The Central American team balanced their offense between four players; wing spikers Jeyson Nery and Wagner Chacon led with 13 points each, while middle blocker Leonel Aragon and wing spiker Carlos Lopez collected 12 points apiece. Opposite Ryan Stewart of

Trinidad and Tobago scored a match-high of 20 points on 17 kills and 3 blocks, joined by middle blocker Marc Honore with 18 points and wing spiker Randon Legall scored 13 points.

### Mexico 3, Venezuela 1

Mexico beat Venezuela 3-1 (25-19, 18-25, 25-22, 25-18) with impressive 18 -6 blocking margin. Mexico earned a second important victory in pool A waiting for the result between Cuba and Dominican Republic to determine their final pool position and quarterfinal crossover. Both teams were cautious as the match developed with a slower rhythm as they normally perform.

Despite Venezuela's dominance in the second set to even the actions, Mexico's effective blocking in set four astonished Venezuela, scoring seven consecutive blocking points while Venezuela led by slim 17-16 score. Mexico finished with 18-6 blocking margin. Venezuela led in the other skills, with 51-46 advantage in spikes and 6-5 in aces.

Mexico allowed 21 points on errors and Venezuela 24. Mexico and Venezuela used a balanced scoring offense. Opposite Daniel Vargas scored 18 points for Mexico, accompanied by wing spikers Gonzalo Ruiz and Jorge Barajas with 11 points apiece; middle blocker Jose Martinez chipped in with 10 points.

Venezuela was led by opposite Emerson Rodriguez with 15 points, wing spikers Ronald Fayola and Willner Rivas who tallied 13 points each and by middle blocker Jose Verdi with 11 points.

### Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 0

Cuba topped pool A after defeating Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-22, 25-12, 25-14) advancing into the men's volleyball tournament semifinals. Cuba had no setbacks in their final pool-play match using all their players while storming over defending champions Dominican Republic. Cuba wins pool A with unbeaten 3-0 record and moves into Thursday's semifinals.

Cuba's impressive 14-1 advantage in blocking was too much for Dominican Republic. The winners also led with 33-30 attacking margin and 9-1 in aces. Cuba finished with fewer errors (16-19).

Only two players scored double-figures, middle blocker Livan Osoria led Cuba with 14 points, including 5 blocks and 3 aces; and Dominican opposite player Henry Tapia scored 16 points all in kills.

### Puerto Rico 3, Colombia 0

Puerto Rico won their ticket to semifinals defeating Colombia 3-0 (25-17, 26-24, 25-20) for pool B first place. Puerto Rico amazingly recovered from a 22-24 deficit, taking set two from the home team that struggled to keep their powerful scoring streak. Puerto Rico topped pool B with undefeated 3-0 record and Colombia will play quarterfinals against Venezuela. Puerto Rico's huge 10-0 advantage in blocking stopped Colombia's 41-34 margin in kills.

Puerto Rico also led 6-4 in aces and scored on 26 opponent errors, committing 16. Opposite player Maurice Torres led Puerto Rico's offense scoring 22 points on 16 kills, 2 blocks and 4 aces; wing spiker Sequiel Sanchez added 10 points to the winning cause. Liberman Agamez of Colombia scored 17 points including 16 kills.