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Three teams undefeated at U-23 Pan Am Cup

HAVANA, Cuba, October 6, 2014 – Hosts Cuba, Mexico and Dominican Republic maintained their undefeated records after two days of actions in the Second Men's U23 Pan American Cup taking place at the Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum in Havana.

The top two teams at the end of the six-team team competition under a round-robin format will get tickets to the 2015 FIVB World Championship of the age-group.

Those three teams scored straight-set victories on Monday, with Cuba overwhelming Guatemala, Mexico sweeping El Salvador and Dominican Republic defeating Trinidad & Tobago.

Tuesday's schedule features the matches of Guatemala v Trinidad & Tobago, Dominican Republic v Mexico and Cuba v El Salvador.

Cuba 3, Guatemala 0

Cuba roared past Guatemala to score an easy 25-14, 25-12, 25-10 victory for their second win as they continue seeking one of the tickets for the WCH in 2015. Every member of host team came out to play. Therefore, the offense was well balanced led by the opposite hitter Osniel Rendon, the only player who tallied a double-digit scoring (11). Overwhelming was the lead by the winning team in spikes (44-15) and blocks (12-2). However, the Guatemalans had the advantage in services (4-3).

Mexico 3, El Salvador 0

Mexico had an easy ride throughout three sets against El Salvador winning 25-18, 25-9, 25-12 to stay undefeated. The opposite hitter, Alexis Garay, tallied 16 points for second day in row to lead his team's offense followed this time by the middle blocker Jose Manuel Martinez who tallied 10 points while on the losing team Mauricio Rivas scored nine in a match in which Mexico was superior in spikes (32-22), blocks (10-3), and services (8-2).

Dominican Republic 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Dominican Republic scored their second win by overcoming Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets (25-12, 27-25, 25-14).

Despite the surprise at the second set, the winning team finished the match in 69 minutes leading in spikes (30-18) and services (8-3) but not in blocks as both teams tallied five points, while the Trinidadians made 34 errors to 25 by the Dominicans. Once again, Luis Adames was the top scorer (13) by Dominican Republic followed by the opposite hitter Luis Rodriguez (12), while by their opponents, the captain, Brandon Legall also tallied 12.



