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## Bahamas Outclass Colombia in historical win, and Dominicans are back in a final for their third time at CACG

CORDOBA, México, Noviembre 29, 2014 - Bahamas gave the big surprise of the classification round for places 5 to 8 after beating Colombia in straight sets 32-30, 27-25 y 25-19 at the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games.

This was a historical victory for the Bahamas, in their first Central American and Caribbean Games, and will look to contend for fifth place on Sunday. Captain Prince Tanique Wilson and Middle Blocker Shonari Hepburn registered 13 points apiece, while Byron Ferguson closed with 12 for the Bahamas, that also outclassed Colombia in blocks (9-6) and serves (6-3). Andres Piza scored 16 for Colombia and Kevin Carabali closed with 11.

Dominican Republic are back in a Central American and Caribbean Games Men's Volleyball Final for the third time in their history. Before the match scheduled on Sunday, Dominican Republic had played only two finals in the editions of 1962 and 1986. In both of them finished with the silver medal, after losing to Mexico and Cuba, respectively.

Along with that achievements the Caribbeans have also won two bronze medals, in 1974 and 2006. The last time Dominican Republic were on the men's podium was at the Games of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, eight years ago.

The Dominican team defeated Cuba 3-1 (25-23, 25-20, 14-25, 25-20) in a battle between two coaches from Cuba, like Rodolfo Sanchez and Jose Angel Alvarez, this last one in charge of Dominican Republic. Elvis Contreras commanded the Dominican offense with a total of 22 points and José Cáceres registered 17. On the Cuban side, Javier Jiménez closed with 20 and Osmany Uriarte Mestre with 13.

### Puerto Rico - Mexico

Second finalists of this competition were Puerto Rico that defeated Mexico in four sets (25-21, 25-21, 23-25 and 25-14). Juan Figueroa, Hector Soto and Maurice Torres played in a combined offense with 16, 15 and 14 points

respectively. Carlos Guerra finished with 15 points for Mexico that came from behind in the third set. Puerto Rico worked hard with their blocking game in the fourth, and with their serving strategy. Mexico will contend for the bronze medal against Cuba. Puerto Rico will match Dominican Republic, for their fourth gold medal in a row on Sunday.

### Venezuela 3-0 Trinidad y Tobago

Venezuela defeated Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets (25-22, 25-15, 25-21) in the classification round for places 5 to 8. Luis Arias Guzman scored 14 points, while Roberth Abreu closed with 12 and Emerson Rodriguez with 11 for the Venezuelan team that dominated in blocking 8-5, but Trinidad and Tobago was above them in serving 4-3. On the Trinidadian side, Ryan Stewart tallied 11 points. His team surrendered 21 points, while Venezuela gave up 24.

