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Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico advance to semifinals



CORDOBA, Mexico, November 27, 2014 – The Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico clinched first place in Pools A and B, respectively, advancing directly to the semifinal phase of the Men's Volleyball Tournament of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games.

The Dominican side beat Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 25-15) with a solid performance by Luis Adames, who tallied 14 points, including three aces.

The winners, who finished with a 3-0 win-loss record with 14 points, held the advantage in blocks (10-1) and serving aces (8-1).

Puerto Rico defeated Cuba in straight sets 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 27-25) to conclude the preliminary round with a 2-1 mark and 11 points to Cuba's 10 points also with a 2-1 record. Hector "Picky" Soto had 15 points to lead the Puerto Rican attack, followed by Juan Figueroa and Maurice Torres with 14 and 13, respectively.

Javier Jimenez had a match-high 19 points for Cuba while Osmany Uriarte added 13. Venezuela defeated Bahamas 3-1 (25-12, 21-



25, 25-13, 25-17) to finish Pool B with a 2-1 record and 8 points.

Kervin Piñerua led four Venezuelans with double figures in the scores with 15 points. Emerson Rodriguez contributed 13 hile Fernando Gonzalez and Jesus Chourio each tallied 10 points in the victory.

Bahamas' Prince Tanique Wilson had 17 points and Byron Ferguson added 11 in the loss.

In the last match on Thursday, Mexico edged Colombia 3-2 (27-25, 18-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-12) in Pool A.

Daniel Vargas led Mexico with 14 points while Humberto Machacon had 23 points for the defeated side.

In Friday's quarterfinals Mexico will play Venezuela while Cuba will meet Colombia.