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Dominican Republic win first crown at CACG



CORDOBA, Mexico, November 30 2014 - Dominican Republic conquered their first crown at the Central American and Caribbean Games after beating Puerto Rico 3-2 (25-22, 23-25, 23-25, 25-22, 24-22). Elvis Contreras scored 32 points and Jose Caceres 27 for Dominican Republic, that surrendered 36 points, while Hector Soto scored 26 and Maurice Torres 16 for Puerto Rico that gave up 34.

In blocking, Dominican Republic was up 18-10 against Puerto Rico that registered a better balance in collective aces (2 by Soto and 2 by Roberto Muniz) against two by Dominican Republic.

Puerto Rico have played in four finals in a row since 2002, winning the previous three and losing the one played on Sunday at the Cordoba Arena. Dominican Republic had previously 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 Dominicans 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.

Cuba claim the bronze medal

Cuba claimed the bronze medal at the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games after beating Mexico in straight sets. Scores were 25-19, 43-41 and 25-22.

Osmany Uriarte registered 23 points for Cuba, while Javier Jiménez and Livan Osoria finished with 14 apiece. Iván Márquez scored 17 and Carlos Guerra tallied 13 (2 aces) for Mexico.

Cuba Dominated 10-8 in blocks and 5-2 in collective aces, with 2 by Javier Jimenez and 2 by Livan Osoria. Mexico gave up 29 points by error and Cuba 23.

Second set between Mexico and Cuba (43-41, 84 points) was the highest scoring one, surpassing the first set of the match between Bahamas and Colombia (32-30, 62 points) of the qualification round for places 5 to 8.

Farewell to Tash

It could be any given match. But this was the last one for Nolan Tash, the captain of Trinidad and Tobago, a man who for 20 years he carried the flag of his team. It was very emotional

when the local sound announced his farewell. At the same time, the melody of "Las Golondrinas" ("The swallows") was played at the Cordoba Arena.

The fans approached at him to take the picture, his last ones as player, but not the lasts ones as part of volleyball. "I'm Paramedic and also referee. Volleyball is not over yet. I'd like to keep on working with my national team as part of the medical staff or probably to become an international referee", said Tash to the media.

Venezuela 3-0 Bahamas

Venezuela concluded their participation in fifth place after beating Bahamas 25-13, 25-13 and 25-14 Roberth Abreu closed with 13 points and Luis Arias Guzmán, registered 11. On the Bahamas' side, PrinceTanique Wilson as well as Romel Lightbourn and Lorenzo Williams, closed with three points apiece. Venezuela won the blocking duel 6-3 as well as in services with 3 aces by Arias Guzmán and 2 by Emerson Rodriguez.

Colombia 3-0 Trinidad and Tobago

Colombia finished their participation in seventh place after beating Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets 25-15, 25-21, 25-13. Julian Churi and Carlos Alomia closed with 10 points apiece for Colombia, while Colin Bernard scored 11 for Trinidad and Tobago in the last international match of captain Nolan Tash, who retired after 20 years of career. Ryan Stewart finished with 8 points for Trinidad and Tobago and a very applauded Tash tallied his last 7 points as member of the National team. Colombia dominated the blocking game 6-3, but Trinidad and Tobago was better in serves 3-1.

Final Ranking

- 1 Dominican Republic
- 2 Puerto Rico
- 3 Cuba
- 4 Mexico
- 5 Venezuela
- 6 Bahamas
- 7 Colombia
- 8 Trinidad and Tobago

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1930	MEX	CUB	ESA
1935	MEX	PUR	CUB
1938	PUR	MEX	CUB
1946	CUB	PUR	MEX
1950	MEX	CUB	PUR
1954	MEX	PUR	CUB
1959	MEX	VEN	PUR
1962	MEX	DOM	VEN
1966	CUB	VEN	MEX
1970	CUB	VEN	MEX
1974	CUB	MEX	DOM
1978	CUB	VEN	MEX
1982	CUB	MEX	VEN
1986	CUB	DOM	PUR
1990	CUB	MEX	VEN
1993	CUB	PUR	VEN
1998	CUB	MEX	VEN
2002	PUR	MEX	VEN
2006	PUR	VEN	DOM
2010	PUR	VEN	MEX
2014	DOM	PUR	CUB

