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Mexico and Cuba complete semifinalists in Veracruz Games

CORDOBA, Mexico, November 28, 2014 – Hosts Mexico and Cuba completed the semifinalists of the Men's Volleyball Tournament at the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games following victories over Venezuela and Colombia, respectively, in the quarterfinals on Friday at Arena Cordoba.

In Saturday's semifinals, Mexico will play three-time defending champions Puerto Rico and Cuba goes against the Dominican Republic.

Mexican Carlos Guerra recorded a tournament-high 32 points to lead a sensational five-set victory 3-2 (25-22, 24-26, 23-25, 25-23, 27-25) over Venezuela in front of 1,500 spectators.

Daniel Vargas and Jose Martinez contributed 16 and 15 points in the victory, while Kervin Piñerua finished with 24 points for the defeated side.

"It was an excellent match played by our young teammates," Mexico's Captain Carlos Guerra said. "We prepared a lot for it and controlled the pressure of facing such a great team.

It was difficult, but the support of our fans was a key to achieve this goal."

In the other quarterfinal match, Cuba blanked Colombia 3-0 (25-18, 26-24, 25-22) behind the offense of Osmany Uriarte and Felix Chapman who contributed 14 and 10 points in the victory.

Humberto Machacon and Andres Piza each scored 13 points in the loss.

"It was very different than the match against Puerto Rico," Cuba's Captain Rolando Cepeda said. "We kept the concentration from the beginning to the end."

