



Newsletter

Cuba and Puerto Rico to meet in crucial match



PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, June 7, 2018 – Host Cuba will battle Puerto Rico in a crucial match at the NORCECA Men's Challengers Cup on Friday.

Both teams are undefeated after three days of actions at Sala 19 de Noviembre with the Puerto Ricans at 3-0 and the Cubans at 2-0.

The winner of the match would be taking a huge step towards the top place here and the ticket to the World Final of the FIVB Challengers Cup, a qualifier to the 2019 League of Nations.

Puerto Rico 3, Costa Rica 0

Puerto Rico beat Costa Rica in straight sets 3-0 (25-17, 25-12, 25-12) to maintain its spotless record after three days.

The Puerto Ricans, perhaps overconfident due to their early success, started off out of focus and committed too many blunders, but the waters finally took real level to make the victory relatively easy.

The winners had the offensive contribution of the whole side led by corner attacker Eddie Rivera and the opposite Pedro Rosario, each with 9 points.

For Costa Rica, the player who contributed more to the scoring was middle blocker Jason Brown with a just 7 points.

Cuba 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Cuba stopped the impetus of Trinidad and Tobago to claim its second victory 3-0 (25-21, 25-13, 25-11).

The initial set was characterized by a strong rivalry where the visitors arrived to point 16 tied with the home side, who then strengthened their attack to close victorious and confirm their high level for the rest of the match.

In the following sets, the favorites to take the crown were clearly superior in all aspects and did not give many liberties to the Trinidadians.

The top scorer was the opposite of Trinidad & Tobago Ryan Stewart who had 16 points in a day he took the team on his shoulders.

