



Newsletter

Puerto Rico and Cuba with winning start



PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, Jun 5, 2018 – Puerto Rico and Cuba, the favorites to battle for the top place, had winning starts at the NORCECA Men's Challengers Cup on Tuesday at Sala 19 de Noviembre in Pinar del Rio.

The event is a qualifier to the FIVB World Final towards the League of Nations 2019.

In the first match of the day, Puerto Rico blanked Trinidad & Tobago but had to use all their abilities to prevail in the well fought third set.

In the second match of the day, Cuba cruised to an easy victory over Guatemala backed by the fans in the stands and a clear superiority on the court.

Puerto Rico 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Puerto Rico defeated a combative Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets (25-15, 25-14, 27-25) to open the actions of day one.

The young Puerto Ricans managed their blocking very well combining with accurate services, as well as a stability in the reception.

For their part, the Trinidadians confirmed their condition as a rising team that has progressed by taking advantage of the opportunities in each tournament.

The top scorer of the match was the opposite Pedro Rosario (12 points) while the other who contributed the most for the Puerto Ricans was Pablo Guzmán (9). For the rivals, the opposite Ryan Stewart stood out with 10 points.

Cuba 3, Guatemala 0

Cuba did not face any difficulties to defeat Guatemala 3-0 (25-10, 25-16, 25-16) in the closing match of day one.

The favorites were superior in all the aspects of the match, in which the top scorers were the opposite Miguel David Gutiérrez (12) and the outsider hitter Osniel Melgarejo (10).

For the Central Americans the one who contributed more to his team was the opposite Leonel Aragón with 6 marks.

