

Lopez says goodbye to Brazilian Superliga Volleyball until 2022



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He will celebrate the end of the year with a new harvest of victories, which earned him the award for the best male athlete in collective sports in Cuba, after his team's triumphs in the Mineiro Tournament, the Brazilian Super Cup and the Club World Cup.

After the world championship (December 7-11), in which Lopez Castro was the Most Valuable Player, Sada Cruzeiro dominated its last two matches this month to stay second, behind the undefeated leader Fiat Gerdau Minas.

After sweeping against Apan Eleva, they defeated Vedacit Vôlei Guarulhos in the last match of 2021 in the same way in straight sets (25-22, 25-21, 25-16) to score 26 points, according to the club's website.

Miguel Ángel gave another good performance to the fans gathered at the Polideportivo do Riacho Gymnasium, in Minas Gerais, and was the one who contributed the most to his team with 14 goals, 11 of them in attacks and three direct points from serves.

In this way, the Cuban climbed from tenth to sixth place among the top scorers with 151 points in 37 sets and from third to second in service with 17 aces.

The Sada boys closed beautifully in front of their fans, who for the first time were able to cheer their team since they won their fourth World Club Championship undefeated, held in the Brazilian town of Betim.

In statements to their website, some of the players expressed satisfaction at being able to continue their rhythm after the short but intense World Cup.

"It's time to celebrate, enjoy and rest, but without losing focus. These last two games were fundamental. We managed to come in well, win and close the year well. Now it's about keeping that footprint and improving every day. Now we have to do physical work and recover our energy, without losing our concentration", commented center-back Otávio.

After the short break, the team will return to the fields on January 3 to prepare for their twelfth match, scheduled for January 9.

The brilliant Cuban auxiliary attacker was unable to attend the Awards Gala held last Thursday at the Martí Theater, but was well represented by his parents Miguel Á. López and Elcida Castro.

That day they told JIT that "we feel happy and proud because he has not made us look bad and today we must thank those who have supported him, the whole family, the friends who have supported him since he left Cienfuegos to the Cuba team and the National School".

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