

Cubans on pause in French Volleyball League for the end of the year



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The winners, who have 10 wins and 4 setbacks, won 25-18, 25-19 and 25-20, and got rid of the thorn stuck in their rivals' side in the fourth day on October 26 in a hard-fought match that ended 1-3 (26-28, 23-25, 25-15 and 27-29).

In Wednesday's match, left-handed opposite Jesus Herrera was the top scorer of his team with 12 points; corner player Osniel Mergarejo had 8 points and center Roamy Alonso 4. Not on the court were assistant attacker Jose Miguel Gutierrez (Chaumont) and blocker Livan Osoria (Cambrai).

Several Cubans are in the individual top ten in some departments like the young Javier Concepción, fifth in blocking; Herrera sixth among the top scorers and tenth in service.

Precisely the team of the central Concepción, Poitier, fell against Narbonne, winner in tie-break with scores of 17-25, 27-25, 25-23, 24-26 and 15-10 and during which the Cuban was the third most productive of his team with 12 units (7 attacks and 5 walls).

In the other match of the day Sète beat Cannes 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-11) and is in third position (11-3), according to the official site of the French championship.

Narbonne is in second place (12-2), behind Tours (12-1), which plays Nice on Thursday, while Poitiers almost fell to the basement in 13th place (3-11).

Rounding out the schedule on the 30th are Toulouse-Plessis Robinson, Nantes-Paris and Montpellier-Tourcoing, the latter the team of Cuban Julio César Cárdenas.

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