

Rivero couldn't prevent defeat in basketball Eurocup

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Jasiel Rivero

Havana, February 2 (RHC/JIT)-- Cuban Jasiel Rivero scored 14 points but could not prevent the defeat of his club Valencia Basket by 90-91 in overtime against Gran Canaria, in the Spanish duel of the 12th day of the Eurocup.

Rivero in 26:46 minutes on the court of the Arena Gran Canaria on Tuesday had an excellent shooting performance, scoring four of five two-point shot attempts (80 percent), one of two three-pointers attempted (50 percent) and three of six free throws (50 percent).

His performance included four rebounds and a 15-credit rating. On offense, he was only surpassed by Slovenian Klement Prepelic with 18 points, according to the official statistics.

This time the outcome was very different from the one won by the Taronjas last Friday in their Fonteta, when they won 91-62 in a postponed game of the 16th round that meant the access for the Endesa League of the Iberian country to the Copa del Rey, scheduled from the 17th to the 20th in the city of Granada.

On Tuesday the slate remained very level with quarters 18-20, 18-18, 21-19 and 24-24 to get even at 81 and decide in overtime won 10-9 by the locals, led by the American known as AJ Slauther with 23 units.

If the Valencians won by two points, they moved up to first place in Group B, which now leads the Canary Islanders with nine wins and two losses, followed by their rivals with eight and four, respectively.

In the next round, Valencia will face Virtus Segafredo Bologna of Italy on February 9.

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