

Cuban Jasiel Rivero and his club play in Eurocup basketball tournament

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The Valencians, who are in second place in Group B with eight wins and four losses, will be at home at the Fuente de San Luis Pavilion, known as La Fonteta, in a duel that will start at 2:45 p.m. Cuban time.

In that game, the home team will try to resume the winning pace after losing 90-91 as visitors to another Spanish team, Gran Canaria, on February 1.

Their opponents on Wednesday are fifth in the B key with six wins and five losses, so a success would bring them very close to the Taronja team and Buducnost Voli, from Montenegro, which also has an 8-4 record and is in third place.

In its previous presentation, Valencia Basket, which with four titles has the most trophies in the Eurocup, could not add its fifth consecutive victory in that competition, falling in a thrilling match that was decided in overtime with a score of 10-9 in favor of the Canaries, now consolidated at the top of that group with 9-2.

At the Gran Canaria Stadium, the hosts won the first half 38-36 and lost the second half 43-45, so the game had to be decided in overtime.

According to the collective statistics, the winners were better at shooting from the field with an efficiency of 52.2 percent, product of 36 baskets in 69 attempts; while their rivals shot 46.8 percent (29/62).

Likewise, the locals were superior in free throws with 76.9 % (10/13), by 68.2 % (15/22) of the Valencians, who captured more rebounds (40), by 29 their opponents, but it was not enough for them to come out successful.

Turning to the individual players, for Gran Canaria AJ Slaughter, with 23 points, including the triple that forced extra time, and Khalifa Diop (18) stood out on offense, while on the other side Klemen Prepelic, with 18 points, and Cuban Rivero (14) were outstanding.

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