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Havana, February 19 (RHC)-- A great game by Cuban Jasiel Rivero, who scored 20 points, could not prevent the elimination of his club Valencia Basket in the quarterfinals of the Copa del Rey basketball tournament in Spain, where they lost 83-86 to UCAM Murcia.

At the Palacio de los Deportes de Granada, venue of this year's tournament, Rivero had an outstanding performance with eight baskets from short distance in 12 attempts, for a good effectiveness of 67 percent,

which together with four free throws scored in eight opportunities allowed him to reach twenty goals.

In addition, the Cuban basketball player grabbed six rebounds and stole a ball, for a rating of 25, the highest of his team, although it was not enough to reach the semifinals of a competition that brings together eight teams in search of the title won by Barcelona in 2021.

For Murcia, Thad Mcfadden (20 points) and Isaiah Taylor (16) stood out on offense, while Klemen Prepelic (19) also stood out on the other side, according to the website www.acb.com.

In that game the winners dominated the first half with a score of 52-33, and after the break the Valencians turned the scoreboard around with a resounding success of 31-9 in the third period, but in the final quarter UCAM Murcia got the better part with a score of 25-19 to win the game.

The winners will face in the semifinals the reigning champion Barca, who defeated Baxi Manresa 107-70.

In the other semifinal, Real Madrid and Lenovo Tenerife, who defeated Rio Breogan (73-67) and Joventut Badalona (64-62), respectively, on Thursday, will face each other.

The madridistas are the top winners of trophies in this competition with 28, closely followed by Barcelona (26); while much farther away is Joventut Badalona in third place with eight trophies.

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