

Second setback for Cuba in Pan American Volleyball Cup (m)

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Havana, August 17 (ACN)-- The Cuban men's volleyball team suffered its second setback in Group C of the XVI Pan American Cup, losing 0-3 to Peru at the Astros Arena in Guadalajara, where today they will face the host team Mexico.

After being beaten on Tuesday 0-3 (24-26, 17-25 and 20-25) by Colombia, again the disciples of Mario Izquierdo were far from the expected, since they fell this Wednesday with partials of 16-25, 19-25 and 21-25 in one hour and 10 minutes of play, in which they gave 32 points due to their own mistakes, very well taken advantage of by their rivals, who committed 12.

According to the site www.norceca.net, the top scorer of the match was Peruvian Eduardo Romay, with 14 points, eight in attack, five in blocking and one in service, followed by Cuban auxiliary attacker Yohan Leon (12/12-0-0), the only two with double digits in the challenge.

The official statistics of the match reflect that Cuba was only better in the attack, 39 points to 30, as Peru was better in blocking (10-5) and serving (3-2).

On Wednesday, the United States also won by defeating Chile 3-1 (25-14, 21-25, 25-12 and 25-21) in the A section, as well as Brazil, who defeated Canada 3-0 (25-16, 25-20 and 25-21) in the B section, and Mexico, who defeated Colombia 3-0 (25-22, 25-19 and 25-22) in the C section.

For Thursday, in addition to the Cuba-Mexico (C) match, the schedule includes the matches Puerto Rico-Chile (A), Dominican Republic-Canada (B) and Colombia-Peru (C), in the closing day of the group phase.

The two highest-ranked teams will advance directly to Saturday's semifinals and the third-ranked team along with the second-ranked teams in each bracket will play in Friday's quarterfinals.

On Sunday, the discussion of the medals of the Cup, a competition that is part of the qualification system for the XIX Pan American Games Santiago 2023, is scheduled to take place.

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