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Slowly Cuba could improve their level of play and the effectiveness in their shots, which allowed them to gradually increase the difference in the score which had ended the first half, but the low scoring was becoming persistent.

Alberto Zabala's team made it to ten points when played six minutes of the quarter and managed to keep it as the opponent tried to discount. A double by Day and a triple by Carey approached the team of Colon to five (36-31) and the final moments of the third quarter became vibrant and electrifying, but the FIBA Americas Champions closed better and went to the final quarter with a 42-33 lead over the Virgin Islands.

Cuba managed to remain above the ten points difference but their victory was not assured as your little efficacy was still suffering with second and even third chances in their attacks.

Led by Day and Akkema Richards, Virgin Islands managed to get close to the minimum with just over a minute left (46-45), but Cuban weaved nine consecutive points and recovered the difference favoring them to face the final minutes with greater confidence (55-45).

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