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Cuba overcame Guatemala and consolidates as favourite

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Every member of host team came out to play. Therefore, the offense was well balanced led by the opposite hitter Osniel Rendon, the only player who tallied a double-digit scoring (11).

Overwhelming was the lead by the winning team in spikes (44-15) and blocks (12-2). However, the Guatemalans had the advantage in services (4-3).

Rodolfo Sánchez, coach of the host team, explained that “in power, we played better than yesterday, but the team continued failing much, and it cannot be possible that an opponent with a lower game level makes fewer errors (16-26). We will have to work on each player’s responsibility and team work as they may not think individually.”

“The match was similar to yesterday. Including me, we played under pressure without any necessity. Errors are still our major weakness at the present time, but we hope to eliminate

them. Today we were better at blocking and receiving", stated the Cuban captain Lazaro Fundora.

The Cuban, Reider Lucas, coach of the Guatemalans, expressed: "We knew we were meeting the strongest, most experienced and solid team of the tournament and we wanted the boys to play without any pressure and they did it. They were able to enjoy the match and mainly get experience in a competition and teams of this level."

His captain, Gerardo Gonzalez, admitted: "We are honoured to have played against a team like Cuba. We enjoyed meeting them; and while doing it, it was a great show and much more to confirm closely their top-level."

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