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Cuba book place in FIVB Volleyball World League Group 3 Finals after Mexico win

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Cuba became the first team to join hosts Turkey in the FIVB Volleyball World League Group 3 Finals after beating Mexico 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-20) in Tunis on Friday.

In the battle between the top two teams in Pool F, Cuba followed up their straight sets win over Mexico last weekend by repeating the result to move to 12 points with four wins from four matches.

With Turkey, who are already confirmed for the Finals as the hosts, sitting on seven points after claiming their second win from four games earlier in the day by beating winless Tunisia, Mexico – on five points – remain in contention for the coveted second placed spot.

With two matches left per team, the two winners of Pool F and G and the second best team overall between the two pools will join hosts Turkey in the Group 3 Finals on June 27.

The first set was tight, but Cuba soon had the advantage and won the first set by a two point margin 25-23. Mexico took the lead early in the second set, but Cuba, coached by Rodolpho Luis Sanchez were able to come back and win the second set in a row with a score of 25-16. Cuba, led by captain Cepeda Abrue Rolando, dominated the third set from beginning to end, ending with a final score of 25-21 to seal victory.