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The game between the National Teams of Cuba and Bahamas, will define the two teams of Group A that will classify to the Semi-Finals of the 2014 CBC Championship, if Cuba won, Cuba and Antigua classified, but if Bahamas won, Bahamas and Cuba classified to the Semi-Finals.

The team led by Larry Estastie entered the court with great attitude on both defense and offense, they started the game with an 11 – 0 run. Alexis Mestre was the first to score for the Cubans with a lay-up. In the first quarter and the lead of the team from Bahamas remained during the entire first quarter, at the end of the first ten minutes of the game, Bahamas 22 – Cuba 9.

Cuba looked better on offense, but the team of the Bahamas always found a way to respond, so the lead remained throughout the rest of the quarter. The teams went to half-time and Bahamas had a 9-point lead, 34 – 25. The best scorer of the first half was Magnus Rolle of the Bahamas with 12 points.

In the third quarter tempers rose and the referees had to call a technical foul on Hinds of the Bahamas. The Cubans continued to decrease the opponents advantage, with 3:20 to play of the third quarter the Bahamas's advantage was of 3 points, 47 – 44. The teams traded annotations and at the start of the fourth quarter, Bahamas had a 4 point lead, 54 – 50.

In the first minute of the game, Bahamas extended the lead to 7, but Cuba responded with 5 straight points to reduce the opponents lead to 2 points, 57 – 55. Cuba continued playing the individual game, not much passes on offense, which allowed Bahamas to extend the lead to 8 once again. Bahamas for its part was betting on long

distance shots. With 3:30 to play, the Bahamas's lead was again at 3 points, 69 -66. Bahamas took better decisions on offense, extended again their lead and took the victory, 77 – 71, and defined who from Group A will classify to the Semi-Finals. Bahamas and Cuba classified to the Semi-Finals, and wait for the result of the game between the teams of US Virgin Islands and British Virgin Islands, to know their opponents.

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