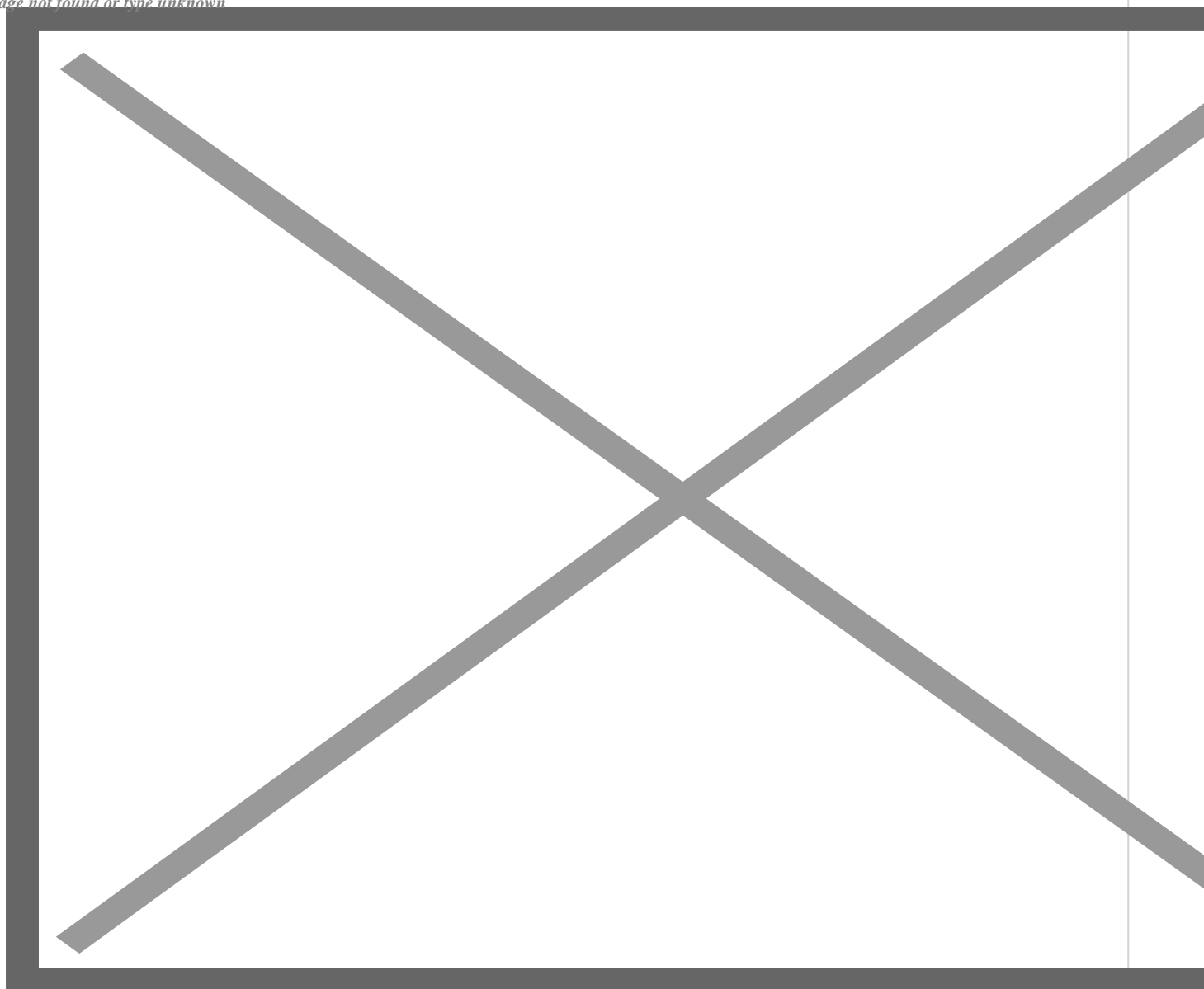


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Havana, December 20 (RHC)-- Cuban Jasiel Rivero's Valencia Basket reappeared this Sunday in the Endesa Basketball League with a 97-98 loss at home against Río Breogán, in a game corresponding to the 14th round of the local tournament.

After a month without playing in the domestic tournament, due to the World Cup windows and an outbreak of Covid-19, the team led by Joan Peñarroya was overcome by the team led by Paco Olmos, in a challenge where the Taronjas reacted too late.

The team from Lugo won the first three quarters, with scores of 29-19 and 21-17 to dominate the first half 50×36. After the break, they extended the scoreboard, winning the third period by 25-14 and, although they were beaten 47×23, in the final 10 minutes, the advantage of 25 boards, with which they reached the end of the game, allowed them to take the victory.

Bosnian Džanan Musa, with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 44 in efficiency, was the offensive star of the winners. On the other hand, for the defeated team, the Slovenian Klemen Prepelič was the most outstanding player with 24 points and six assists.

Meanwhile, Havana's Jasiel Rivero showed a poor performance, scoring only five points, thanks to a three-pointer and a basket of two.

The Cuban did not open as a starter, but, as a change player, he remained almost 24 minutes on the court, in which he achieved only a 20 percent effectiveness in field goals, 5-1, and 50 in three-pointers, with one converted in two attempts.

Jasiel only grabbed a couple of rebounds and recovered an equal number of turnovers to obtain a zero-point rating at the end of the game.

With the win on Sunday, the team from the city of Lugo reaches its seventh victory of the season, with six losses, the same balance as Valencia Basket, and shares the eighth place in the standings.

Both teams have a game pending, which they will play before the end of the year. The Taronja team will host Monbus Obradoiro next Thursday, while Breogán will play at home on the 30th, against Joventud de Badalona.

Valencia will also have a commitment this week in the Eurocup when it faces Olimpija of Slovenia on Tuesday at its Fonteta Pavilion, in a Group B clash of the European club competition.

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