

*Cuban Jasiel Rivero and his club
for fifth Eurocup basketball
victory*



Havana, December 21 (RHC)-- Cuban Jasiel Rivero and his club Valencia Basket, from Spain, will go out today in search of their fifth victory in the Eurocup basketball tournament, a tournament that in terms of quality is only behind the Euroleague in the Old Continent.

The Valencians, occupying fourth place in Group B with four wins and two setbacks, will receive in its court of the Pabellón Fuente de San Luis, known as the Fonteta, the team Cedevita Olimpia Ljubljana, Slovenia, ninth and penultimate of that key with two successes and five failures, according to the official site of the competition.

That duel, starting at 2:45 p.m. Cuban time, will be a good opportunity for the locals to continue improving their position in their group.

Last December 7, as visitors, the Taronja team defeated their Italian counterpart Reyer Venecia 81-67 at the Palasport Giuseppe Taliercio court, in a game they dominated from the first quarter with a wide 27-16 advantage; while in the second half the home team won by the minimum 16-15.

At the end of the first half they were ahead in the scoreboard with a score of 42-32; and in the third quarter they increased the income with a score of 20-15; while in the last segment they fell 19-20, but without risking the victory.

For the winners, Klemen Prepelic, with 17 points, and Mike Tobey (16) were outstanding on offense; and for the hosts, Martynas Echodas (16) and Jeff Brooks (11) stood out.

Rivero played just over five minutes, scoring one point and grabbing two rebounds.

Turning to the collective statistics, Valencia Basket was superior in all departments, including shooting from the field with an effectiveness of 53.6 percent, product of 30 baskets in 56 attempts; by 40.7 % (24/59) of their rivals.

In addition, from the three-point line, the Spanish club made 36.0 percent (9/25), and Reyer Venecia made a very discreet 12.0 percent, with only three three-pointers in 25 opportunities.

As for free throws, both teams were ineffective with 62.5 % (10/16) for the visitors and 56.0 % (14/25) for the home team; while under the boards the Valencians grabbed 37 rebounds to only 22 for their opponents.

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