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After defeating Chile 3-0 (25-17, 25-20 and 26-28) this Tuesday in Group A, the Cubans repeated the sweep now against the Dominicans, with identical 25-21, in an hour and 16 minutes of play.

The disciples of Nicolás Vives were able to overcome bad moments in the three sets, mainly at the end of the segments, sometimes due to the players' own solutions on the court and at other times due to indications from the director of the national team.

In the first set, Vives' pupils started ahead on the scoreboard and even won the two technical times 8-6 and 16-13, while in the second, they first achieved an 8-6 in their favor, but the Quisqueyans reacted with a 16-14 advantage in the second, which they could not maintain and were ahead.

The third set was more complicated for the Cubans, with unfavorable scores of 4-8 and 14-16, but once again they tied and went ahead until the final 25-21.

According to the site www.norceca.net, the statistics of the match reflect better results for Cuba, with 47 points to 26 in attack and services (6-4), but they were worse in blocking (6-7) and the errors committed that contributed so many to the rivals (26-16).

Key in the victory was the work of Jesus Herrera, top scorer of the match with 14 points, 10 in attack, two in blocking and two in service, as well as Osniel Mergarejo (10/10-0-0) and Roami Alonso (9/6-2-1), while for the Dominicans Wilfredo Hernandez (11/11-0-0) stood out.

Today Cuba will face the Americans and, if they win, they would be undefeated leaders of the section, a performance that would guarantee them to advance directly to the semifinals on Saturday and rest on Friday, when the quarterfinals will be held.

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