

Cubans stand out this week in volleyball in Europe



Cuban Jesús Herrera

Havana, January 13 (RHC).- Several Cubans stood out in the most recent date in European men's volleyball, among them members of the national team Jesús Herrera, Robertlandy Simón and Marlon Yant.

In the Champions League, the main competition of the sport of the high net in the old continent, the Cuban opposite Herrera shone with Perugia (Italy), 3-1 winner of Ljubljana (Slovenia). With this success,

the club considered the most powerful in the world at the present time became the undefeated leader in key E (5-0).

The left-handed player was the "hammer" of Perugia, taking advantage of the opportunity given to him by the club's management to rest the stars Wilfredo Leon and Kamil Rychlicky.

With 25 points, 7 aces, one block and an attack percentage of 77 percent, Herrera was the top scorer and Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the match. The other Cuban who saw action in the match, Julio César Cárdenas, scored 2 points.

La Lube Civitanova (Italy) won against Sporting Lisbon (3-0) and maintained its undefeated record in Group C (5-0), in a match where Cuban Marlon Yant was the second highest scorer of his club (13 points and a reception efficiency average of 82 percent).

The other big club of Italian volleyball in the Champions, Trentino, got rid of Belgium's Decospan Menen by an easy 3-0, with 16 points from Gabriele Nelli and 11 from world champion Alexandro Michieletto.

Among the best scorers of the Champions are two Cubans, Marlon Yant (16th place, with 77 points in 5 games), and Herrera (20th place, with 70 points in four games).

The three Italian volleyball giants competing in the Champions - Perugia, Trentino and Lube Civitanova - have already qualified for the next phase.

As for the CEV European Cup, the second most important volleyball competition in the old continent, Italy's Piacenza once again had Cuban center Robertlandy Simón as a star, scoring 14 points and a remarkable 90 percent efficiency in the attack to lead the close 3-0 victory over Romania's Galati.

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