

Cuban Lopez deserved VivaVolei trophy in Brazilian Superliga

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Havana, November 9 (JIT)-- Miguel Angel Lopez played a decisive role in Sada Cruzeiro's 3-2 victory over Montes Claros America that kept them undefeated in the Brazilian Super League and the Cuban deserved the VivaVolei trophy awarded by popular vote.

The blue squad won 26-28, 25-12, 25-20, 22-25 and 15-8, the third in three outings and thus maintained its successful pace after starting the season with a victory in the Mineiro Championship for the twelfth time and in the Brazilian Supercup, according to the team's website.

Opposite Wallace de Souza, Rio 2016 Olympic champion, was the top scorer of the match with 25 points, but the performance of Lopez made the difference when he had to enter the court from the bench and change the face of his team.

"America presented a good performance and we started with a little difficulty to catch up with our rhythm. Little by little we grew, but we went down again in the fourth half. Credit to their team who played a good game. They made it difficult for us, but we have to congratulate ourselves for getting one more win," he said.

"I am very happy to win VivaVolei and even more to receive again the support of the fans. I think our team needs them a lot, in important moments they give us strength to give our best. Congratulations to them too, I am very proud of them.

The next two matches will be away from Sada's home. In Rio Grande do Norte, on November 13, they will face Funvic, whom they defeated in the final of the Supercopa in October. Then they continue to the capital of the South American giant to face Brasilia Volei on the 16th.

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