

Goleada over Virgin Islands in Concacaf Women Championship

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Havana, February 21 (RHC)-- The Cuban women's soccer team defeated the British Virgin Islands 14 goals to nil in its second appearance in the group stage of the Concacaf Women Championship.

The Cubans got off to an early scoring start thanks to the talented Rachel Pelaez. They took an early lead in the 10th minute and by halftime the scoreboard was already showing a ruthless six goals to nil.

The experienced Pelaez only needed 45 minutes on the field to score a hat trick, while her teammate in the front line, Yeranis Lee, started with two goals in that time.

In the second half, the Cuban dominance continued to be overwhelming and the tally grew to 14, a real agony for the rivals, who were playing at the Francisco Morazán stadium in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

The feast was joined by Yerly Palma (39' and 77'), Eliane Valdez (57' and 79'), María Pérez (68') -back from maternity leave- and Eunises Núñez (87').

Lee's five goals in the match make her the second Cuban player to achieve such a feat with the senior national team. It also leaves her with six so far in the tournament, having scored once against St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

This overwhelming victory benefits the goal average of a team that intends to do better than Haiti, the team against which it must define the first place in the group.

The importance of this lies in the fact that the match against the Haitians could be resolved with a win or a draw. Whoever arrives at that match with the worst goal difference will be obliged to take the three points.

Edelsio Griego's girls have had a good feeling against lesser opponents, which has served to improve their competitive form and preparation.

Sources of the national commission of this sport confirmed to JIT that Analía Céspedes, central defender, left the team at the headquarters after the end of the game, incurring in serious indiscipline and failing to fulfill the commitment made.

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