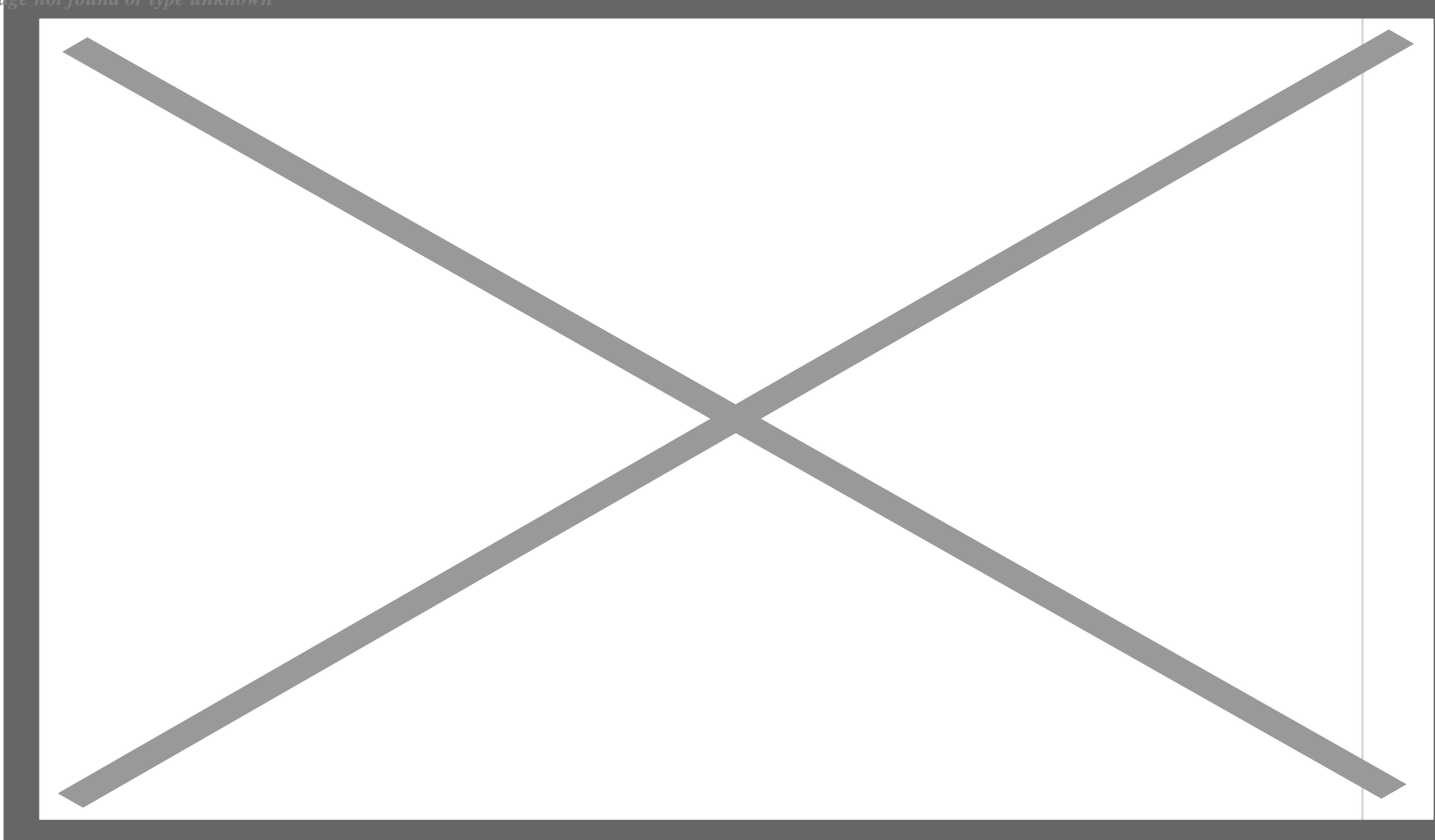


Cubans continue to shine in the best volleyball league in the world

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Cuba's Robertlandy Simón

Havana, January 31 (RHC) -- Cubans Robertlandy Simón, Wilfredo León, Jesús Herrera and Marlon Yant had outstanding performances in the most recent day in the Italian volleyball Super League, the best in the world.

Simón, 35 years old and considered the best center back in the world, played an outstanding match to lead Piacenza to a 3-2 victory over Taranto, and received praise from the specialized press.

The native of Santiago de Cuba was the MVP of the match by scoring 27 points, with 5 aces and 7 blocks, which prompted the renowned specialized journalist Paolo Cozzi to give him a +10 rating, the highest among Cubans in the Superliga, followed by Wilfredo Leon (7.5), Jesus Herrera (7), Yoandy Leal

(6) and Osniel Melgarejo (5.5).

With his numbers against Taranto, Simón consolidated his position as the best middle blocker of the Superliga, with 166 points in 14 matches, in addition to leading in aces with 26 (0.46 per set) and blocks with 39 (0.70 per set).

Other Cubans who played in Piacenza's victory were Brazilian nationalized Leal (10 points) and Roamy Alonso (1).

Perugia continues unstoppable in the league, thanks to Cuban Herrera and Polish nationalized Leon, the latter the MVP in the win against Milan Melgarejo (3-0).

Leon left with 15 points, as did the left-handed Herrera, while Melgarejo scored 7 for Milan.

Marlon Yant continued to show his best level, being again the best scorer of his club (21 points), but his contribution was enough for Lube Civitanova to beat Verona (2-3).

Another Cuban who stood out in the most recent date of the Superliga is José Miguel Gutiérrez (15 points with Cistena, which lost to Modena 1-3).

The standings are still led by Perugia of Cubans León, Herrera and Julio César Cárdenas, undefeated with 17-0 and 51 points, escorted by Trentino and Modena (10-7), and Lube and Piacenza (9-8).

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