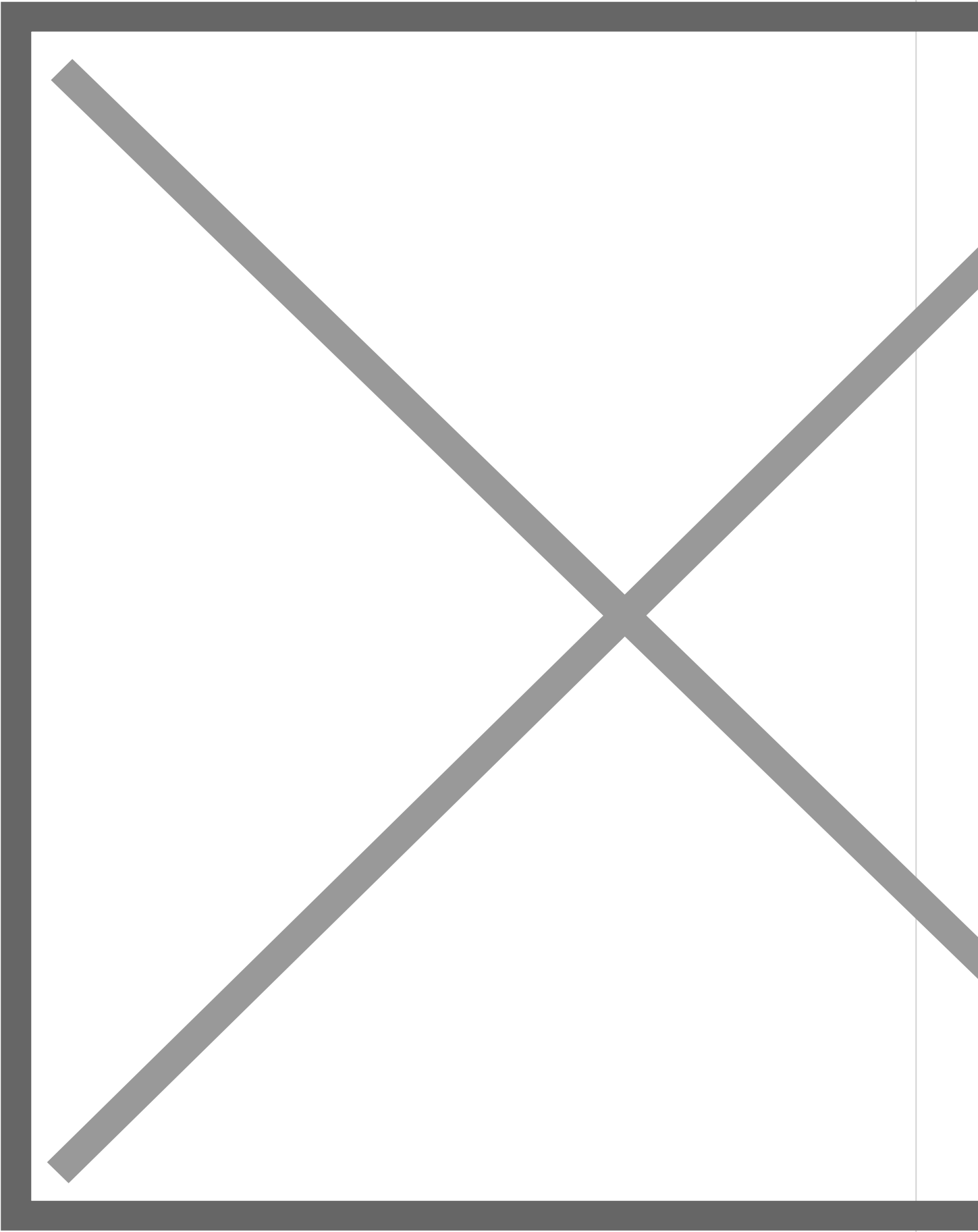


Marlon Yant excels again as La Lube advances to Champions League semis

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Havana, February 29 (RHC) - Marlon Yant continues to excel in the Champions League. The Cuban was key on Wednesday in the victory of the multi-champion Lube Civitanova (Italy) 3-1 against Halbank Ankara (Turkey), which gave his club the pass to the semifinals in the most prestigious volleyball league in Europe.

Christened in the volleyball world as "The Boy Wonder", Yant was the top scorer of his team (18 points), in addition to showing a valuable 63 percent effectiveness in reception.

In the match, played at the Eurosuole Forum of Civitanova in front of some 3500 fans, French Olympic champion Earvin Ngapeth and Bulgarian Aleksandar Nikolov also made great contributions, both with 17 points.

However, the MVP of the match was center Anzani, a wall in the blocking with 4 points.

With their win (25-23, 20-25, 25-15, 25-23), the Lube advanced to the Champions League semifinals, as in the away match, held last 21st in Ankara, they had won with the same score of 3-1.

Meanwhile, star Robertlandy Simon's Piacenza failed to advance to the semifinals as they lost 0-3 to Poland's Jastrzebski W?giel.

Simón did not have big digits - he left with 6 points - and could not face a Polish team that showed great defense and a distributed attack, led by Frenchman Jean Patry (15) and Polish Tomaz Fornal (15).

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