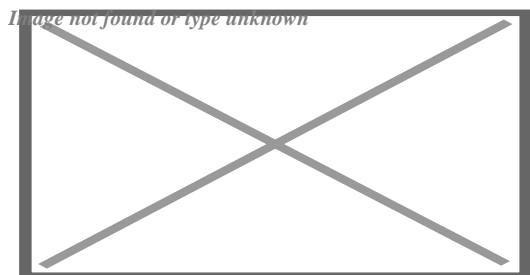


López leads the attack in Japanese Volleyball League

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Havana, Nov 13 (JIT) - Cuban Miguel Angel Lopez is leading the attacking department of the Japanese Volleyball League, while his team Osaka Blueton leads the standings with nine wins and only one setback.

The Cienfuegos native shows the highest efficiency of the tournament with 57.6 percent after the fifth date of the regular season and has become a stronghold for his team, along with Japanese star Yushi Nishida and American Thomas Jesky.

As a receiver, Lopez has also contributed to Osaka Blueton's success and is among the 20 most efficient players in the championship, as reported by National Television Sports News.

The talented Antillean player, despite not exhibiting impressive numbers in direct points on serves, has been a source of trouble for the opponent's reception from the service line.

Next weekend, the Osaka Blueton will face the Sting Aichi team, which occupies second place in the standings.

Meanwhile, after the seventh day of the Italian Super League 2024-2025, Piacenza lost its unbeaten record when it lost to Civitanova, winner thanks to three identical 25-20 scores in a match that felt the absence of Cuban giant Robertlandy Simon, according to the event's website.

In this way it lost the lead and fell to third place, now with six wins and this setback left it with 17 points. Perugia took advantage of the slip, and propped up by its victory over Taranto 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 31-29), to climb to the top of the standings with a 7-0 record and 19 points.

The Antillean left-handed opposite, Jesus Herrera, practically did not play, and missed in the serving action he had in the third set, while his compatriot, middle blocker, Roamy Alonso, did not have a good day either as he contributed only two points for an attack in five attempts and a block to Taranto, which

dropped to ninth (2-5/7).

Between Perugia and Piacenza was Trentino (6-1/18), that moved up to the second spot by defeating Verona 3-1 (20-25, 27-25, 25-20, 25-22), now in fifth place (4-3/12), as Civitanova occupies the fourth spot (4-3/13).

Next weekend will see Trentino and Piacenza meet in round eight, as well as Perugia and Grottazzolina, the latter in the bottom without any success in seven outings.

Civitanova will have Modena, that lost in five sets against Cinterná (2-6/6/6) and dropped from sixth to eighth position (3-4/9). In the match, Cuban José Miguel Gutiérrez could not help his team to turn the scoreboard around, he played as a substitute and only scored two points (a spike and a direct service point).

In other results of the seventh day, Milano, which has eight matches in the same number as Cinterná and has a 4-4/12 record, moved up three notches to the sixth level after dominating Grottazzolina 3-1 (25-18, 25-20, 25-27, 27-19).

Milano, which no longer has the services of Cuban Osniel Mergarejo, will face Padova, seventh with 3-4/10, and Verona will face Monza (2-5).

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