

# World Baseball Classic: Pool A - Colombia vs Canada

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Hiram Bithorn Stadium

## Team Colombia

## José Mosquera

### Pregame Press Conference

**Q. Good morning, José. What may be some challenges for your team having played some 14, 15 hours ago?**

JOSÉ MOSQUERA: Good morning first. As I mentioned yesterday, I think it will be the key for us as a team. The first time we received the schedule right away, we noticed it's going to be a challenge to play the night game and then start really early in the morning. But I would say the guys are really prepared to face this challenge. Obviously as soon as the guys started yesterday, you can see right away, you notice in their face that they're tired.

I think the desire to win this game has to be the first thing that we're going to challenge today. So we're prepared for this challenge.

**Q. Considering how well you played yesterday with Puerto Rico, which was the single inning where they scored five runs, does that change the game plan?**

JOSÉ MOSQUERA: Well, we made some changes in the lineup. Obviously these are games that you have to move quickly, but we included Marriaga, trying to look for the offense. We scored only one run in three games.

Obviously it is a challenge for us to put these guys in the best position, but today is a different game. We feel that they are a little bit beat on their pride, and that's something that we have to take in our favor to try to help them come to compete, and try to materialize the runs and the opportunities that we get.

**Q. Good morning. What is the analysis of why Julio Teheran is going in, I believe? First it was that today's pitcher was going to be Adrian Almeida, but now you're going with the veteran, who faced this team in 2017?**

JOSÉ MOSQUERA: I believe that seeing how the game



developed yesterday, we knew that Canada has quite a lefty heavy lineup, but yesterday's game we came out to compete, and Almeida was our option. After José and the limitations he had, we wanted to get someone who had a similar profile.

With Julio, obviously, we know the types of pitches he has, one of those is a sinker, which is one of the most powerful sinkers we have on the team. So he's ready for that. He has all the experience. As you mentioned, he's faced maybe not these same players, but a similar lineup when Freddie Freeman was there in 2017.

So we'll hope that he'll do the trick and give us the best that he can.

**Q. Who is starting tomorrow?**

JOSÉ MOSQUERA: Luis Patiño is going to be our starter for tomorrow.

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