

Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico opened the Final Six winning



TEPIC, Nayarit, Mexico, July 11, 2022.- Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico opened the Men's NORCECA Final Six Pan American Cup winning at the Amado Nervo Auditorium of Tepic, Nayarit.

Cuba won the opener to Dominican Republic in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-22), Canada earned a 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-21) victory over United States and Puerto Rico beat Mexico in five exciting sets 3-2 (21-25, 25-23, 22-25, 25-23, 15-14).

The five-day preliminary round ends Friday to decide the four teams that move into Saturday's semifinals.

Day two of the event starts with Puerto Rico (1-0) facing Dominican Republic (0-1), followed by the U.S. (0-1) against Cuba (1-0) and Mexico (0-1) vs Canada (1-0).

Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 0

Cuba won the opener to Dominican Republic in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-22). Cuba grabbed their first win of the preliminary round with 39-21 advantage in kills, an 8-4 margin in blocks and leading 5-3 in aces. Cuba committed 19 errors and Dominican Republic a total of 20. Cuba's top scorer was outside hitter Marlon Yant with 12 points on 9 kills and three aces, joined by team captain Miguel Angel Lopez with 9 points on 7 kills and 2 blocks; middle blocker Roamy Alonso added 8 points. For Dominican Republic, outside hitter Wilfrido Hernandez led with 9 points, opposite hitter and team captain Henry Tapia contributed with 8 points and middle blocker Dawilin Mendez finished with 7 points.

Canada 3, United States 0

Canada earned a 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-21) victory over United States in their opening match. Canada had a great start overcoming the U.S. with a solid 5-1 lead in service points. The Canadians also held advantages in blocks (6-4) and attacks (35-33), while scoring on 29 opponent errors and handing out 21. Opposite hitter Jordan Canham led Canada with 9 points, while outside hitters Logan House and Brandon Koppers chipped in with 8 points each. Outside hitter Brett Wildman of the United States led all scorers with 10 points. Opposite hitter Francesco Sani added 8 points for the U.S. and middle blocker Austin Wilmot scored 7 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Mexico 2

Puerto Rico opened beating Mexico in five sets 3-2 (21-25, 25-23, 22-25, 25-23, 15-14). It was a nail-biting match from start to finish and despite Mexico's advantages in every skill, 51-47 in attacks, a comfortable 12-6 margin in blocks and 7-4 in aces, Puerto Rico won scoring 51 points on opponent errors while committing 39. Outside hitter Klistan Lawrence with 16 points all on kills was Puerto Rico's



leading scorer, accompanied by outside hitter Pedro Molina with 10 points on 8 kills and two aces and outside hitter Pelegrin Vargas also with 10 points on 8 kills, one block and one ace. Opposite hitter Diego González of Mexico scored a match-high of 20 points on 17 kills and three blocks, outside hitters Mauro Isaac Fuentes and Josué de Jesús Lopez contributed with 15 and 12 points respectively.