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## Cuba and Mexico win at NORCECA Women's Final Four opening

NOGALES, Sonora, June 17, 2022.- Cuba and Mexico won on opening day of the NORCECA Women's Final Four Qualification Tournament in Nogales, Sonora.

Cuba beat Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-20) and Mexico stormed by Costa Rica 3-0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-14).

The NORCECA Final Four is a qualification tournament for the 2023 FIVB Final Four Challenger Cup that grants a spot to the Volleyball Nations League VNL.

On day two of competition, Costa Rica (0-1) faces Puerto Rico (0-1) and Cuba (1-0) meets Mexico (1-0).



### Cuba 3, Puerto Rico 0

Cuba beat Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-20). Cuba held advantages in attacks (43-32), blocks (6-4) and serves (4-2). Cuba



scored 22 points on Puerto Rico's errors and handed out 17. Middle blocker Dayana Martinez and outside hitter Claudia Tarin charted 11 points each in Cuba's first victory; Martinez on 7 attacks, 3 blocks and one ace, while Tarin scored on 10 kills and one ace. Team captain Thainalien

Castillo Leyva added 10 points. Outside hitter and team captain Sofia Victoria led Puerto Rico with 10 points all on kills, joined by outside hitter Elaine Vazquez with 9 points.

### Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico stormed by Costa Rica 3-0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-14). Mexico overwhelmed Costa Rica leading with huge scores in all three sets, with every player having time on court.

The host enjoyed a 38-22 margin in attacks, while outblocking Costa Rica 8-1 and leading 3-0 in serves. Mexico committed 16 unforced errors and Costa Rica a total of 26.

Middle blocker and captain Jocelyn Urias led Mexico with 11 points on 7 kills and 3 blocks; middle blocker Karina Flores Gamez and outside hitter Grecia Castro contributed with 7 and 6 points respectively.

Costa Rica's top scorer was outside hitter Tamara Espinoza with 8 points all on kills.