

Newsletter



United States and Mexico improve 2-0

NOGALES, Mexico, May 25, 2023.- United States and Mexico improve 2-0 at the U21 Women's NORCECA Pan American Cup on Thursday in Nogales, Mexico.

United States claimed their second win in pool B defeating Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-14) while Mexico took down Cuba in four sets 3-1 (25-16, 25-23, 20-25, 25-17) in pool A.

Puerto Rico earned their first win beating Belize 3-0 (25-12, 25-18, 25-13) and Costa Rica won the Central American battle to Guatemala 3-0 (25-18, 25-22, 25-23).

The last day of the preliminary round starts at 8:00 am local time and quarterfinals will be played later at night.

Puerto Rico 3, Belize 0

Puerto Rico earned their first win beating Belize 3-0 (25-12, 25-18, 25-13). In set two, Belize had a good run jumping to a 4-0 lead, but Puerto Rico managed to get back on track grabbing their first win in pool A. Puerto Rico stands 1-1 and Belize 0-2. Puerto Rico handled Belize with a huge 43-27 advantage in kills, 7-4 in blocks and 8-2 in aces. In errors, Puerto Rico finished with 10 and Belize with 17. Opposite hitter Grace Lopez led Puerto Rico with 17 points on 15 kills and two aces, joined by outside hitter Elena García with 14 points on 12 kills, one block and two aces.

Team captain Marcell Baez added 9 points. Belizean captain Camara Fatoumata scored 13 points on 11 kills, one block and one ace and outside hitter Gareth Bruce chipped in with 8 points.

Costa Rica 3, Guatemala 0

Costa Rica won the Central American battle to Guatemala 3-0 (25-18, 25-22, 25-23). Costa Rica is now 1-1 in pool B and is one step closer to progress into the quarterfinals; Guatemala is 0-2. Costa Rica came from behind in the first two sets and commanded the third set, but Guatemala battled up to the end.

The winners led in kills 38-32 and in aces 8-5, while Guatemala held a slim 5-4 margin in blocks. Costa Rica scored on 25 opponent errors and handed out 21. Opposite and team captain Angelica Rodriguez led Costa Rica with a match-high of 15 points on 10 kills, one block and four aces. Middle blockers Danna Leon and Nhya Barley contributed with 9 and 8 points respectively.

Three players led Guatemala with double-figures, outside hitter Naomi Monney with 13 points (12 kills, one block), outside hitter Maria Santa Cruz with 10 points (9 kills, one block) and middle blocker Andrea Mendizabal also with 10 points (7 kills, 2 blocks, one ace).

United States 3, Dominican Republic 0

United States claimed their second win defeating Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-14). The Americans improved 2-0 in pool B and will finish the preliminary round against Costa Rica (1-1). Dominican Republic drops to 1-1 and will face Guatemala (0-2). United States came out on top with a huge advantage in attacks 42-25, they held a comfortable 13-7 margin in blocks and a 3-0 in aces, while committing one less error (17-18) than the Dominican Republic. Outside hitter Norah Sis and middle blocker Breanna Kelley led the U.S. offense with 13 points each; Sis all on kills and Kelley on 8 kills and 5 blocks. Opposite Devin Kahahawai added 10 points on 9 kills and one ace. Dominicans outside hitter Katielle Alonzo and opposite Ariana Rodriguez scored 10 points each; Alonzo from 7 kills and 3 blocks and Rodriguez on 9 kills and one block.

México 3, Cuba 1

Host Mexico remains undefeated after taking down Cuba 3-1 (25-16, 25-23, 20-25, 25-17). Mexicans are leaders in pool A with 2-0 record and will meet Belize 0-2 to finish pool-play. Cuba is 1-1 and will face Puerto Rico with the same win-loss record. In the second set Mexico recovered from a five-point deficit (5-10) to lead 2-0. Cubans didn't give up winning a comfortable third set, but the fans of Nogales celebrated Marcela Herrera's ace match point. Mexico topped Cuba 13-2 in aces and handing out fewer points from errors 16-22.

Cuba did better in attacks 52-51 and in blocks 11-9. Mexican Aime Topete led all scorers with 23 points from 19 kills, one block and three aces. The other Mexican player with double figures was Alexandra Goris who added 10 points on 7 kills and two aces. Opposite Lisania Grafort led Cuba with 18 tallies, joined by middle blocker Yensy Kindelan who registered 16 puntos and outside hitter Claudia Tarin with 13 points.