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Cuba and Dominican Republic advanced into semifinals



QUEBEC CITY, CANADA. Sept. 01, 2023: Cuba and Dominican Republic swept Puerto Rico and Mexico respectively, to secure a spot in in the semifinals of the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women’s Volleyball Continental Championship, held at the PEPS’ Amphithéâtre Desjardins-Université Laval in Quebec.

In tomorrow’s semifinals, Cuba will face Olympic champions United States and Dominican Republic faces the home crowd favorites Canada. Before semifinals, Mexico and Puerto Rico will meet in a classification match for positions 5 to 7.

Cuba advances to semifinals of Continental Championship

With a 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-22) win over Puerto Rico today, Cuba secures a spot in the semifinals.

Even though it was a sweep, Puerto Rico kept it competitive in all three sets. Cuba led in attack (41-37), and service aces 4-2 as well as picking up more points from their opponent’s errors (22-18). Puerto Rico slightly led in blocking points (9-8) Greisy Fine of Cuba led all scoring with 18 points and was named “player of the game.”

Paola Santiago (13) and Alondra Vázquez (12) led the scoring effort for Puerto Rico.

Cuba will face either Canada or the USA in Saturday’s semifinals.

Dominican Republic to face Canada in semifinals after beating Mexico

Dominican Republic took care of business today, beating Mexico 3-0 (25-17, 25-10, 25-12) to advance to the semifinals of the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women’s Volleyball Continental Championship. Dominican Republic overwhelmed Mexico in attack 34-17, blocking 13-3, as well as serving up 8 aces (compared with none for Mexico) and made one fewer error than the losing side (20-19).

Outside hitter Yonkaira Peña was top scorer for the winning side, with 11 attack points and one ace. Brayelin Martinez contributed 11 points.

Dominican libero Brenda Castillo was named “player of the game” for her outstanding defensive play.

The “Reinas Del Caribe” play home crowd favorites Canada in the semifinals on Saturday. Cuba plays the United States.

