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USA advances to semis after win over Dominican Republic



QUEBEC CITY, CANADA. August 31, 2023: Two top NORCECA teams faced off tonight in Quebec City at the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women's Volleyball Continental Championship, which runs until September 3 at the PEPS' Amphithéâtre Desjardins-Université Laval.

It was Olympic gold medalists USA who came out on top 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-16) despite a strong start by Dominican Republic.

USA was strong in its offense, and took 39 points on attack, compared with 33 by the Caribbean nation. The US also led in blocks (10-7) and made fewer errors 17, compared with 25. Dominican led in aces (3-1).

It was a team effort by USA, with Jordan Thompson leading in scoring with 15 points. Yonkaira Paola Peña and Brayelin Martinez led Dominican with 12 points each.

The win puts USA in the semis, while the Dominicans face Mexico at 5 pm Eastern time tomorrow in the quarterfinals. Puerto Rico and Cuba will play in the second quarterfinal at 7:30 pm local time.

Cuba earns its first win at the Continental Championship

Cuba swept a young Costa Rican squad 3-0 (25-18, 25-11, 25-9) in Group B.

Today, Cuba dominated in all skills – attacking 36-25, blocking 10-2, serving 9-0 and earned 20 points from Costa Rica's errors (opposed to 11 errors on the Cuban side).

Cuban Ivy Vila Wittingham led all scoring with 14 (10 attacking points, 2 blocks and 2 aces).

Tamara Espinoza Rojas led Costa Rica in points with 10 (9 attacking points and 1 block).

Cuba advances to the tournament quarter finals, which are held on Friday.

Puerto Rico takes Mexico down in five sets

The 2023 NORCECA Senior Women's Volleyball Continental Championship saw its first five-set match today, with Puerto Rico beating Mexico 3-2 (27-25, 17-25, 14-25, 25-23, 15-11).

The first set was a back-and-forth battle, but Mexico handily won the next two.

Puerto Rico adjusted its strategy to come back and win the fourth set and tie-break.

Despite the loss, Mexico had the edge in attack points (65-61), blocks (15-12), aces (6-2) and the teams were equal in errors at 23.

Mexico's Grecia Castro López led scoring with 23 points; while Puerto Rico's Paola Santiago was the winning teams top scorer with 20.

Puerto Rico will face Cuba in the quarterfinals tomorrow.

The tournament runs through to September 3 at the PEPS' Amphithéâtre Desjardins-Université Laval, Quebec.