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## Canada and Cuba start off on the right foot in Edmonton

EDMONTON, Canada, January 8, 2016 – Canada and Cuba captured victories in the first day of actions at the NORCECA Men's Olympic Qualifier at Saville Sports Centre of Edmonton on Friday.

Canada cruised to a straight-set win over Mexico while Cuba had to battle Puerto Rico before prevailing also in three frames.

Canada 3, Mexico 0  
Hosts Canada began their quest for a men's volleyball Olympic berth by defeating Mexico in straight sets 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-16) in the first match of the NORCECA Qualifier.

John Gordon Perrin topped Canada with 15 points, Dallas Soonias and Toontje Van Lankvelt each contributed 9 points in the victory while Daniel Jansen Vandoorn chipped in with 7.

Mexico's Jorge Barajas had a match-high 16 points as the only player with offensive double figures for the losing side.

Canada blanked their opponents 7-0 in blocks with four scored Jansen Vandoorn, but Mexico held a slight margin of 7-6 in aces. The winners made 18 unforced errors to 28 by the defeated side.

Cuba 3, Puerto Rico 0

Cuba triumphed in an exciting third set to overcome Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 33-31) in day one.

Rolando Cepeda spearheaded the victory with a match-high 23 points, followed by Osmany Uriarte and Javier Jimenez with 11 and 9 points, respectively. Ezequiel Cruz and Mannix Roman topped Puerto Rico with 9 and 8 points.

Cuba held a big 13-5 advantage in the blocking category while Puerto Rico had the edge 6-5 in aces. The winners led in attacks 43-32 but also committed 30 unforced errors to 22 by the losers.

