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Dominicans and Mexicans to meet for top place in Pool B



AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico June 19, 2018 – Defending champions Dominican Republic will play host Mexico for the top place in Pool B and the direct pass to the semifinals at the U20 NORCECA Women’s Continental Championship when the two teams meet on Wednesday.

Both Dominicans and Mexicans improved to 2-0 with straight set victories over Honduras and Costa Rica, respectively.

Meanwhile, the United States side defeated Cuba in five sets and meet Guatemala with good chances of maintaining their undefeated mark to earn the ticket to the final four round.

Dominican Republic 3, Honduras 0

Dominican Republic continued their strong performance defeating Honduras 3-0 (25-16, 25-12, 25-14) in Pool B. Defending champions Dominican Republic overwhelmed the Central American squad with a huge 41-18 margin in spikes and 11-2 in serves; they also held a 7-3 advantage in blocking. Dominicans committed 22 unforced errors and Honduras 11. Three Dominican players finished with double figures, Yanlis Feliz and Sthefany Gonzalez with 11 points each, Erika Asencio contributed with 10 points performing only in set three.

Puerto Rico 3, Guatemala 0

Puerto Rico earned first victory beating Guatemala 3-1 (25-15, 25-9, 24-26, 25-17) in Pool A. Puerto Rico outscored Guatemala by sizeable margins; 45-27 in kills, 10-5 in blocks and 7-5 in aces. Puerto Rico benefited from 37 opponent errors while committing 31 of their own. Puerto Rico balanced their offense between Ariana Pagan scoring 12 points, on 10 kills and 2 blocks, Jaylibeth Garcia contributed with 11 points and Lyansca Correa added 10 points. Savinnah Bobadilla led Guatemala with 11 points, including 7 kills and 3 aces.

United States 3, Cuba 2

United States won a spectacular five setter 3-2 (20-25, 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 15-11) against Cuba in Pool A. Logan Eggleston led USA with 18 points on 10 kills and remarkable 8 aces, Molly Phillips registered 10 points on 7 kills and three blocking points. Cuban Ailama Cese scored a match-high of 20 points on 17 kills and 3 blocks; Ivy Vila and Thalia Moreno scored 10 points apiece also for Cuba.

Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico easily defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-19, 25-9, 25-12) in Pool B. Mexico’s impressive 41-18 lead in kills was enough to keep Costa Rica under control. They also led in blocks 8-3 and 7-1 in service points. Mexico committed 18 errors and Costa Rica 19. Melanie Parra and Uxue Guereca led Mexico with 12 and 11 points respectively; Esther Castro and Natalie Nava chipped in with 8 points apiece. Susan Alpizar scored 6 points for Costa Rica.