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2025 NORCECA SENIOR WOMEN FINAL SIX

USA vs Dominican Republic and Mexico vs Puerto Rico in the Semifinals

GUADALAJARA, Jalisco, September 19, 2025. – The preliminary round of the 2025 NORCECA Women's Final Six concluded at Unidad Deportiva López Mateos in Guadalajara, setting the stage for the highly anticipated semifinals.

Top-seeded United States will face fourth-place Dominican Republic, while second-seeded Mexico will battle Puerto Rico, who finished third, for a spot in the gold medal match.

Canada 3, Cuba 2

Canada pulled off an impressive reverse sweep to capture their first victory defeating Cuba 3-2 (14-25, 14-25, 27-25, 25-19, 15-11). Both Canada and Cuba concluded the preliminary round with a 1-4 record and will face each other once again on Sunday in the match for fifth place. Cuba dominated the opening two sets with a powerful net presence, led by Yailin De La Peña, Laura Suárez, and Whitney James. Strong blocking and aggressive serving helped the Cubans control the pace, taking the first set with a 6-0 block advantage and repeating their dominance early in the second with Dayana Martínez contributing back-to-back blocks. Canada responded with spirited attacks from Lauren Attieh and Sydney Grills, but Cuba remained steady, closing the set with an ace from Lisania Grafort. The third set saw a major shift as Canada jumped to an early 7-3 lead behind Emma Boyd's kills and blocks, with Grills adding pressure from the service line. Canada surged ahead 17-8 before Cuba fought back to tie the set at 23 and even reached match point with a De La Peña ace. Boyd delivered a clutch kill to level the score, and Canada capitalized on a Cuban error to extend the match. Canada kept their momentum in the fourth, rallying from a three-point deficit to tie at 14-all. A late surge, highlighted by an Attieh kill and a Grills block over Evilania Martínez, gave Canada set point. Grills blocked Yanisleidis Sánchez to force a tie-break. The decisive fifth set was closely contested until 5-5, when Canada pulled away for good. Attieh and Isabella Noble anchored the block, while Boyd sealed the win with a final kill. Canada benefited from 34 Cuban errors (while committing 24) despite Cuba leading in attacks (57-45), blocks (13-10), and aces (11-6). Canadian star Emma Boyd topped all scorers with 19 points (14 kills, 3 blocks, 2 aces). Sydney Grills added 14 points to the win (10 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces). Cuba's Whitney James led her team with 16 points (11 kills, 2 blocks, 3 aces), while Yailin De La Peña contributed 14 (10 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces). Dayana Martínez and Claudia Tarín chipped in 13 points each, and Laura Suárez added 12.

United States 3, Puerto Rico 0

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allowed them to take control late and earn the two-set advantage. In the third set, the United States dominated from start to finish, jumping ahead 21-9 behind a strong blocking performance from four different players, and sealing the sweep with a convincing finish. USA led in attacks (40-36), blocks (12-5), and aces (4-3), while committing fewer errors (12 to Puerto Rico's 19). Samantha Francis and Claire Chaussee led the American scoring with 12 points each, followed by Skylar Fields with 10. For Puerto Rico, Paola Santiago scored 13 points and Decelise Champion added 11.

Mexico 3, Dominican Republic 1

Mexico bounced back to defeat the Dominican Republic 3-1 (21-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-23). With the win, Mexico closed the preliminary phase in second place with a 4-1 record and will face Puerto Rico (third place) in the semifinals. The Dominican Republic, finishing fourth, will face the United States. The Dominican Republic's powerful attacking, led by Madeline Guillen, Florangel Terrero, and Alondra Tapia, set the tone early, jumping to a 17-13 lead and taking the opening set 25-21. The Caribbeans once again led the way in the second set, ahead 16-12, before Mexico rallied. Sofía Maldonado scored two key kills, Aime Topete added a strong swing, and Dominican errors allowed the home team to even the score at 16. Mexico reached set point 24-23 thanks to Melanie Parra's offense, but the Dominican Republic extended the set with a block from Terrero. A crucial service error from Tapia and a block by Arleth Márquez on Terrero sealed the set for Mexico, tying the match. In the third set, Mexico held a 24-18 advantage thanks to Topete and Samantha Bricio, but the Dominican Republic fought back with kills from Angélica Hinojosa, Guillen's attacks, and Samaret Caraballo's strong serving, closing the gap to just two points. Bricio finally ended the set with a powerful spike off Hinojosa's block, putting Mexico ahead 2-1. Mexico kept their composure in the fourth set, building a 20-15 lead. Márquez's block on Hinojosa gave the hosts a 23-19 edge, but Natalia Martínez's back-to-back kills kept the Dominican Republic close. Mexico reached match point on a Dominican attack error and secured the victory on a Dominican service error. Mexico led in attacks (52-47), while the Dominican Republic had the edge in serves (5-4). Both teams scored seven points on blocks. Mexico committed 37 errors compared to the Dominican Republic's 35. Aime Topete led Mexico's scoring with 14 points, followed by Samantha Bricio with 10. Madeline Guillen topped all scorers with 19 points for the Dominican Republic, and Geraldine González added 11 points.

Estados Unidos vs. Dominicana y México vs. Puerto Rico en las Semifinales

GUADALAJARA, Jalisco, 19 de septiembre de 2025. – La fase preliminar del Final Six Femenino de NORCECA 2025 llegó a su fin en la Unidad Deportiva López Mateos de Guadalajara, dejando listas las esperadas semifinales del torneo.

Estados Unidos, que cerró la ronda como líder invicto, se medirá ante República Dominicana, cuarto clasificado. Por su parte, México, que finalizó en la segunda posición, buscará el pase a la final frente a Puerto Rico, que terminó en el tercer puesto.



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Canadá 3, Cuba 2

Canadá protagonizó una impresionante remontada para conseguir su primera victoria superando a Cuba 3-2 (14-25, 14-25, 27-25, 25-19, 15-11). Tanto Canadá como Cuba concluyeron la ronda preliminar con récord de 1-4 y volverán a enfrentarse el domingo en el partido por el quinto lugar. Cuba dominó los dos primeros sets con una poderosa presencia en la red, liderada por Yailin De La Peña, Laura Suárez y Whitney James. El bloqueo y el saque agresivo les permitieron controlar el ritmo, llevándose el primer parcial con ventaja de 6-0 en bloqueos y repitiendo su dominio al inicio del segundo, con Dayana Martínez sumando dos bloqueos consecutivos. Canadá respondió con potentes ataques de Lauren Attieh y Sydney Grills, pero Cuba se mantuvo firme, cerrando el set con un ace de Lisania Grafort. El tercer set marcó un cambio importante, con Canadá tomando ventaja de 7-3 gracias a los remates y bloqueos de Emma Boyd, mientras Grills presionaba con el servicio. Canadá se despegó 17-8 antes de que Cuba reaccionara y empatara a 23, llegando incluso a punto de partido con un ace de De La Peña. Boyd respondió con un remate decisivo para igualar el marcador, y Canadá aprovechó un error cubano para extender el partido. En el cuarto set, Canadá mantuvo el impulso, remontando una desventaja de tres puntos para empatar a 14. Un cierre efectivo, con un remate de Attieh y un bloqueo de Grills sobre Evilania Martínez, les dio punto de set. Grills bloqueó a Yanisleidis Sánchez para forzar el desempate. El quinto set fue parejo hasta el 5-5, momento en que Canadá tomó la delantera y no la soltó. Attieh e Isabella Noble encabezaron el bloqueo, mientras Boyd selló la victoria con un remate final. Canadá se benefició de 34 errores de Cuba (por 24 propios), a pesar de que las caribeñas lideraron en ataques (57-45), bloqueos (13-10) y aces (11-6). La canadiense Emma Boyd fue la máxima anotadora del encuentro con 19 puntos (14 remates, 3 bloqueos, 2 aces). Sydney Grills agregó 14 puntos a la victoria (10 remates, 2 bloqueos, 2 aces). Whitney James lideró a Cuba con 16 puntos (11 remates, 2 bloqueos, 3 aces), Yailin De La Peña aportó 14 (10 remates, 2 bloqueos, 2 aces). Dayana Martínez y Claudia Tarín sumaron 13 puntos cada una, y Laura Suárez agregó 12. Emma Boyd, capitana de Canadá, dijo sobre la victoria: "Remontamos después de perder los dos primeros sets enfocándonos en mantener nuestros estándares de nuestro lado de la cancha. No nos concentramos en lo que estaba haciendo Cuba porque sabíamos que, si mejorábamos y ajustábamos nuestra ejecución, las cosas probablemente empezarían a salir a nuestro favor. Todas las jugadoras que entraron de cambio trajeron una energía diferente a la cancha, y fue una victoria hermosa".

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México 3, República Dominicana 1

México se recuperó para derrotar a República Dominicana 3-1 (21-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-23). Con esta victoria, México cerró la fase preliminar en el segundo lugar con marca de 4-1 y se enfrentará a Puerto Rico (tercer lugar) en las semifinales. República Dominicana, que finalizó en la cuarta posición, se medirá ante Estados Unidos. El potente ataque dominicano, liderado por Madeline Guillén, Florangel Terrero y Alondra Tapia, marcó el ritmo desde el inicio, tomando ventaja de 17-13 para llevarse el primer set 25-21. Las caribeñas volvieron a tomar la delantera en el segundo parcial, 16-12, antes de que México reaccionara. Sofía Maldonado sumó dos puntos clave, Aime Topete aportó un remate potente y los errores dominicanos permitieron al equipo de casa igualar el marcador a 16. México llegó al punto de set 24-23 gracias a la ofensiva de Melanie Parra, pero República Dominicana alargó el set con un bloqueo de Terrero. Un error de saque de Tapia y un bloqueo de Arleth Márquez sobre Terrero sellaron el set para México, empatando el partido. En el tercer set, México se colocó 24-18 arriba gracias a Topete y Samantha Bricio, pero República Dominicana luchó para reducir la ventaja con remates de Angélica Hinojosa, ataques de Guillén y una efectiva secuencia de servicio de Samaret Caraballo, acercándose a solo dos puntos. Finalmente, Bricio cerró el parcial con un potente remate contra el bloqueo de Hinojosa, colocando a México 2-1 en el marcador. México mantuvo la calma en el cuarto set, construyendo una ventaja de 20-15. Un bloqueo de Márquez sobre Hinojosa les dio a las anfitrionas el 23-19, pero Natalia Martínez anotó dos remates consecutivos para acercar a República Dominicana. México llegó al punto de partido por un error de ataque dominicano y aseguró la victoria con un error de saque rival. México dominó en ataques (52-47), mientras que República Dominicana fue superior en servicio (5-4). Ambos equipos sumaron siete puntos de bloqueo. México cometió 37 errores no forzados contra 35 de República Dominicana. Aime Topete lideró la ofensiva de México con 14 puntos, seguida por Samantha Bricio con 10. Madeline Guillén fue la máxima anotadora del encuentro con 19 puntos para República Dominicana, y Geraldine González aportó 11.