



NORCECA

Men Final Four

June 10rd - 15th, 2026
León, Guanajuato, México

DAILY BULLETIN 2
June 12th, 2026



FIVB



MIKASA





Día / Day	Hora / Time	COMP. VENUE DOMO DE LA FERIA	Hora / Time	
10-jun-26				
	12:00			
	13:30			
	15:00			
	16:30			
			PRELIMINARY INQUIRY	
11-jun-26	8:30	DOM	Time	Country
	10:00	GUA	9:00	MEX
	11:30	PUR	9:45	PUR
	13:00	MEX	10:30	DOM
			12:00	GUA
	19:00	PRACTICAL CLINIC	12:45	
12-jun-26	8:30	PUR		
	10:00	DOM		
	11:30	GUA		
	13:00	MEX		
	18:00	PUR vs DOM		
	20:00	MEX vs GUA		
13-jun-26	8:30	GUA		
	10:00	PUR		
	11:30	DOM		
	13:00	MEX		
	18:00	PUR vs GUA		
	20:00	MEX vs DOM		
14-jun-26	8:00	DOM		
	9:30	GUA		
	11:00	PUR		
	12:30	MEX		
	17:00	DOM vs GUA		
	19:00	MEX vs PUR		



Calendario y Formato de Competencia
Competition Format and Match Schedule

MAIN COMPETITION HALL												
No.	Date	Time	Teams			Set	Result per set (points)					
							1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1	12-Jun	18:00	DOM	vs	PUR	2-3	21-25	22-25	25-23	25-18	11-15	104 - 106
2	12-Jun	20:00	MEX	vs	GUA		25-17	25-20	22-25	30-28		102 - 90
3	13-Jun	18:00	PUR	vs	GUA							
4	13-Jun	20:00	MEX	vs	DOM							
5	14-Jun	17:00	DOM	vs	GUA							
6	14-Jun	19:00	MEX	vs	PUR							



2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

P-4 Collated results & ranking

Results as of 12 June 2026



MATCHES RESULTS

Round Robin

No	Date	Teams	Set	Result per set (points)					Total Points	Duration	Spectators
				1	2	3	4	5			
1	12-Jun-2026	DOM - PUR	2-3	21-25	22-25	25-23	25-18	11-15	104-106	2:16	500
2	12-Jun-2026	MEX - GUA	3-1	25-17	25-20	22-25	30-28		102-90	1:56	1500

TEAM RANKING

Round Robin

Rk	Code	Team	Matches			Pts	Results details						Sets			Points		
			W	L	T		3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	W	L	Ratio	W	L	Ratio
1	MEX	Mexico	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	3.000	102	90	1.133
2	PUR	Puerto Rico	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	1.500	106	104	1.019
3	DOM	Dominican Republic	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0.666	104	106	0.981
4	GUA	Guatemala	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0.333	90	102	0.882





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four



[P-2] Match result

Round Robin

Match: 1 **Date:** 12/06/2026 **Spectators:** 500
City: León, Guanajuato
Hall: Domo de la Feria
Match duration: **Start:** 18:00 **End:** 20:16 **Total:** 2:16

Teams	Sets	1	2	3	4	5	Total
DOM	2	21	22	25	25	11	104
PUR	3	25	25	23	18	15	106
Duration:		0:26	0:27	0:29	0:24	0:18	2:04

Referees: 1st: Raul R. Mejia Calderon (GUA) 2nd: Saul Sosa (MEX)

DOM - Dominican Republic															
No	Name	Pos.	Line-up					Points by set					T.		
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5			
1	Tapia (C)	OP													
2	Almonte (L)	L													
4	Hernandez	OH	5	5	5		9	2	3	1					6
5	Mieses (L)	L	L	L	L	L	L								
6	Figueroa	OP	4	4	14			5							5
7	Andujar	MB													
8	Rojas	OH	18	18	18	18	15			1					1
9	Pepen	OH		4	5	5				1	2	3			6
12	Ortiz	S	6		21										
14	Ramirez	S	1	1	1	1	1								
15	Rosario	MB	6	6	3	3	3	2		7	3				12
18	Ortiz	MB	3	3	6	6	6	3	1	1	5				10
19	Cruz	OH	2	2	2	2	2	4	6	3	9	6			28
21	Castillo	OP	14	6	4	4	4		2	1					3

Head Coach: Jose Gutierrez Sanchez (VE)
Assistant: José Dante Aristides Mañon Torres (DO)

PUR - Puerto Rico																
No	Name	Pos.	Line-up					Points by set					T.			
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5				
2	Lawrence	OH	4	4	4	4	4	2	5	3	3	3				16
3	Santiago	OP	6	6	6	6	3	3	4	1	7	3				18
5	Henwood	S	3	3	3	3	6	3								3
7	Melendez	OH	5	5	5	5	5									
8	Estrada	S	3	3	3	3	3									
16	Ellis	OP														
17	Alomar	MB	2	2	2	2	5	3	2	1	3	2				11
19	Alvarez	OH														
23	Feliciano	OH	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	7						17
24	Cabrera (C) (L)	L	L	L	L	L	L									
25	Salva	MB	5	5	5	5	2	3	2	1						6
28	Arraiza	L	17	17	17	17	17									
35	Fernandez	MB														
44	Figueroa	MB														

Head Coach: Alberto Jamille Torres Rosario (PR)
Assistant: Anthony Melendez (PR)
Jesus Echevarria (PR)
2nd Assistant: Felix Alejandro Roman Rivera (PR)

TEAMS AND PLAYERS PERFORMANCES

Won Points	Total Atts	No Name
59	107	Total Team
28	39	19 Cruz
7	18	15 Rosario
6	13	4 Hernandez
11	41	Total Team
5	12	15 Rosario
4	19	18 Ortiz
1	2	6 Figueroa
1	104	Total Team
1	10	9 Pepen
0	0	1 Tapia
0	0	2 Almonte
33		Total Team
104	252	Total Team

Scoring Skills
Attack
Block
Serve
Opp. error
Total

Won Points	Total Atts	No Name
54	108	Total Team
15	29	3 Santiago
14	25	23 Feliciano
12	28	2 Lawrence
8	42	Total Team
3	13	17 Alomar
2	3	2 Lawrence
1	8	3 Santiago
9	106	Total Team
2	16	2 Lawrence
2	17	3 Santiago
2	17	5 Henwood
35		Total Team
106	256	Total Team

28	57	19 Cruz
12	46	15 Rosario
10	40	18 Ortiz

Best scorers		
18	54	3 Santiago
17	47	23 Feliciano
16	47	2 Lawrence

■ Starting line-up with position Atts = Attempts (C) = Captain MB = Middle blocker S = Setter
□ Substitute with shirt number Opp. = Opponent (L) / L = Libero OP = Opposite OH = Outside Hitter





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four



[P-2] Match result
Round Robin

Match: 2 **Date:** 12/06/2026 **Spectators:** 1,500
City: León, Guanajuato
Hall: Domo de la Feria
Match duration: **Start:** 21:10 **End:** 23:06 **Total:** 1:56

Teams	Sets	1	2	3	4	5	Total
MEX	3	25	25	22	30		102
GUA	1	17	20	25	28		90
Duration:		0:21	0:25	0:25	0:33		1:44

Referees: 1st: Jose Beltre Dias (DOM) 2nd: Kevin Vazquez Ortiz (PUR)

MEX - Mexico														
No	Name	Pos.	Line-up					Points by set					T.	
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
3	Bravo (C) (L)	L	L	L	L	L								
5	Parra	MB												
6	Lopez	OH												
7	Gonzalez	OP	3	3	3	3	6	5	6				17	
8	Mendoza	S	6	6	6	6	2	1					3	
9	Rodriguez	MB	5	5	5	5	1	3	1	3			8	
10	Sanay	OH	1	1	1	1	2	4	2				8	
11	Lopez B.	MB												
12	Fuentes	OH			4	7			1	4			5	
13	Garcia	MB	2	2	2	2	4	3	2	4			13	
17	Izaguirre (L)	L												
47	Milantony	OH	4	4	4	4	2	3	3	7			15	
81	GARZA	OP		8	8	8			1				1	
96	Garcia	S		7	7	7				1			1	

Head Coach: Carlos Eduardo Schwanke (BR)
Assistant: Renato Lucio Soares Junior (BR)

GUA - Guatemala														
No	Name	Pos.	Line-up					Points by set					T.	
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
1	Ruano	S												
2	Lopez (C)	OH	3	2	3	2	3	3	4	6			16	
3	Morales	S	2	1	2	1								
4	Lucero	OH			3	3			2	2			4	
5	González (L)	L	L	L	L	L								
6	Samayoa	MB		3										
7	Perez	OH	6	5	6	5			6	2	1		9	
9	Delgado (L)	L												
10	Duran	OH		15	15									
11	Blanco	OP	5	4	5	4	2	2	3	4			11	
12	Alvarez	MB	1	6	1	6	3		3	5			11	
15	Hernandez	MB	4	3	4	3	1	1	2	2			6	
17	Gerardo	S	11		11	11								
19	Carrillo	OP	3				1						1	

Head Coach: Reider Lucas Mora (CU)
Assistant: William Fernandez Pizat (CU)

TEAMS AND PLAYERS PERFORMANCES

Won Points	Total Atts	No	Name
55	105	Total Team	
14	19	7	Gonzalez
14	32	47	Milantony
9	12	13	Garcia
12	48	Total Team	
4	12	9	Rodriguez
4	12	13	Garcia
3	8	7	Gonzalez
4	100	Total Team	
2	20	8	Mendoza
1	5	12	Fuentes
1	14	47	Milantony
31		Total Team	
102	253	Total Team	

17	44	7	Gonzalez
15	53	47	Milantony
13	39	13	Garcia

Scoring Skills	Won Points	Total Atts	No	Name
Attack	47	111	Total Team	
	14	28	2	Lopez
	11	28	11	Blanco
	8	25	7	Perez
Block	8	46	Total Team	
	4	13	12	Alvarez
	2	8	15	Hernandez
	1	6	2	Lopez
Serve	3	91	Total Team	
	1	20	2	Lopez
	1	15	7	Perez
	1	13	12	Alvarez
Opp. error	32		Total Team	
	90	248	Total Team	
Best scorers	16	54	2	Lopez
	11	51	11	Blanco
	11	40	12	Alvarez

■ Starting line-up with position Atts = Attempts (C) = Captain MB = Middle blocker S = Setter
□ Substitute with shirt number Opp. = Opponent (L) / L = Libero OP = Opposite OH = Outside Hitter





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

[P-5] Players ranking by skills

All matches



Best Scorers

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Attack	Block	Serve	Total
1	19	Cruz Cepin Hector Alexis	OH	DOM	28	0	0	28
2	3	Santiago Sanchez Jair Daniel	OP	PUR	15	1	2	18
3	7	González Castañeda Diego	OP	MEX	14	3	0	17
	23	Feliciano Bengoa Antonio Luis	OH	PUR	14	1	2	17
5	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	14	1	1	16
	2	Lawrence Vidal Klistan	OH	PUR	12	2	2	16
7	47	Hernandez Milantony Franky Adrian	OH	MEX	14	0	1	15
8	13	Garcia Ayala Juan Salvador	MB	MEX	9	4	0	13
9	15	Rosario Adames Luther Hadasher	MB	DOM	7	5	0	12
10	11	Leonardo Blanco Andy Alexis	OP	GUA	11	0	0	11
	12	Alvarez López Christian Saúl	MB	GUA	6	4	1	11
	17	Alomar Ismael	MB	PUR	7	3	1	11
13	18	Ortiz Valdez Moises Alexander	MB	DOM	6	4	0	10
14	7	Perez Alvarado Jose Pablo	OH	GUA	8	0	1	9
15	9	Tellez Rodriguez Axel Manuel	MB	MEX	4	4	0	8
	10	Sanay Heredia Yasutaka	OH	MEX	8	0	0	8
17	4	Hernandez Wilfrido	OH	DOM	6	0	0	6
	9	Turbides Pepen Bryan	OH	DOM	4	1	1	6
	15	Hernández de León Jason Omar	MB	GUA	4	2	0	6
	25	Salva Torres Eliel David	MB	PUR	5	1	0	6
21	6	Figueroa Lantigua Adrian Jose	OP	DOM	4	1	0	5
	12	Fuentes Rascon Mauro Isaac	OH	MEX	4	0	1	5
23	4	Lucero Perez Javier Alberto	OH	GUA	3	1	0	4
24	21	Castillo Erisandy	OP	DOM	3	0	0	3
	8	Mendoza Burqueño Edgar Alejandro	S	MEX	0	1	2	3
	5	Henwood Rodriguez Daniel Timothy	S	PUR	1	0	2	3
27	8	Rojas De Jesús Edwad Domingo	OH	DOM	1	0	0	1
	19	Carrillo Valiente Jose Rodrigo	OP	GUA	1	0	0	1
	81	GARZA COVARRUBIAS EDUARDO ABRAHAM	OP	MEX	1	0	0	1
	96	Garcia Resendiz Miguel Angel	S	MEX	1	0	0	1
Total tournament					215	39	17	271



Best Attackers

Limit:15.00%

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Attacks	Faults	Shots	Total Attempts	Succ. %
1	7	González Castañeda Diego	OP	MEX	14	1	4	19	73.68
2	19	Cruz Cepin Hector Alexis	OH	DOM	28	3	8	39	71.79
3	23	Feliciano Bengoa Antonio Luis	OH	PUR	14	3	8	25	56.00
4	3	Santiago Sanchez Jair Daniel	OP	PUR	15	6	8	29	51.72
5	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	14	7	7	28	50.00
6	47	Hernandez Milantony Franky Adrian	OH	MEX	14	7	11	32	43.75
7	2	Lawrence Vidal Klistan	OH	PUR	12	10	6	28	42.86
8	11	Leonardo Blanco Andy Alexis	OP	GUA	11	10	7	28	39.29
9	15	Rosario Adames Luther Hadasher	MB	DOM	7	5	6	18	38.89
10	10	Sanay Heredia Yasutaka	OH	MEX	8	5	8	21	38.10
Total tournament					215	88	128	431	49.88





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

[P-5] Players ranking by skills

All matches



Best Blockers

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Kill Blocks	Faults	Rebounds	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	15	Rosario Adames Luther Hadasher	MB	DOM	5	6	1	12	1.00
	12	Alvarez López Christian Saúl	MB	GUA	4	4	5	13	1.00
	9	Tellez Rodríguez Axel Manuel	MB	MEX	4	6	2	12	1.00
	13	Garcia Ayala Juan Salvador	MB	MEX	4	3	5	12	1.00
5	18	Ortiz Valdez Moises Alexander	MB	DOM	4	8	7	19	0.80
6	7	González Castañeda Diego	OP	MEX	3	4	1	8	0.75
7	17	Alomar Ismael	MB	PUR	3	5	5	13	0.60
8	15	Hernández de León Jason Omar	MB	GUA	2	3	3	8	0.50
9	2	Lawrence Vidal Klistan	OH	PUR	2	1	0	3	0.40
10	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	1	4	1	6	0.25
Total tournament					39	86	52	177	2.17



Best Servers

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Aces	Faults	Serve Hits	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	8	Mendoza Burqueño Edgar Alejandro	S	MEX	2	1	17	20	0.50
2	2	Lawrence Vidal Klistan	OH	PUR	2	6	8	16	0.40
	3	Santiago Sanchez Jair Daniel	OP	PUR	2	3	12	17	0.40
	5	Henwood Rodriguez Daniel Timothy	S	PUR	2	4	11	17	0.40
	23	Feliciano Bengoa Antonio Luis	OH	PUR	2	4	13	19	0.40
6	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	1	0	19	20	0.25
	7	Perez Alvarado Jose Pablo	OH	GUA	1	4	10	15	0.25
	12	Alvarez López Christian Saúl	MB	GUA	1	0	12	13	0.25
	12	Fuentes Rascon Mauro Isaac	OH	MEX	1	0	4	5	0.25
	47	Hernandez Milantony Franky Adrian	OH	MEX	1	3	10	14	0.25
Total tournament					17	77	307	401	0.94



Best Diggers

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Digs	Faults	Receptions	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	3	Bravo Moreno Hiram Said	L	MEX	16	4	1	21	4.00
2	5	Gonzalez Mendez Josue Fernando	L	GUA	13	7	0	20	3.25
3	24	Cabrera Rivera Arnel	L	PUR	15	2	1	18	3.00
4	5	Mieses Feliz Enger Miguel	L	DOM	12	5	0	17	2.40
5	11	Leonardo Blanco Andy Alexis	OP	GUA	6	3	1	10	1.50
	7	González Castañeda Diego	OP	MEX	6	2	2	10	1.50
7	21	Castillo Erisandy	OP	DOM	7	3	1	11	1.40
8	19	Cruz Cepin Hector Alexis	OH	DOM	5	0	2	7	1.00
	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	4	2	1	7	1.00
	3	Rivas Morales Adolfo Ariel	S	GUA	4	3	2	9	1.00
Total tournament					131	56	19	206	7.28





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

[P-5] Players ranking by skills

All matches



Best Setters

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Running Sets	Faults	Still Sets	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	8	Mendoza Burgueño Edgar Alejandro	S	MEX	12	0	72	84	3.00
2	14	Ramirez Dacay Luke Harrison	S	DOM	8	1	87	96	1.60
	5	Henwood Rodriguez Daniel Timothy	S	PUR	8	0	82	90	1.60
4	3	Rivas Morales Adolfo Ariel	S	GUA	4	1	81	86	1.00
5	96	Garcia Resendiz Miguel Angel	S	MEX	1	0	11	12	0.25
6	3	Santiago Sanchez Jair Daniel	OP	PUR	1	0	2	3	0.20
	8	Estrada Fernandez Diego Jose	S	PUR	1	0	5	6	0.20
N/A	4	Hernandez Wilfrido	OH	DOM	0	0	2	2	
	5	Mieses Feliz Enger Miguel	L	DOM	0	0	2	2	
	9	Turbides Pepen Bryan	OH	DOM	0	0	1	1	
Total tournament					35	2	389	426	1.94



Best Receivers

Limit:20.00%

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Excellents	Faults	Serve Receptions	Total Attempts	Eff. %
1	2	Lawrence Vidal Klistan	OH	PUR	6	0	14	20	30.00
2	5	Gonzalez Mendez Josue Fernando	L	GUA	8	0	21	29	27.59
3	47	Hernandez Milantony Franky Adrian	OH	MEX	6	1	22	29	17.24
4	7	Perez Alvarado Jose Pablo	OH	GUA	7	3	16	26	15.38
5	23	Feliciano Bengoa Antonio Luis	OH	PUR	5	1	25	31	12.90
6	24	Cabrera Rivera Arnel	L	PUR	3	0	22	25	12.00
7	5	Mieses Feliz Enger Miguel	L	DOM	3	1	17	21	9.52
	2	Lopez Santiago Carlos Fernando	OH	GUA	3	1	17	21	9.52
9	3	Bravo Moreno Hiram Said	L	MEX	4	2	17	23	8.70
N/A	19	Cruz Cepin Hector Alexis	OH	DOM	4	4	25	33	
Total tournament					54	17	252	323	11.46



Best Liberos

Rk	No	Name	Pos.	Team	Excellents	Faults	In Play	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	5	Gonzalez Mendez Josue Fernando	L	GUA	21	7	21	49	5.25
2	3	Bravo Moreno Hiram Said	L	MEX	20	6	18	44	5.00
3	24	Cabrera Rivera Arnel	L	PUR	18	2	23	43	3.60
4	5	Mieses Feliz Enger Miguel	L	DOM	15	6	17	38	3.00
5	2	Almonte Bismal Rafael	L	DOM	1	0	1	2	0.20
Total tournament					75	21	80	176	4.17





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

[P-6] Teams ranking by skills
All matches



Best Scorers

Rk	Team	Attack	Block	Serve	Total
1	DOM Dominican Republic	59	11	1	71
	MEX Mexico	55	12	4	71
	PUR Puerto Rico	54	8	9	71
4	GUA Guatemala	47	8	3	58
Total tournament		215	39	17	271



Best Attackers

Limit:15.00%

Rk	Team	Attacks	Faults	Shots	Total Attempts	Succ. %
1	DOM Dominican Republic	59	16	32	107	55.14
2	MEX Mexico	55	18	32	105	52.38
3	PUR Puerto Rico	54	23	31	108	50.00
4	GUA Guatemala	47	31	33	111	42.34
Total tournament		215	88	128	431	49.88



Best Blockers

Rk	Team	Kill Blocks	Faults	Rebounds	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	MEX Mexico	12	24	12	48	3.00
2	DOM Dominican Republic	11	19	11	41	2.20
3	GUA Guatemala	8	21	17	46	2.00
4	PUR Puerto Rico	8	22	12	42	1.60
Total tournament		39	86	52	177	2.17



Best Servers

Rk	Team	Aces	Faults	Serve Hits	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	PUR Puerto Rico	9	22	75	106	1.80
2	MEX Mexico	4	21	75	100	1.00
3	GUA Guatemala	3	10	78	91	0.75
4	DOM Dominican Republic	1	24	79	104	0.20
Total tournament		17	77	307	401	0.94





2026 NORCECA Men Final Four

[P-6] Teams ranking by skills

All matches



Best Diggers

Rk	Team	Digs	Faults	Receptions	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	GUA Guatemala	37	19	5	61	9.25
2	MEX Mexico	32	15	6	53	8.00
3	DOM Dominican Republic	34	12	5	51	6.80
4	PUR Puerto Rico	28	10	3	41	5.60
Total tournament		131	56	19	206	7.28



Best Setters

Rk	Team	Running Sets	Faults	Still Sets	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	MEX Mexico	13	0	93	106	3.25
2	PUR Puerto Rico	10	0	94	104	2.00
3	DOM Dominican Republic	8	1	95	104	1.60
4	GUA Guatemala	4	1	107	112	1.00
Total tournament		35	2	389	426	1.94



Best Receivers

Limit:20.00%

Rk	Team	Excellents	Faults	Serve Receptions	Total Attempts	Eff. %
1	GUA Guatemala	18	4	57	79	17.72
2	PUR Puerto Rico	14	1	65	80	16.25
3	MEX Mexico	13	3	65	81	12.35
N/A	DOM Dominican Republic	9	9	65	83	
Total tournament		54	17	252	323	11.46



Best Liberos

Rk	Team	Excellents	Faults	In Play	Total Attempts	Avg. by set
1	GUA Guatemala	21	7	21	49	5.25
2	MEX Mexico	20	6	18	44	5.00
3	PUR Puerto Rico	18	2	23	43	3.60
4	DOM Dominican Republic	16	6	18	40	3.20
Total tournament		75	21	80	176	4.17



Puerto Rico and Mexico Outlast Rivals on Opening Day of Men's Final Four

LEÓN, Guanajuato, Mexico, June 12, 2026. – Defending two-time champion Puerto Rico overcame a spirited comeback by the Dominican Republic, while host Mexico held off a strong challenge from Guatemala to earn victories on the opening day of the 2026 NORCECA Men's Final Four at the Domo de la Feria in León, Guanajuato.

Day two of the tournament will feature Puerto Rico (1-0) against Guatemala (0-1), followed by Mexico (1-0) taking on Dominican Republic (0-1).

Puerto Rico 3, Dominican Republic 2

Defending two-time champion Puerto Rico overcame a determined comeback by Dominican Republic to claim a thrilling 3-2 victory (25-21, 25-22, 23-25, 18-25, 15-11) in the opening match 2026 NORCECA Men's Final Four. The three-day tournament brings together host Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Guatemala, with valuable continental and world ranking points on the line as the teams begin their international season. Puerto Rico appeared to be in control after taking the first two sets. In the opener, the defending champions built a comfortable 20-15 advantage behind Antonio Feliciano and Jair Santiago. Dominican Republic fought to stay within striking distance through the efforts of Moisés Ortiz and Adrián Figueroa, but Puerto Rico capitalized on its opportunities and Feliciano closed the set with a decisive attack. The second set followed a similar pattern. Dominican Republic raced to an early 6-3 lead with the offense of Héctor Cruz and Wilfrido Hernández, but Puerto Rico quickly regained its rhythm. Santiago and Feliciano led the comeback, while Klistan Lawrence's serving helped the Puerto Ricans pull away and move within one set of victory. Dominican Republic refused to surrender and gradually shifted the momentum. The third set was closely contested, with both teams exchanging leads until Luther Rosario scored the decisive point to keep his side alive. The Dominicans carried that energy into the fourth set, where Cruz and Ortiz spearheaded the attack. Rosario earned set point with a powerful kill, and after a service error by Puerto Rico, the match was extended to a decisive fifth set. The tiebreak lived up to the intensity of the contest. Puerto Rico gained a crucial 9-6 advantage with timely attacks from Feliciano and Santiago and maintained its composure during the closing stages. With the Dominican Republic pressing for another comeback, Klistan Lawrence delivered the final kill to seal the hard-fought victory. Dominican Republic outscored Puerto Rico in attacks (59-54) and blocks (11-8), but Puerto Rico's serving made the difference with a decisive 9-1 advantage in aces. The teams were nearly even in errors, with Puerto Rico committing 33 and Dominican Republic 35. Opposite hitter Jair Santiago led Puerto Rico's balanced offense with 18 points. Outside hitters Antonio Feliciano and Klistan Lawrence added 17 and 16 points, respectively, while middle blocker Ismael Alomar contributed 11 points. Dominican Republic was paced by outside hitter Héctor Cruz, who led all scorers with an impressive 28 points, all on attacks. Middle blocker Luther Rosario finished with 12 points, including a match-high five blocks, while Moisés Ortiz added 10 points.

Mexico 3, Guatemala 1

Host Mexico withstood a determined challenge from Guatemala to open the 2026 NORCECA Men's Final Four with a hard-fought 3-1 victory (25-17, 25-20, 22-25, 30-28). Backed by an enthusiastic home crowd, Mexico appeared in control after taking the opening two sets, but Guatemala responded with resilience to extend the match and pushed the hosts to the limit in a dramatic fourth set before Mexico finally secured the victory. Mexico opened strongly, building its attack around opposite hitter Diego González and middle blocker Juan García, while Edgar Mendoza's serving helped maintain the team's momentum. Guatemala, led by José Pablo Pérez, kept the second set close, staying level through the early stages. Yasutaka Sanay joined González to help Mexico pull ahead, but the Central Americans responded behind Carlos López and Andy Blanco to narrow the gap. A crucial block by Eduardo Garza over Pérez gave Mexico set point, and Garza sealed the set with a powerful attack. Guatemala bounced back in the third set, taking an early 7-4 advantage with a block by Christian Álvarez over Sanay and continuing to capitalize on Mexican errors. López and Blanco maintained the offensive pressure, and although Mexico fought back to level the score at 15-all, Guatemala regained control through Javier Lucero's attack and block, along with an ace from Álvarez. López then delivered a decisive block to earn set point, and a Mexican error closed the set, extending the match. The fourth set developed into a thrilling battle, with the score tied on numerous occasions. Guatemala held a two-point advantage at 14-12 after a strong attack by López and a block by Jason Hernández over Franky Hernández. Mexico answered each challenge, leveling the score repeatedly at 15, 16, 17 and 18. Guatemala again moved ahead 20-18, benefiting from consecutive Mexican errors, but neither side could capitalize on multiple set points during a tense finish. Mexico finally prevailed 30-28 with the winning point from Axel Téllez. Mexico finished with advantages in attacks (55-47), blocks (12-8), and serves (4-3). The hosts committed 32 errors, while Guatemala totaled 31. Mexico's offense was balanced, led by Diego González with 17 points, Franky Hernández with 15, and Juan García with 13. For Guatemala, Carlos López scored a team-high 16 points, while Andy Leonardo and Christian Álvarez each contributed 11.

Puerto Rico y México superan a sus rivales en la jornada inaugural del Final Four Masculino

LEÓN, Guanajuato, México, 12 de junio de 2026. – El bicampeón defensor Puerto Rico resistió la reacción de República Dominicana, mientras que el anfitrión México contuvo el fuerte desafío de Guatemala para sumar sendas victorias en la jornada inaugural del NORCECA Final Four Masculino 2026, que se disputa en el Domo de la Feria de León, Guanajuato.

La segunda jornada del torneo enfrentará a Puerto Rico (1-0) contra Guatemala (0-1), seguida del duelo entre México (1-0) y República Dominicana (0-1).

Puerto Rico 3, República Dominicana 2

El bicampeón defensor Puerto Rico superó la reacción de República Dominicana para imponerse en un emocionante encuentro por 3-2 (25-21, 25-22, 23-25, 18-25, 15-11) en el partido inaugural del NORCECA Final Four Masculino 2026. El torneo, que se celebra durante tres días, reúne a las selecciones de México, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana y Guatemala, otorgando valiosos puntos para los rankings continental y mundial en el arranque de la temporada internacional. Puerto Rico parecía tener el encuentro bajo control tras

adjudicarse los dos primeros parciales. En el set inicial, los campeones defensores construyeron una cómoda ventaja de 20-15 gracias a Antonio Feliciano y Jair Santiago. República Dominicana se mantuvo cerca en el marcador con los aportes de Moisés Ortiz y Adrián Figueroa, pero Puerto Rico aprovechó sus oportunidades y Feliciano cerró el parcial con un ataque decisivo. El segundo set siguió un desarrollo similar. República Dominicana tomó una ventaja temprana de 6-3 con la ofensiva de Héctor Cruz y Wilfrido Hernández, pero Puerto Rico recuperó rápidamente el ritmo. Santiago y Feliciano encabezaron la reacción, mientras que el servicio de Klistan Lawrence permitió a los boricuas despegarse y quedar a un set de la victoria. República Dominicana se negó a rendirse y poco a poco cambió el impulso del partido. El tercer parcial fue muy disputado, con ambos equipos intercambiando ventajas hasta que Luther Rosario anotó el punto decisivo para mantener con vida a su equipo. Los dominicanos trasladaron esa energía al cuarto set, donde Cruz y Ortiz lideraron el ataque. Rosario consiguió el punto de set con un potente remate y, tras un error de servicio de Puerto Rico, el encuentro se extendió a un quinto parcial decisivo. El desempate estuvo a la altura de la intensidad del partido. Puerto Rico tomó una importante ventaja de 9-6 gracias a oportunos ataques de Feliciano y Santiago y mantuvo la calma en los momentos finales. Con República Dominicana buscando otra remontada, Klistan Lawrence conectó el remate definitivo para asegurar la trabajada victoria. República Dominicana superó a Puerto Rico en ataques (59-54) y bloqueos (11-8), pero el servicio de los puertorriqueños marcó la diferencia con una contundente ventaja de 9-1 en saques directos. Ambos equipos estuvieron muy parejos en errores, con 33 para Puerto Rico y 35 para República Dominicana. El opuesto Jair Santiago lideró el equilibrado ataque de Puerto Rico con 18 puntos. Los atacantes Antonio Feliciano y Klistan Lawrence aportaron 17 y 16 unidades, respectivamente, mientras que el central Ismael Alomar contribuyó con 11 puntos. Por República Dominicana, el atacante Héctor Cruz fue el máximo anotador del encuentro con 28 puntos, todos en ataque. El central Luther Rosario sumó 12 unidades, incluyendo un máximo de cinco bloqueos, mientras que Moisés Ortiz agregó 10 puntos.

México 3, Guatemala 1

El anfitrión México resistió el empuje de Guatemala para debutar con una trabajada victoria por 3-1 (25-17, 25-20, 22-25, 30-28). Respaldado por el entusiasmo de su afición, México parecía tener el control tras adjudicarse los dos primeros parciales, pero Guatemala reaccionó con determinación para extender el encuentro y llevó a los locales al límite en un dramático cuarto set antes de que finalmente aseguraran la victoria. México inició con autoridad, construyendo su ataque alrededor del opuesto Diego González y el central Juan García, mientras que el servicio de Edgar Mendoza ayudó a mantener el impulso del conjunto local. Guatemala, liderada por José Pablo Pérez, mantuvo cerrado el segundo set, igualando el marcador durante los primeros puntos. Yasutaka Sanay se unió a González para darle ventaja a México, pero los centroamericanos reaccionaron con Carlos López y Andy Blanco para reducir la diferencia. Un bloqueo clave de Eduardo Garza sobre Pérez otorgó el punto de set a México, y el propio Garza cerró el parcial con un potente remate. Guatemala respondió en el tercer set, tomando una temprana ventaja de 7-4 gracias a un bloqueo de Christian Álvarez sobre Sanay y aprovechando los errores mexicanos. López y Blanco mantuvieron la presión ofensiva y, aunque México logró empatar a 15 puntos, los guatemaltecos recuperaron el control con un ataque y un bloqueo de Javier Lucero, además de un saque directo de Álvarez.

Posteriormente, López consiguió un bloqueo decisivo para llegar al punto de set y un error mexicano permitió a Guatemala extender el partido. El cuarto parcial se convirtió en una batalla emocionante, con el marcador empatado en numerosas ocasiones. Guatemala tomó ventaja de 14-12 tras un potente ataque de López y un bloqueo de Jason Hernández sobre Franky Hernández. México respondió una y otra vez, igualando el marcador en 15, 16, 17 y 18. Los guatemaltecos volvieron a adelantarse 20-18, favorecidos por dos errores consecutivos del equipo local, pero ninguno de los dos conjuntos pudo concretar sus oportunidades durante un cierre lleno de tensión. Finalmente, México se impuso 30-28 con el punto decisivo conseguido por Axel Téllez. México terminó con ventaja en ataques (55-47), bloqueos (12-8) y servicios directos (4-3). Los anfitriones cometieron 32 errores, mientras que Guatemala registró 31. La ofensiva mexicana fue equilibrada, encabezada por Diego González con 17 puntos, Franky Hernández con 15 y Juan García con 13. Por Guatemala, Carlos López fue el máximo anotador de su equipo con 16 unidades, mientras que Andy Leonardo y Christian Álvarez aportaron 11 puntos cada uno.