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Canada, Cuba to meet for Group B top spot at U21 men's championship

GATINEAU, Canada, July 6, 2016 – Canada beat Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 (25-19, 25-9, 25-18) at the U21 NORCECA Men's Continental Championship, which sets up a Group B first-place showdown against Cuba on Thursday.



At Centre Sportif de Gatineau in Quebec, Eric Loeppky had a match-high 14 points (including nine kills from 17 attacks, two blocks and three aces). Taryq Sani and Sharone Vernon-Evans had matching eight-point contributions, with seven kills apiece. Marlon Phillip had 10 points (all through kills, from 31 attacks) to top Trinidad and Tobago, which is the youngest squad in the seven-team event.

Canada converted 39 kills from 76 attacks, while Trinidad and Tobago converted 20 of 67.

"I told them step two is over – now we play Cuba, and that will be a different game," Canada coach Gino Brousseau said, referring to the match at 8 p.m. on Thursday. "Sometimes when you play a team like Cuba it is easier, in the sense that they play the same style of game as you."



Cuba tunes up serving, sweeps Guatemala at U21 men's championship

GATINEAU, Canada, July 6, 2016 – Cuba served up 13 aces, including six from co-scoring leader Jose Romero Gonzalez, while defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-10) in Group B play at the U21 NORCECA

Men's Continental Championship on Wednesday.

Romero Gonzalez (six kills, one block) and Miguel Lopez (eight kills, three aces and two blocks) each scored 13 points for Cuba (2-0), while Roamy Alonso contributed a team-high nine kills. For Guatemala (0-2), Carlos Lopez Santiago was top scorer with eight points and Erik Flores added seven.

Cuba converted 30-of-59 attacks while Guatemala converted 20-of-58. Cuba came away buoyed ahead of their likely first-place showdown against host Canada at 8 p.m. Thursday.

"We know Team Canada – they always have a good team, very tall," said Cuba outside hitter Miguel David Gutierrez, who scored four of his points on aces. "We are ready for this game ... We trained very well in Cuba for this championship."

Lopez served an ace on match point, which was appropriate to how the match played out at Centre Sportif de Gatineau.

Barbados works for win against Saint Vincent at U21 men's championship

GATINEAU, Canada, July 6, 2016 – Captain Andriy Stapleton scored 13 points to boost Barbados to a straight-sets 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-17) victory against Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Group A play at the U21 NORCECA Men's Continental Championship.

Following a see-saw opening set and a taut second, Barbados (1-1) took control against a developing and determined Saint Vincent squad. Carlos Cyrus scored 10 points (eight kills on 14 attacks, two blocks) and Ahkeem Mayers contributed eight, including two timely aces. Asmond Franklyn scored 10 points, including eight kills, to lead Saint Vincent (0-1) and Ronaldo Franklyn scored all nine of his points through kills.

Barbados, which has a bye on Thursday, will likely finish second in Group A and face the Group B third-place finisher in a quarter-final on Friday.

"Today's game we started very slowly in all three sets," said Stapleton, who had a match-high 11 kills from 22 attacks. "The passing was better [than it was against the USA on Tuesday] but not as good as it could be. We improved our serving game. This win was important since it qualified us for second."