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Canada clinches a spot in semifinals, Cuba and USA undefeated



CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Sept. 6, 2023) – Canada clinched a spot in Saturday's semifinals winning pool A, Cuba and United States undefeated on Wednesday at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

Canada overcame 22 service errors to beat Mexico 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-20) winning its three-team pool at 2-0.

Mexico will play the Dominican Republic on Thursday to determine second place.

In pool B Cuba improved to 2-0 at the NORCECA Men's Senior Continental Championship with a 3-0 (25-11, 25-19, 25-23) sweep of Suriname.

While USA can look forward to a showdown with Cuba after beating Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-12) in a NORCECA.

The United States (2-0) will play Cuba (2-0) to determine the pool winner at 7:30 p.m. ET on Thursday. The winner will advance straight to Saturday's semifinal.



Cuba 3, Suriname 0

Cuba improved to 2-0 at the NORCECA Men's Senior Continental Championship with a 3-0 (25-11, 25-19, 25-23) sweep of Suriname. Cuba hopes to sweep the pool by beating the United States in the teams' final pool play match on Thursday. Cuba led Suriname in attacks (45-29), blocks (7-3) and aces (7-1). Suriname scored 20 points on Cuba's errors and gave up 14.

Cuba outside hitters Osniel Mergarejo and Jose Miguel Gutierrez Suarez each finished with 14 points. Mergarejo scored on a match-high 12 attacks, one block and one ace. Suarez scored on eight attacks, two blocks and a match-high four aces. Suriname opposite Zefanio Brienburg led his team with 11 points on 10 spikes and one block.

Canada 3, Mexico 0

Canada overcame 22 service errors to beat Mexico 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-20). Canada won its three-team pool at 2-0. Mexico will play the Dominican Republic on Thursday to determine second place. Canada led Mexico in attacks (42-26), blocks (6-4) and aces (7-0). Mexico scored

26 points on Canada errors while giving up 20. Canada outside hitter Eric Loeppy led all scorers with 13 points on 10 attacks and a match-high three aces. Outside hitter Stephen Maar added 11 points on nine attacks, one block and one ace. Mexico opposite Luis Hernandez Baca led his team with 11 points on 10 kills and one block. Middle blocker Victor Parra Valenzuela had a match-high of three blocks.



United States 3, Puerto Rico 0

The USA can look forward to a showdown with Cuba after beating Puerto Rico on Wednesday 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-12). The United States (2-0) will play Cuba (2-0) to determine the pool winner at 7:30 p.m. ET on Thursday. The winner will advance straight to Saturday's semifinal. The U.S. led Puerto Rico in attacks (43-21), blocks (6-1) and aces (5-1).

Each team finished with 21 scoring errors. U.S. outside hitter T.J. DeFalco was the only player from either team to score in double figures, finishing with 12 points on a match-high 10 attacks with one block and one ace. The next three U.S. scorers each finished with seven points. Opposite Matt Anderson, who only played the first set, scored seven points on six kills and one ace.

Jake Hanes, who played the next two sets at opposite, scored seven points on seven kills. Middle blocker David Smith scored seven points on five kills and two blocks. Outside hitter Klistan Lawrence led Puerto Rico with seven points on seven attacks.

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