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## USA Wins NORCECA Gold for the First Time Since 2017



CHARLESTON, W.Va., USA (Sept. 10, 2023) – The United States took the gold medal at the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship for the first time since 2017 when it beat Canada 3-0 (25-20, 25-14, 25-22) on Sunday at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

The United States finished the tournament undefeated at 5-0. Canada (3-1) took the silver medal.

The U.S. led the match in attacks (44-31) and blocks (5-3) and scored 23 points on Canada's errors while committing 18. Canada held the edge in aces (4-3).

U.S. opposite Matt Anderson led all scorers with 16 points on 12 attacks, two blocks and two aces. Outside hitter Thomas Jaeschke added 12 points on 12 attacks. Aaron Russell totaled 11 points on nine attacks, one block and one ace.

Outside hitter Stephen Maar paced Canada with 12 points on 10 attacks, one block and one ace.

Cuba cruised to the bronze medal win over the Dominican Republic, 3-0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-16).

### Individual Awards

**MVP**, Micah Christenson (USA)

**1<sup>st</sup> Best Spiker**, Lawrence Vidal (PUR)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Best Spiker**, Stephen Maar (CAN)

**1<sup>st</sup> Best Blocker**, Elias Rodriguez (PUR)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Best Blocker**, Danny Demyanenko (CAN)

**Best Setter**, Luke Herr (CAN)

**Best Opposite**, Arthur Szwarc (CAN)

**Best Libero**, Hiram Bravo (MEX)

**Best Receiver**, Erik Shoji (USA)

**Best Server**, Miguel Lopez (CUB)  
**Best Digger**, Hiram Bravo (MEX)  
**Best Scorer**, Lawrence Vidal (PUR)



### Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 0

Cuba cruised to the bronze medal win over the Dominican Republic, 3-0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-16) on Sunday. Cuba finished the tournament at 4-1. The Dominican Republic (2-3) placed fourth.

Cuba led in attacks (44-28), blocks (11-0) and aces (6-1). The Dominican Republic scored 16 points on Cuba's errors and committed 14. Cuba's outside hitter Miguel Angel Lopez led all scorers with 16 points on a match-high 12 attacks, three blocks and one ace. Middle blocker Javier Concepcion added nine points on a match-high four blocks, four attacks and one ace. Outside hitter Hector Cruz led the Dominican Republic with 10 points on 10 attacks.

### Puerto Rico 3, Suriname 1

Suriname met its goal of winning a set and Puerto Rico finished the tournament with victory on Sunday. Puerto Rico beat Suriname 3-1 (25-11, 21-25, 25-19, 25-14) to finish the tournament in sixth place at 2-4.

Suriname (0-4) finished seventh. Puerto Rico led in attacks (59-41) and aces (4-1) and scored 27 points on Suriname errors while committing 20 of its own. Puerto Rico's Klistan Lawrence led all scorers with 25 points on a match-high 24 attacks and one ace. Outside hitter Axel Melendez added 10 points on 10 attacks. Opposite Zefanio Breinburg paced Suriname with 18 points on 16 attacks, one block and one ace. Outside hitter Ethan Asimia added 14 points on 11 attacks and a team-high three blocks.

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