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USA beat Cuba in five sets and advanced to Semifinals

CHARLESTON, West Virginia, USA (Sept. 7, 2023) – The USA held off a tough challenge from Cuba to win their match and their pool 3-2 (25-22, 25-17, 24-26, 22-25, 15-12) on Thursday at the NORCECA Senior Men's Continental Championship at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

The USA (3-0) advanced straight to Saturday's semifinal while Cuba (2-1) will play Mexico (0-2) in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Puerto Rico defeated Suriname 3-0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-21). Puerto Rico (1-2) finished pool play in third place and will play in Friday's quarterfinals against Dominican Republic that took second place in its three-team pool with a 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-21) win over Mexico.

Suriname (0-3) takes fourth and will play on Sunday in the match for sixth place.

Puerto Rico 3, Suriname 2

In a battle of teams looking for their first win of the NORCECA Senior Men's Continental Championship, Puerto Rico defeated Suriname 3-0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-21). Puerto Rico (1-2) will finish pool play in third place and will play in Friday's quarterfinals while Suriname (0-3) takes fourth and will play on Sunday in the match for sixth place. Suriname held leads in the first and third sets but could not hold on for a set victory. Puerto Rico led in attacks (46-34) and held an edge in aces (5-4) while Suriname led in blocks 10-6.

Puerto Rico scored 18 points on Suriname errors and gave away 10 points. Puerto Rico outside hitter Klistan Lawrence led all scorers with 19 points on a match-high 15 attacks and a match-high four aces. Outside hitter Omar Hoyos added 11 points on 11 attacks and opposite Jamal Ellis totaled 11 points on 10 kills and one block. Suriname was paced by middle blocker David Pinas with 10 points on seven attacks and three blocks. Outside hitter Keven Sporkslede added 10 points on nine attacks and one block. Middle blocker Anfernee Lee-A-Leong had a match-high four blocks.

Dominican 3, Mexico 0

The Dominican Republic took second place in its three-team pool with a 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-21) win over Mexico. Both the Dominican Republic (1-1) and Mexico (0-2) will play in Friday's quarterfinals.

The teams were well matched, with the Dominican Republic holding an edge in kills (39-38), blocks (10-7) and aces (3-0).

Mexico gave up 23 points on scoring errors while the Dominican Republic gave up 18. Mexico opposite Luis David Baca led all scorers with 20 points on a match-high 17 kills and three blocks.

However no other player for Mexico scored more than five points. Outside hitters Henry Antonio Lopez and Hector Alexis Cruz each had 14 points for the Dominican Republic. Lopez scored on 13 attacks and one block. Cruz had 11 attacks and three blocks.

United States 3, Cuba 2

The USA held off a tough challenge from Cuba to win their match and their pool 3-2 (25-22, 25-17, 24-26, 22-25, 15-12). Cuba finished the match holding an edge in kills (59-57) while the USA led in blocks (17-7) and aces (6-5).

Each team finished with 31 scoring errors. Cuba made four errors in the fifth set while the U.S. Men had two. U.S. outside hitter T.J. DeFalco led all scorers with 26 points on a match-high 19 attacks, a match-high six blocks and one ace.

Outside hitter Aaron Russell added 20 points on 17 kills, two blocks and one ace. Middle blocker Max Holt totaled 12 points on seven spikes, three blocks and two aces.

Outside hitter Marlon Yant led Cuba with 22 points on 18 kills and four blocks. Opposite Jesus Herrera added 14 points on 13 kills and one ace. Outside hitter Miguel Angel Lopez totaled 13 points on 10 kills and a match-high three aces.

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