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## NORCECA WOMEN'S OLYMPIC **UALIFIER TOURNAMENT**



### Pavan guides Canada with big bombs

Big Sarah Pavan had her best game of the tournament thus far and led Canada to a 3-0 victory over Puerto Rico in the final day of the preliminary round Cuba is 4-0 after crushing Mexico in NORCECA Women's Olympic Qualifier in Santo Domingo.

27 points and was successful in 25 of 41 attacks and Canada won 25-17, 25-22, 28-26. Bard Bellini had 12 points and Amy Tutt added 10.

the Canadian coach. "I am very proud the other side of the coin exiting the event of my team, how the girls battled all the with 0-4. Yaima Ortiz showed her overall wav."

Canada will meet the Dominican Republic in one of the two semifinal matches on Saturday. Cuba will face Puerto Rico. "We have to play the match of a lifetime to beat the Dominicans but I will see which kind of tactics we can use to surprise them," said Sawula. "My top priority is to play a steady game."

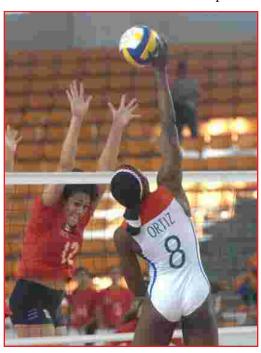
However, Tutt is not conceding the advantage to the Dominicans. "They are already talking about a match against Cuba on Sunday, but they better have to prepare for tomorrow against us," she said.

Sheila Ocasio and Eva Cruz scored 11 points apiece for Puerto Rico and Karina Ocasio added 10.

Cuba finished the preliminary round of the NORCECA Women's The lefthander Pavan scored Olympic Qualifier with an unbeaten record and is in good shape for its next compromises during the weekend in Santo Domingo.

Tonight the three time Olympic

ability with 19 points that included 10 spikes, 5 blocks and 4 serves, and Nancy Carrillo, who finished with 13, had 6 spikes, 2 blocks and 5 aces. Marta Revuelta led the Mexicans with 7 points.



Cuban Coach Luis Felipe Calderon was so confident about the victory that he did not use his ace player Yumilka Ruiz during the match."It was an easy game for us and that permitted to rest some of my key players and rotate the bench," said Calderon.

"We are prepared for the next "There is a long history of Champions had a picnic day against two rounds and hopefully get the berth battle between these two teams and I Mexico gaining the victory 25-11, 25- in the Olympics and all my players are knew that the Puerto Ricans were not 13, 25-9 in just 53 minutes. Cuba ended in good physical condition and mentally going to give up," said Lorne Sawula, with 4-0 record while the Mexicans were ready for the challenge, he said.