



Puerto Rico and Cuba lost in five sets in Day One

MEXICALI, Mexico, August 15, 2007.- Puerto Rico and Cuba lost five-setters in Day One of action at the FIVB Boys' Youth World Championship that started out on Wednesday in Mexicali and Tijuana. USA and Mexico, the other NORCECA teams taking part, lost in four and three sets respectively.

Iran defeated Puerto Rico 23-25, 25-21, 32-30, 24-26, 15-4 in a contest of 2 hours and 10 minutes in Pool D. The Iranians had 25 blocks during the match against 9 of the losing squad.

Motjaba Ghiasi and Alireza Jadidi led Begium with 23 and 20 points, and Motjaba Shaban contributed 19. For Puerto Rico, the leading scorer was Sequiel Sanchez with 18 tallies.

Meanwhile, in another match of Pool D, Poland prevailed against Cuba 25-14, 25-13, 26-28, 22-25, 15-11. Maciej Krzywiecki led Poland with 18 points and Rolando Cepeda was the top Cuban with 16. Poland had 25 blocks against 5 from the Cubans.

Argentina had five players in double figures in a 3-1 victory (25-21, 25-19, 23-25, 25-20) over USA in Pool C.

Pablo Hruby led Argentina with 17 points, Rodrigo Ronda and Facundo Conde contributed 15 and 14 respectively and Rodrigo Aschemacher and Pablo Crer chipped in 10 apiece. American Murphy Troy had 16 points.

Belgium recorded a victory in straight sets over host Mexico by scores of 25-17, 25-15, 25-22 in Pool A. The strong serves of the European team created major problems to a host team that struggled defensively.

Captain Bram Van den Dries and Kevin Klinkengerg carried the load of the winners' offence with 16 and 13 points respectively. Mexicans Francisco Enriquez and Leonardo Manzo had 12 and 10.

In other matches on Wednesday, China beat Russia in straight sets (28-26, 25-23, 25-21) in Pool C at Tijuana and India beat Tunisia by forfeit (25-0, 25-0, 25-0) by no-show. The Tunisians are scheduled for a late arrival on Thursday.

In Mexicali, in matches of Pool B, France was a 25-9, 25-20, 25-16 winner over Egypt and Brazil defeated Germany in four sets (14-25, 25-12, 25-20, 25-17).

