



USA blanked China and Puerto Rico edged Cuba

TIJUANA, Mexico, August 16, 2007.- USA recorded a big surprise by blanking China 28-26, 25-21, 25-21 in Pool C of the FIVB Boys' Youth World Championship.

Murphy Troy led the American side with 13 points and Bradley Lawson and Carson Clark each contributed 12 points to the triumph. Chinese Chen Ping had 15 tallies.

The Americans totalled 14 blocks including four each by Tyler Jaynes and setter Joseph Kauliakamoa.

The victory enabled USA to even its record at 1-1 tied with China. Argentina leads the pool with 2-0 mark and Russia fell to 0-2.

In the other match in Tijuana involving a NORCECA team, Tunisia prevailed over Mexico in five sets in a match of Pool A.

The Africans won by scores of 25-23, 24-26, 25-23, 21-25, 15-11. Chokri Jouini led the winners with 20 points and Elyes Karamosly added 17. Others in double figures for Tunisia were Ismail Moalla and Housseem Kallel with 15 and 12 respectively.

Mexico had five players in double digits in Juan Arriola (17), Leonardo Manzo (15), Martin Petris (14), Daniel Noriega (13) and Ricardo Yopez (11).

Meanwhile in Mexicali, in a tough battle between Caribbean teams in Pool D, Puerto Rico came back from two sets down to defeat Cuba 17-25, 20-25, 26-24, 25-19, 15-13. It was the second match of five sets for both teams who lost one day earlier to

Iran and Poland respectively.

Ulises Maldonado led Puerto Rico with 18 points, Emanuel Batista had 15 and Omar Rivera and Edgardo Gonzalez each contributed 11 points with Gonzalez scoring 9 blocks. Cuban Rolando Cepeda led all the scorers with 22, Wilfredo Leon and Osmel Camejo scored 16 apiece and Yanier Mederos had 11.

En Tijuana, India defeated Belgium 23-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-21 in Pool A and Argentina defeated Russia 27-25, 18-25, 25-21, 28-26 in Pool C.

In Mexicali, Iran edged Poland in a spectacular thriller 21-25, 25-21, 25-19, 24-26, 25-23 in Pool D. In action of Pool B, Germany defeated France 25-15, 25-18, 16-25, 24-26, 15-13 and Brazil beat Egypt 25-21, 25-20, 25-23.

