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## Cuba and Canada qualify to the semifinals



CORDOBA, Mexico, October 7, 2015 - Cuba and Canada became semifinalists at the Norceca Men's Continental Championship after finishing as leaders in their respective Pools.

Canada defeated Puerto Rico to close as leaders in Pool A, while Cuba won against hosts Mexico to define the Pool B top position. Meanwhile, Costa Rica claimed their first victory after beating Trinidad and Tobago in four sets.

### Canada 3-0 Puerto Rico

Canada defeated Puerto Rico in straight sets by scores of 25-23, 25-17, 25-23 and secured a spot in the Top Four teams at the Norceca Men's Continental Championship.

John Gordon Perrin scored 15 points for Canada and Nicholas Hoag 11, while Eddie Rivera finished with 6 points for Puerto Rico. Canada out-blocked Puerto Rico 8-5 while both teams finished tied in aces 2-2.

### Cuba 3-0 Mexico

Cuba defeated Mexico in straight sets and became the second team that advanced to the semifinals. Scores were 25-18, 25-17 and 25-14. Osmany Uriarte tallied 13 points for Cuba while Rolando Cepeda notched 9. For Mexico, Ivan Marquez finished with 5. Cuba overcame Mexico in blocks 11-2 and Mexico worked hard with their service and finished 3-2. However Ricardo Calvo aced twice for the Caribbean team that advanced automatically to Top Four.

### Costa Rica 3-1 Trinidad and Tobago

Costa Rica claimed their first victory at Norceca Men's Continental Championship after beating Trinidad and Tobago in four sets in Pool B by scores of 20-25, 25-18, 25-23, and 25-21. Richard Smith who recorded 25 units, including four aces, while Julio Alvarez was their second best man with 12 points.

Trinidad and Tobago had three players with double digit, after his captain Ryan Stewart closed with 19 points and Simon Blake with 17. Meanwhile, Brandon Legall had 12.

