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Cuba and Canada to play for Gold

CORDOBA, Mexico, October 9, 2015 - Cuba and Canada will play for the gold medal at the Norceca Men's Continental Championship final after grabbing victories in the semifinals.

Canada overcame after a 1-2 adverse advantage and won the semifinal match against Mexico in five sets by scores of 20-25, 25-16, 18-25, 25-17 and 15 to play for the gold medal at the Norceca Men's Continental Championship.

Mexico dominated in the first and third set, however Canada knew how to react in the fourth and forced a tiebreaker.

John Gordon Perrin finished as top scorer with 21 points, while Nicholas Hoag scored 19 (2 aces) and Daniel Jansen Vandoorn, concluded with 14.

For México Jorge Barajas notched 13 points, while Nestor Orellana scored 12 (2 aces) and Gonzalo Ruiz also finished with 12. Canada prevailed over México in blocks (15-4) and México closed with a slight advantage in team aces (5-4).

Cuba 3-1 Puerto Rico

Rolando Cepeda scored 24 points in the four-setter victory of Cuba against Puerto Rico Cuba won 3-1 (20-25, 25-20, 25-23 and 25-22) after 2 hours and 20 minutes of playing time to become the first finalist of the tournament. Along with Cepeda, Ernesto Javier Jimenez Scull figured with double digits after scoring 12 points, while Livan Osoria and Tomas Sosa tallied 11 apiece. For Puerto Rico, captain Hector Soto scored 13 points and Maurice Torres finished with 10.

Honduras 3-2 Costa Rica

Honduras finished in fifth place after a five setter win against Costa Rica by scores of 25-23, 20-25, 23-25, 25-21 and 15 -6. The team coached by Cuban Marcos Tejeda had three players with double digits as Frank Alley scored 25 points, while Jorge Rivera closed with 16 and captain Luis Salgado with 14. Meanwhile, Costa Rica, had four with more than ten units. Richard Smith Hall recorded 25 points, while Julio Alberto Alvarez closed with 14. Alberto Blanco and Captain Javier Alvarez recorded 10 apiece.

