



The Celebration starts at the Cordoba Arena

CORDOBA, Mexico, October 6, 2015 - The activities of the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship had also a special touch on second day.

This happened after the official opening ceremony of the competition at the Cordoba Arena, where authorities and fans were present, along with the Vidanza Folk Ballet that performed some traditional dances from the Veracruz region. Also a Rock mini-concert took part by the local band Revolver.

In the competition Cuba and Mexico grabbed important victories to remain undefeated 2-0. While Puerto Rico debuted with a win over Honduras.

Puerto Rico 3-0 Honduras

Puerto Rico prevailed over Honduras 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-13) to open their participation with a victory in Pool A. Maurice Torres, Mannix Roman and Sequiel Sanchez closed as top scorers for Puerto Rico after scoring 9 points apiece. Ornello Watler was the best scorer for Honduras, after finishing with seven points. Puerto Rico overcame Honduras in serves 3-0 and 5-3 in blocks and surrendered 20 points in errors, against 26 by Honduras.

Cuba 3-0 Trinidad and Tobago

Cuba defeated Trinidad and Tobago in straight sets to grab their second victory in Pool B. The team coached by Rodolfo Sanchez won 25-11, 25-13 and 25-12 with a blocking and service dominance. Cuba served 10 aces against none by Trinidad and Tobago, and also finished with a 9-1 blocking advantage. Rolando Cepeda closed as top scorer for Cuba with 9 points, followed by Javier Ernesto Jimenez Scull, who finished with 8. Meanwhile, Ryan Stewart scored five for the Trinidadians.

Mexico 3-0 Costa Rica

Also in straight sets, Mexico won against Costa Rica to keep their undefeated streak. Nestor Orellana topped with 13 points and six blocks. Guerson Acosta also recorded six blocking points in the 3-0 win over the Central American team. Scores were 25-21, 25-18, and 25-19. Captain Jorge Barajas also contributed with 9 points for Mexico, while Richard Smith Hall finished with 10 for the Costa Rican squad that showed a good serving strategy and even finished 3-1 in this department duel, with 2 aces by Julio Alvarez.

