

Battle for semifinals berths in Havana

HAVANA, Cuba, August 28, 2018 – Four undefeated teams will battle today for the top positions of their respective pools in the U21 NORCECA Men’s Continental Championship. The pool winners advance directly to the semifinals.

Host Cuba will meet the representative from Dominican Republic for the supremacy in Pool A while Pool B features the battle of United States and Canada.



Cuba 3, Barbados 0

Cuba defeated Barbados 3-0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-11) in Group A and became the fourth undefeated team. There was contribution from all the players, although Julio C. Cárdenas (11) and the opposite José Romero (10) achieved double digits. For the opponents the one who scored the most was wing spiker Akeel Stoute (9).

United States 3, Haiti 0

The United States beat Haiti 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-17) and added the second victory in Group B. All players of the United States gave a great general offensive contribution, led by the opposite Jaylen Jaspas (12) and the corners Devin Joslyn and John Reilly (10). For their rivals, only the opposite Jean Bayol and central defender Olando Joseph could score 7 each.

Canada 3, Nicaragua 0

Canada hurt Nicaragua with their powerful services to seal the victory in straight sets of 25-16, 25-20 and 25-11 in Group B.

Once again, the Canadian technical staff sent all the players to the field, who in some way contributed to a well-distributed offensive, led by Xander Ketrzynski with 12 points.

Dominican Republic 3, Guatemala 0

Dominican Republic beat Guatemala 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-22) and added its second victory.

In this challenge of group A stood out the wing spiker Bayron Valdez, who contributed to the winning team 23 points, while teammates, the wing spiker Jairo Pérez and the center Dawilín Méndez contributed 11 and 10 units, respectively.