

## Favorites win opening matches of NORCECA U21

HAVANA, Cuba, August 27, 2018 – All favorites won their respective matches in straight sets in day one of the NORCECA U21 Men’s Continental Championship at Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum in Havana.



### Dominican Republic 3, Barbados 0

Dominican Republic opened with triumph over Barbados 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-21). Captain Bayron Valdéz was the top scorer of the match with 20 points, while the Barbadians added double digits Akeel Oxley (15) and Akeil Williams (11).

### Canada 3, Haiti 0

Canada enjoyed the victory twice as it was their international debut in the age-group and did it in straight sets against Haiti 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-18). The North Americans had a fairly distributed offense, in which stood out center Fynnian McCarthy and opposite Xander Ketrznski, both with 13 points, as well as wing spiker Michael Dowhaniuk, who added 12. For the losing team Philippe Bayol was the only one with double digits with a 10 tally.



### United States 3, Nicaragua 0

The United States reacted early to contain the impetus Nicaragua in straight sets 3- 0 (25-23, 25-15, 25-15). The opposite Jaylen Jasper was the top scorer of the game with 18 points, while wing attacker John Reilly made another good contribution with 15. For the opponents the slender Jonny Zeledón was the leading

scorer with 9.

### Cuba 3, Guatemala 0

Cuba utilized all its men against Guatemala to achieve a comfortable 3-0 win (25-17, 25-18, 25-13). The wing spiker José M. Gutiérrez was the top scorer (11), escorted by also wing spiker Julio Cárdenas and the opposite José Romero, both with 10 units.

