



Newsletter



Cuba, United States and Mexico unbeaten

DURANGO, Mexico, August 19, 2021. - Cuba, United States and Mexico remain unbeaten at the Men's NORCECA Continental Championship in Durango, Mexico.

Cuba defeated Guatemala 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-19), opposite Jake Hanes scored a tournament-high of 28 points to lead the U.S. over Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-18, 26-24) and Mexico recovered from losing the first set to Puerto Rico 3-1 (20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-18).

Cuba and United States will play for first place in pool B to advance directly into semifinals; while Mexico is the only unbeaten in pool A.

Pool-play finishes on Friday with Puerto Rico vs Trinidad and Tobago (0-2), Dominican Republic vs Guatemala (0-2), United States vs Cuba (2-0) and Mexico vs Canada (1-1).

Canada 3, Trinidad and Tobago 0

Canada claimed their first victory in pool A defeating Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-14) on the second day of competition. Canada's strength in attacks was able to break Trinidad and Tobago's good blocking, leading with a huge 40-17 margin; they also led in serves 8-2. Trinidad and Tobago held a slim 7-6 margin in blocks and committed 21 errors against 28 from Canada. Outside hitter Brandon Kippers scored a match-high of 15 points, joined by Xander Ketrzynski with 11 points

helping Canada to even their win-loss record 1-1 in pool A. Outside hitter Daynte Stewart was Trinidad and Tobago top scorer with 9 points; they stand with 0-2 record.

Cuba 3, Guatemala 0

Cuba on the right track in pool B after defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-19). Cuba's strength in attacks and blocks subdued Guatemala's good overall efforts; Cuba held a huge 35-18 margin in attacks and 12-4 in the blocking category; both teams scored 4 points from the service line.

Guatemala committed fewer errors than Cuba (24-37). Outside hitter Julio César Cárdenas led Cuba's scorers with 12 points on 9 attacks, two blocks and one ace, alongside middle blocker José Israel Masso with 11 points including 8 attacks and two blocks.

Outside hitter Yohan Leon contributed with 9 points. On Guatemala's side, outside hitter Carlos López scored 9 points on 6 attacks, two blocks and one ace, followed by outside hitter Gerardo González with 7 points on 5 attacks and two blocks.

United States 3, Dominican Republic 1

Opposite Jake Hanes scored a tournament-high of 28 points to lead the U.S. over Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-18, 26-24). Jake Hanes led with 28 points on 21 kills, one block and 6 aces, followed by outside hitter Brett Wildman and middle blocker Tyler Mitcham with 15 points each.

United States improved their win-loss record 2-0 in pool B overpowering Dominican Republic 57-32 in attacks, 12-7 in blocks, 9-3 in aces and scoring on 43 opponent errors while committing 21.

With 10 tallies each, outside hitter Henry López and opposite Henry Tapia led Dominican Republic's scorers, Dawilin Mendez added 8 points.

Mexico 3, Puerto Rico 1

Mexico improved their record 2-0 defeating Puerto Rico 3-1 (20-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-18) in pool A. Led by outside hitter Josué López with 20 points on 14 kills, 3 blocks and 3 aces, Mexico came back from losing the first set and snatching an important win to remain the only unbeaten team in pool A. Also contributing in Mexico's victory, opposite Diego Gonzalez contributed with 16 points all on kills and outside hitter Jorge Hernández collected 11 points on 8 kills and 3 blocks. Opposite Gabriel García led Puerto Rico with 18 points on 15 attacks and 3 aces, followed by middle blocker Pedro Nieves and outside hitter Pedro Molina with 7 points each. Despite allowing 40 points on unforced errors, Mexico's 12-1 huge margin in blocks was crucial, along with 48-40 advantage in attacks and 6-4 in serves. Puerto Rico limited their errors to 29 points.