Dominicans win terrific duel against Puerto Rico

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, September 3, 2021 – Host Dominican Republic came out winner of a hard-fought battle against Puerto Rico to close the actions of Day One at the Men's Volleyball Pan American Cup on Friday night.

Henry Tapia and Hector Cruz registered 26 and 23 points to lead the 3-1 (31-29, 31-33, 27-25, 27-25) Dominican Republic's victory in the contest that lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes.

Puerto Rico's Jair Santiago finished with a match-high 30 points, including five blocks. Pedro Molina and Kevin Lopez each had 12 points in the losing effort.



Canada 3, Suriname 0

Canada defeated Suriname in straightsets 3-0 (25-7, 30-28, 25-20) to open the Volleyball Men's Pan American Cup at Ricardo Arias Pavilion on Friday.



After a one-sided first set, the team of Suriname recovered to play a close match the rest of the way. The stronger serves of the Canadian team were the main difference (11-4).

Jackson Howe led Canada with 16 points, including 4 blocks and Jordan Schnitzer added 11 with 4 aces. Zefanio Breinburg topped Suriname with 12 tallies.

USA 3, Mexico 0

United States beat Mexico in straight sets 3-0 (25-17, 29-27, 25-20) in the second match of the opening day.

The Americans came back from a 21-14 deficit in the second set and then resisted at 24-18 before tying the score and pocketing the set.

Shane Holdaway and Francesco Sani each scored three blocks and finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Josue Lopez had 10 points for Mexico followed by Diego González with 8.









