

USA claim top place in preliminary round



SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, September 7, 2021 – United States qualified in first position of the standings at the Men's Volleyball Pan American Cup after winning a close match against Canada 3-2 (21-25, 25-18, 31-29, 18-25, 15-13) on Tuesday.

Grant Sloane led United States with 17 points followed by Cole Gillis (14), Merrit McHenry (12) and Shane Holdaway (10).

Canada's Brodie Hofer and Jesse Elser each tallied 24 points as top scorers in the match while Isaiah Olfert and Jackson Howe finished with 12 apiece.

Mexico 3, Dominican Republic 2

Mexico edged Dominican Republic 3-2 (25-18, 21-25, 19-25, 25-18, 15-13) to close the preliminary round. Both teams finished with 3-2 record but the

Dominicans claimed the third position with 15 points to 14 of Mexico.



In Wednesday's semifinals United States will meet Mexico and Canada will face Dominican Republic.

Diego Gonzalez led Mexico with 26 points, followed by Josué López and Jorge Hernández with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Dominican Henry Tapia recorded a tournament-high 32 points in the losing effort, while Alexis Cruz finished with 20.



Puerto Rico 3, Suriname 1

Puerto Rico defeated Suriname 3-1 (25-14. 21-25, 25-15, 25-10) in a match between winless teams. These

two teams will meet again on Wednesday in the contest for the fifth position before the two semifinal matches.

Jair Santiago and Ismael Alomar led the attack of Puerto Rico with 14 and 11 points, respectively, while Pedro Molina added 9 in the victory.

Keven Spokslede and Zefanio Breinburg were the main scorers for Suriname with 13 and 11 points, respectively.



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