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Mexico qualifies to FIVB Challenger Cup and Argentina Ung MVP at NORCECA Final Four

NOGALES, Sonora, June 19, 2022.- Mexico qualified to the 2023 FIVB Challenger Cup winning the NORCECA Women's Final Four, and Argentina Ung was named the Most Valuable Player on Sunday at Nogales, Sonora.

Mexico defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-22) and concluded the event with a perfect 3-0 record and 15 points.

Cuba (2-1) finished in second place with 10 points and Puerto Rico (1-2) third place with 5 points.

Setter Argentina Ung of Mexico was named the Most Valuable and the **Best Setter** along with other players recognized for their individual performance: **1st Best Spiker** Thainalien Castillo (CUB); **2nd Best Spiker** Samantha Bricio (MEX); **1st Best Blocker** Karina Flores (MEX); **2nd Best Blocker** Jocelyn Urias (MEX); **Best Opposite** Dezirett Madan (CUB); **Best Libero/Digger** Paula Cerame (PUR); **Best Receiver** Joseline Landeros (MEX); **Best Server** Claudia



Tarin (CUB); **Best Scorer** Victoria Sofia (PUR).

Cuba 3, Costa Rica 0

Cuba topped Costa Rica in straight sets 3-0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-15). Cuba finished the event with 2-1 record and 10 points and will have to wait for their final position after the result between Mexico and Puerto Rico. Costa Rica finished 0-3. Cuba outnumbered Costa Rica by a huge 14-2 margin in blocks, 38-29 in attacks, as well as a 5-1 margin in serves. Cuba committed fewer unforced errors (13-18) than Costa Rica. Cuban captain Thainalien Castillo Leyva produced 11 points on 8 kills, one block and two aces, accompanied by opposite hitter Dezirett Madain with 10 points on 7 kills, two blocks and one ace, and outside hitter Claudia Tarin with 9 points. Outside hitter Tamara Espinoza led Costa Rica with 7 points all on kills, opposite hitter Ana Victoria Rojas and outside hitter Maria Sofia Arroyo contributed with 6 points each.

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