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## Barbados scores biggest surprise on opening day at U21

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, July 29, 2014 – The 2014 edition of the biennial NORCECA Men's U21 Continental Championship served off at Palacio de los Deportes in El Salvador on Tuesday with teams of United States and Puerto Rico scoring cruising to victories.

Cuba hold off a strong reaction from a relentless Mexico before winning in four sets and Barbados silenced the crowd in the nightcap with a surprising four-set triumph over hosts El Salvador.

The top two ranked sides at the end of the ten-team competition will be granted spots in next year's FIVB U21 Men's World Championship to take place in several cities of Mexico.

### Barbados 3, El Salvador 1

Barbados scored a big upset victory over hosts El Salvador 25-21, 15-25, 25-17, 25-20. Jabarry Goodridge led the winners with 19 points while Captain Ammuniki Wood added 11 points. Andrly Stapleton chipped in with 10 points. El Salvador's Captain Samuel Valdez had match-high 20 points followed by Mauricio Rivas with 14. Barbados scored 29 points on El Salvador errors while committing 35. Barbados led in kills (45-32) and aces (4-2) while El Salvador had the advantage in blocks (14-12).

### Cuba 3, Mexico 1

Cuba beat 3-1 Mexico (25-17, 25-13, 23-25, 25-16) in a hard battle of Pool C. Abraham Alfonso and Osmany Uriarte led all scorers with 18 points apiece for Cuba while Mexico's Enrique Ugalde charted ten points. Cuba led in attacks 53-26, blocks 8-4 and aces 8-3. Cuba gave away 38 points via unforced errors with Mexico finishing with 29.

### Puerto Rico 3, St. Lucia 0

Puerto Rico crushed Saint Lucia, 25-10, 25-15, 25-10 on Tuesday to open Pool B actions. Four Puerto Rican players -Roberto Pérez, Jon Rivera, Reyli Calderón and Jassiel Cruz- all finished with 6 points. Anfernee Ferdinand and Keiran President also had six points for Saint Lucia. Puerto Rico also led in kills (36-18) and aces (8-1) and scored 27 points on Saint Lucia's errors while committing 18.

### United States 3, Nicaragua 0

The United States defeated Nicaragua 25-12, 25-13, 25-20 on Tuesday in a Pool C match.

U.S. outside hitter Brenden Sander led all scorers with nine points, six with spikes and two aces while middle blocker Jeffrey Jendryk II added eight points with both them playing only in two sets. Outside hitter Josue Castillo paced Nicaragua with six points on five attacks and one ace. United States led in kills (38-19) and blocks (5-1). Nicaragua scored on 24 errors opponent's errors but committed 27.

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