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Cuba and Canada earn ticket to semifinals

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, July 31, 2014 – Cuba and Canada advanced to the semifinals of the NORCECA U21 Men's Continental Championship as pool winners with better point-ratios at the conclusion of the preliminary phase of the event.

Barbados, the other pool winner, will play in the quarterfinals along with the second placed teams in pool play.

Cuba (3-0) had a point-ratio (1.710) and Canada (2-0) finished at 1.414, while Barbados (2-0) had a 1.120 balance of points earned and allowed.

In Friday's quarterfinals, El Salvador meets United States while Puerto Rico challenges Barbados.

Cuba 3, Nicaragua 0
Osniel Rendon led Cuba to a 3-0 victory over Nicaragua 25-6, 25-11, 25-10 to secure first place in Pool C, and a direct ticket to the semifinals. Rendon scored 15 points leading Cuba's offense that included 34 spikes, eight blocks and eight aces. Nicaragua couldn't play against the tall and talented Cuba. Roberto Espinoza got six points for Nicaragua.

Canada 3, Puerto Rico 2
Canada overcame Puerto Rico in a five-set battle 25-23, 25-27, 25-23, 23-25 '3f' '3f, 15-10 to claim first place in Group B and the second ticket to the semifinals. Brandon Koppers led Canada with 18 points, Lucas Coleman was next with 14, Blake Scheerhoorn added 13 and Ryan Ninkifor chipped in with 11 points. Puerto Rico's Roberto Perez

had a tournament-high 34 points.

United States 3, Mexico 1
United States defeated Mexico 3-1 (25-18, 25-21, 17-25, 25-11) to capture second place in Pool C and a berth in the quarterfinals. Storm Faagata-Tufuga and Brenden Sander registered 20 and 15 points, respectively, to lead the offensive charts of the winners. Alan Martinez and Ivan Molano were the best Mexican scorers with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

El Salvador 3, Honduras 1
El Salvador won 3-1 a hard-fought battle against Honduras, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23, 25-19 on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals. The blocking was the key for El Salvador, with Samuel Valdez as their best scorer with 29 points on 22 kills, two aces and five blocks. Mauricio Rivas added 20 points on 16 attacks and one ace. El Salvador led in blocks (16-2) and aces (3-2). William Thompson led Honduras with 18 points and Ornelo Watler totaled 14 points.



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