



Canada and Cuba to meet for the ticket to Rio

EDMONTON, Canada, January 9, 2016 – Canada and Cuba, the top two ranked teams in the competition, will meet on Sunday for the ticket to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games available at the NORCECA Men's Qualification Tournament.

Both teams won their Saturday matches in straight sets with Canada downing Puerto Rico and Cuba blanking Mexico.

Canada 3, Puerto Rico 0

Hosts Canada advanced one step closer to the 2016 Rio Olympics Games by defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-16, 25-22, 25-23) in the second day of actions.

John Gordon Perrin and Daniel Jansen Vandoorn led the Canadian offense with 14 and 10 points, respectively while Dallas Soonias and Toontje Van Lankvelt each contributed nine tallies.

Maurice Torres was the best scorer of Puerto Rico with 14 points, followed by Sequiel Sanchez with nine points.

The winners dominated their opponents in all facets of the game with a 42-29 advantage in kills, 11-5 in blocks, including six by Jansen Vandoorn, and 5-3 in aces with Tyler Sanders landing three winners from the service line.

Cuba 3, Mexico 0

Cuba best Mexico in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-23) moving to a decisive match against hosts Canada for the ticket to the Olympic Games.

Osmany Uriarte led a balanced attack with 15 points as the only player in the match who reached double digits in the scoring charts. Rolando Cepeda was next with 9 points and Luis Tomas Sosa added seven in the victory.

Mexico's Jorge Barajas, Nestor Orellana and Samuel Cordova finished with 8 points apiece in the losing effort.

Cuba held the advantage in kills 35-28 and also in blocks 6-4 and in aces 7-3 with Ricardo Calvo and Uriarte scoring with three service winners apiece.



