



Dominican Republic crowned again at NORCECA U-18



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, September 7, 2016 - Dominican Republic achieved its second consecutive U-18 continental title by defeating the United States in dramatic fashion.

The Dominicans rallied from a 0-2 deficit to beat the United States in five sets by scores of 18-25, 17-25, 25-22, 25-20, and 15-13.

Natalie Martinez, named as the Most Valuable Player, was the best scorer with 29 points and Madeline Guillen contributed 22 in the victory.

"I am thrilled to achieve this second consecutive title. It was great match and we managed to recover to achieve victory" said Alexandre Ceccato, coach of Dominican Republic.

Mexico 3, Puerto Rico 0

Mexico defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 to finish in third place. Mexican controlled the match from start to finish and achieved the victory with scores 25-20, 25-18, 25-19. Uxue Guereca led Mexico with 15 points, followed by Daniela Siller and Karla Mireles who finished with 10 points each.

Costa Rica 3, Guatemala 1

In a fought match Costa Rica beat Guatemala 3-1 to claim the fifth place. The Costa Ricans lost the first set but then pressed with their experience as Central American champions to prevail 21-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-23. Tamara Espinoza from Costa Rica again led the scoring with 21 points.

Barbados 3, French St. Martin 0

Barbados defeated French St. Martin in a Caribbean contest for seventh place. The CAZOVA monarchs cruised to a victory by scores of 25-12, 25-4, 25-8. Reanna James of Barbados was the best scorer of the match with 12 points

