



Favorites win on Day One at NORCECA U18

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, September 2, 2016 - The opening day of the NORCECA Girls' U18 Championship passed without major surprises when all the favorites achieved victories at Pedrin Zorrilla Coliseum in San Juan on Friday.

Two tickets to next year's FIVB U18 World Championship to be held in Argentina are available at the eight-team competition.

The preliminary round-robin continues on Saturday with four matches starting at 14:00 local time.

Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico opened the NORCECA U-18 Championship beating Costa Rica in Pool A action. Mexico controlled the match (25-20, 25-16, 25-16) needing only 78 minutes for their first win of the tournament. Daniela Siller and Uxue Guereca led the winners with 17 and 12 points, respectively. Isla Johnson had 12 for Costa Rica.



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Dominican Republic 3, Barbados 0

Defending champions Dominican Republic had four players in double digits to beat Barbados 3-0 in the Pool B action. The Dominicans, who won the title two years ago in Costa Rica defeated the monarchs of CAZOVA (25-10, 25-13, 25-13). Liliani Feliz led the Dominican offense with 15 points. Natalia Martinez added 14, while Jasmine Guillen and Stephani González contributed 10 points each. For Barbados, Ashley Jordan finished four points.



Puerto Rico 3, French St Martin 0

Puerto Rico recorded 31 aces in a quick victory 3-0 over French St. Martin in the nightcap of first day. Puerto Rico dominated the match (25-5, 25-4, 25-4) against an inexperienced Caribbean squad that was making their first appearance at this level. Lorraine Lopez led Puerto Rico with 11 points (7 aces) and Aline Rios had six points, all by services.



United States 3, Guatemala 0

United States relied on powerful service and offense to beat Guatemala (25-12, 25-12, 25-10) in Pool B action. United States spoiled Guatemalan reception achieving 19 aces and also controlled the offensive attacks 34-9. USA's Brooklyn Schirmer was the best scorer with 13 points, Kendall Kipp added 10. For Guatemala, Arianne

