



Dominican Republic, Cuba and USA undefeated at NORCECA U20

FORT LAUDERDALE, United States, July 27, 2016. - Dominican Republic, Cuba and USA are undefeated at the conclusion of day two of the NORCECA Women's U-20 Continental Championship in Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dominicans and Cubans remain unbeaten with 2-0 record, beating in consecutive sets Haiti and Costa Rica respectively. The Caribbean squads will meet to decide group A winner. The home team took down Puerto Rico in group B, remaining unbeaten.

Group winners will earn a bye into the semifinals to be held on Saturday, while second and third places will play the quarterfinal round on Friday.

Preliminary round resumes on Thursday starting with Haiti (0-2) against Costa Rica (0-2), followed by Puerto Rico (1-1) facing French St. Martin (0-2), Dominican Republic (2-0) and Cuba (2-0) will continue, and United States (2-0) takes on Mexico (1-1).



difference in physical conditions was a crucial factor Cuba's victory over Costa Rica. Cubans prevailed with 40-13 margin in spikes, 6-0 in blocking and 11-0 in serves. Outside hitter Diaris Perez led Cuba's scorers with 13 points, followed by middle blocker Laura Suarez with 12 points and setter Dalila Palma with 10 points.



Mexico 3, French St. Martin 0
Mexico won their first match while beating French St. Martin 3-0 (25-7, 25-3, 25-8). Mexico had little resistance from the French St. Martin girls to improve their win-loss record 1-1 in group B. Mexico's serves were unstoppable with a huge 24-2 advantage, as well as in spikes 26-1. Mexico benefited from 23 opponent errors and committed 14. Opposite Kathya Garcia and middle blocker Yerania Gutierrez of Mexico were the top scorers with 13 and 10 points respectively. Karina Flores added 9 points for the winners.



Dominican Republic 3, Haiti 0
Dominican Republic beat Haiti 3-0 (25-15, 25-6, 25-10) for their second straight victory. Haiti had several good defense actions applauded by the fans at the Don Taft University Center while trying to keep up with Dominican Republic's strength over the net. Dominican Republic (2-0) remains undefeated in group B, mostly using its reserve players. Dominican Republic held advantage in kills (40-18), in blocks (6-0) and in serves (11-1). Dominicans committed 12 unforced errors and Haiti a total of 18. With 16 points, 15

on kills and one block, Dominican Vielka Peralta was the best scorer of the match; accompanied by Natalia Martinez with 12 points, 11 on kills and one block, while Lisbeth Rosario added 10 points. Solaida Pierre led Haiti with 10 points, all on kills.

Cuba 3, Costa Rica 0
Cuba beat Costa Rica 3-0 (25-9, 25-9, 25-10) and will play Dominican Republic for group A top spot. Cuba and Dominican Republic, both unbeaten (2-0), will battle to decide the winner of a bye into the semifinals round, while Costa Rica (0-2) faces Haiti (0-2) as preliminary round resumes. The

United States 3, Puerto Rico 1
United States blocking controlled Puerto Rico 3-1 (25-15, 23-25, 25-15, 25-20). United States won the first set dominating Puerto Rico with consecutive blocks Stephany Samedy and Brionne Butler, while Dariana Hollingsworth carried Puerto Rico on winning set two. The home team stormed past Puerto Rico managing total control in sets three and four. United States depended on their effective blocking, with a huge 16-3 margin. In other skills, the numbers were very close; USA did better in spikes 50-47 and Puerto Rico in serves 7-4. The home team benefited from Puerto Rico's 28 unforced, while they committed 18. Middle blocker Brionne Butler and outside hitter Dawn Sun led USA's scorers with 16 points apiece, while Taryn Knuth and Elizabeth Hall tallied 9 each. Puerto Rico's Dariana Hollingsworth topped all scorers with 20 points and Ivania Ortiz added 13 points.

