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Canada sweeps Puerto Rico to clinch spot in semifinals



QUEBEC CITY, Canada. August 30, 2023 : Canada swept Puerto Rico to earn a bye into semifinals at the 2023 **NORCECA** Women's Senior Volleyball Continental Championship in Quebec, Canada, which runs from August 29 to September 3 at PEPS' **Amphithéatre** Desjardins-Université Laval.

Canada beat Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-23), marking their second sweep in

Dominican Republic now 2-0 after win over Costa Rica Dominican Republic has two wins in Group B after sweeping

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In Group B, United Sates and Dominican Republic remained undefeated, they will meet on Thursday to determine first place and a direct ticket into semifinals.

Cuba succumbs to USA on day two of the NORCECA Championships

Team USA's strong offense was too much for a young Cuban squad today.

USA won 3-0 (25-8, 25-17, 25-14) — earning 43 points on attack; compared with 20 by Cuba. Cuba led in blocking 5-2, but USA led in aces 6-1. USA picked up 24 points from Cuba's errors, compared with 13.

US opposite Andrea Drews led scoring with 15 points and was named "player of the game."

USA is 2-0 in Group B with one remaining match vs Dominican Republic on Thursday night; Cuba is 0-2 and faces Costa Rica next.



1) and made fewer errors (11-19)

Dominican players Candida Arias, Vielka Peralta, Madeline Guillén shared top scoring honors with 10

points apiece. Outside hitter Tamara Espinoza Rojas led Costa Rica with 8 points.

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Canada won their second-straight match of the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women's Volleyball Continental Championship in Quebec City, earning a bye to the semifinals on September 2.

Despite a hard push from Puerto Rico in the third and ultimately final set, the Canadians took the match 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-23), marking their second sweep in as many games. With the win, Canada clinched first place in Group A, allowing them to move past the quarterfinals and into the top-four. They'll now see how the results play out over the next two days of the tournament before finding out who they'll face in the semifinals.

Captain Alexa Gray led scoring with 12, followed closely by Emily Maglio and Kiera Van Ryk with 11.

Canada led in both attacks (35-29) and block points (14-6), while Puerto Rico had one more ace than Canada 2-1.

On the Puerto Rican roster, it was Neira Ortiz, Elaine Vazquez Rivera, Pilar Marie Victoria, who carried the team in points with eight apiece.









