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Dominican Republic wins epic match over USA for Gold

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA. Sept. 03, 2023: In a thrilling final, Dominican Republic upset USA for gold in five sets: 3-2 (12-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19, 15-13) at the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women's Volleyball Continental Championship at the PEPS' Amphithéâtre Desjardins-Université Laval.

After beating Canada in the semis yesterday, the "Reinas Del Caribe" excited the crowd coming back after a poor showing in the first set against the reigning Olympic gold medalists, only to win the second. It was then back and forth, with USA leading in attack 60-53, Dominican led in blocking (9-8). USA had 7 aces compared with 3 for the winning side. USA lost more points to errors 31-28.

Jordan Thompson led all scoring with 21 points – 17 from attack, 3 blocks, and a serve. Brayelin Martinez contributed 20 points – 18 from attack, and 2 blocks.

Both teams now enter the Olympic Qualification tournaments later this month.

Canada won bronze over Cuba earlier in the day.

- MVP: Dominican Republic #5 Brenda Castillo
- 1st Best Spiker: Canada #3 Kiera Van Ryk
- 2nd Best Spiker: Canada #9 Alexa Gray
- 1st Best Blocker: Puerto Rico #12 Neima Ortiz
- 2nd Best Blocker: Canada #19 Emily Maglio
- Best Receiver: USA #4 Justine Wong-Orantes
- Best Server: Dominican Republic #3 Lisvel Eve Mejia
- Best Digger: Dominican Republic #5 Brenda Castillo
- Best Setter: Canada #13 Brie King
- Best Libero: Dominican Republic #5 Brenda Castillo
- Best Opposite: USA #12 Jordan Thompson
- Best Scorer: Puerto Rico #16 Paola Santiago



Canada wins the bronze at the Women's Continental Championship

Canada pleased its sold-out home crowd today, winning the bronze medal 3-1(25-21, 25-17, 17-25, 25-16) over Cuba.

Canada's offense produced 53 attack points, compared with 47 for Cuba; dominated in blocking (16-8). Cuba led in service aces 7-5 and errors were 17-18 in Canada's favor.

Kiera Van Ryk of Canada again led all scoring with 24 points; followed by teammates Jazmine White (14, including 6 blocks), Hilary Howe (10) and Emily Maglio (10).

Greisy Fine led Cuba in scoring with 16 points. Cuba finishes fourth overall.

Puerto Rico is sixth at the Continental Championship

Puerto Rico capped off the 2023 NORCECA Senior Women's Volleyball Continental Championship in Quebec with a win and sixth place overall. Puerto Rico defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-13, 25-7, 25-9) today in the classification for places six and seven. Outside hitter Paola Santiago of Puerto Rico led all scoring with 19 points – 15 attack points, 2 blocks and 2 ace serves.

Puerto Rico dominated in all skills – attack 34-14, blocks 18-2, aces 6-1 and gained 17 points from Costa Rican errors (compared with 12 errors on the winning team's side).

