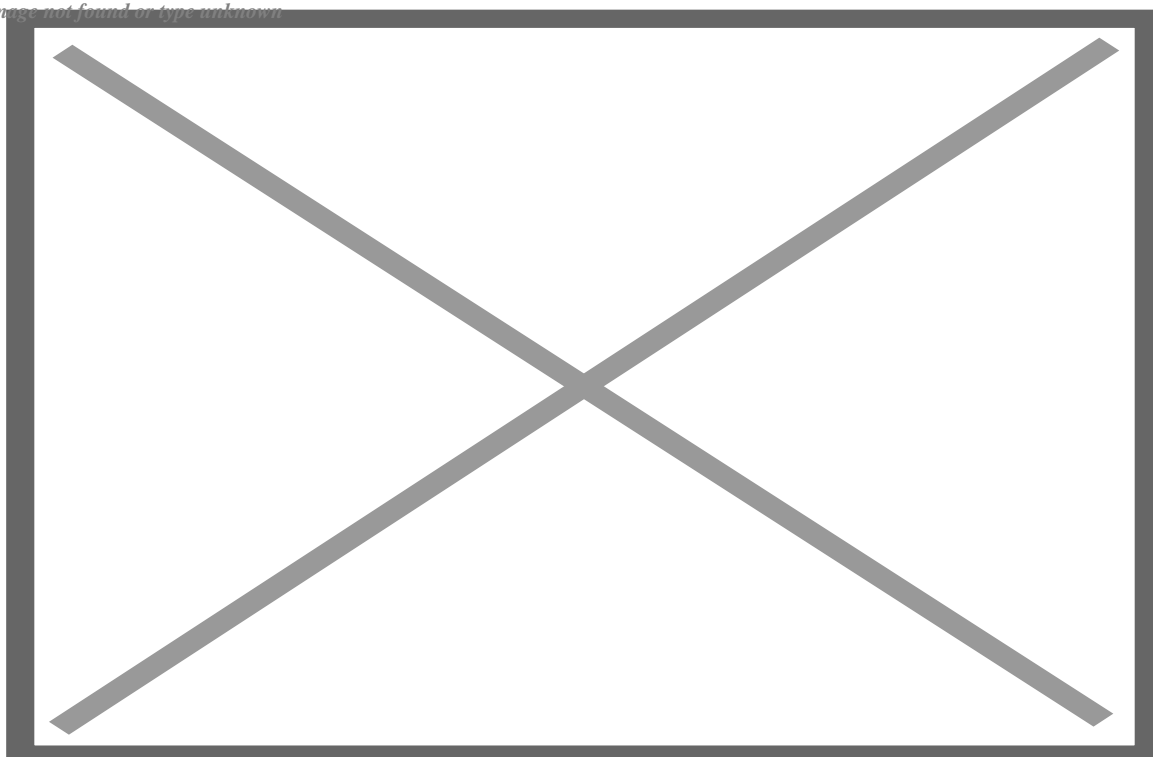


# *Cubans to Norceca Beach Volleyball Semifinals*

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**Noslen Diaz-Jorge Luis Alayo**

Havana, December 14 (JIT).- Cuba's duos led their elimination groups and also won in the quarterfinals of the Dominican Republic 2023 Norceca U-23 Beach Volleyball Under-23 Tournament.

Noslen Diaz and Jorge Luis Alayo started the day with their third win in key B, without playing due to the injury of a player from St. Kitts and Nevis.

In the quarterfinals they overcame Dominicans Rolvin Maldonado and Alexander Wilmore in straight sets of 21-5 and 21-6 in 27 minutes.

This Saturday they will face in the semifinals the Canadians Tynan Gannett and Steven Abrams, who needed almost 40 minutes to defeat the Salvadoran brothers Yoel and Christopher Guardado by 21-17 and 21-19.

The other semifinal clash is scheduled between the American pairings of Tate Calles-Brendan Onishchenko and Kyle Paulson-Sebastian Rodriguez.

In the women's competition, Amanda Armenteros and Maykelin Drik triumphed over Canadians Alisa Gaava and Karolina Urbanovich in identical 21-19 scores, thus dominating Group A undefeated.

The second match on Wednesday was in the quarterfinals against the Salvadorans Keiry Guzman and Daniela Vigil, whom they defeated with easy scores of 21-9 and 21-7.

In the semifinals, Amanda and Maykelin will have a difficult challenge against Canadians Katarina Pantovic and Erika Vermette, who defeated Costa Ricans Molina and Quesada in the quarterfinals. However, in their B key they lost in the first match against the Americans Sierra Caffo and Ella Larkin.

Caffo and Larkin will face their compatriots Delayne Maple and Xolani Hodel in the other semifinal match.

The competition will conclude in the afternoon with the discussion of the gold and bronze medals, as well as the fifth and higher places.

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