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Cuba dominates Puerto Rico

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Cuba's opening match of the tournament was a straight set victory over Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 25-19) on Friday night at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, Canada.

Marlon Yant and Miguel Lopez finished with 13 and 10 points for Cuba. Pelegrín Vargas had 10 for Puerto Rico.

"Today's game was pretty good. We played our game," said Cuba's coach Nicolas Vives. "I think we can play better than we played today. Tomorrow we go against Canada which has a great team. We're going to be playing point by point and we're going to fight until the end.

Puerto Rican Maurice Torres regretted the many mistakes committed by his team and blamed them for the loss.

"We just made way too many errors" Torres said. "You can compete as much as you can until you start making errors like we did. That's what changed the entire match."

Livan Rodriguez Osoria, captain of Cuba: "We're going to be ready for tomorrow which will

define the qualification for Tokyo. We are ready for tomorrow's game. We can't wait to play against Canada. They're a great team and we'll be ready for them."

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