

Cuba dominates Canada, improves to 4-1

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Cuba improved to a 4-1 record in Pool B of the Women's Pan American Cup by defeating Canada in consecutive sets 3-0 in Lima on Wednesday. Canada dropped to 3-2 after suffering its second loss in a row.

Cuba held the top hand in attacks 44-33 and had the edge in service winners 4-3. Both teams scored with six blocks while the Canadians.

Cuba's captain Sulian Matienzo topped the winners with 14 points, including two blocks and one ace, followed by Melissa respectively. Canada's Tabhita Love led all the scorers in the match with 18 points.

Matienzo said the experience of playing Canada before was useful for the victory. "We just played with them at the Final F with our serves which paid off."

Roberto Garcia, coach of Cuba: "I have a great deal of respect for Canada. They have a high blocking that was difficult for our competition and I was worried about the performance of my team. We took advantage of our serves and our blocking benefited the difference but it was a great game."

Tabhita Love, the top scorer of Canada expressed her disappointment for the loss but at the same time she is optimistic a

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for the position in the pool but we are improving as a team and I feel positive about the future of our selection.”

Arn Ludwig, coach of Canada: “I think Cuba played very well and also that in the first set our game and attack was better. We have to improve our serves because the key for the success of Cuba was their potent services.”
