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Tom, Scott Guide U.S. Women to Sweep of Cuba



NAKHON RATCHASIMA, Thailand - Logan Tom scored 11 points and Danielle Scott added 10 as the U.S. women's national volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Cuba at the FIVB World Grand Prix at MCC Hall.

Tom had six kills, a match-high three blocks and two service aces to lead the United States (6-12) to a 25-21, 25-17, 28-26 win. Scott had a team-high nine kills and one ace as Team USA finished with a 2-1 record in Pool D play and improved to 3-3 overall in the tournament.

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"It was a fun match. We worked well together," said outside hitter Keba Phipps, who had nine points on nine kills. "It was a great team win and it feels good!"

Heather Bown added eight points on six kills, one block and one ace as the United States beat Cuba for the second straight Sunday in the tournament. The two teams meet again this Friday as Week Three gets underway.

The top three teams in the overall standings at the conclusion of pool play on July 28 join China, the host team, for the championship rounds of the tournament, which will take place from Aug. 1-4 in Hong Kong.

The U.S. is currently tied for fourth in the standings with Germany. In the case of a tie, the FIVB uses set quotient (number of sets won divided by number of sets lost) to break the deadlock. Germany currently holds a slight edge in that category (1.222-1.000) by virtue of winning 11 sets and losing nine. The Americans are 11-11 in sets.

"This is a great win for Team USA," said libero Stacy Sykora. "not only for this tournament but also for future competitions."

Cuba's Yumilka Ruiz led all scorers with 12 points on 11 kills and one block. Zoila Barros added 11 points on 10 kills and one block, while Nancy Carrillo chipped in with eight points on five kills, two blocks and one ace.

The World Grand Prix, now in its 10th year, is the premier annual tournament for women's volleyball with more the \$1 million in prize money. Last year, led by Scott, the Most Valuable Player, the United States won the prestigious tournament for the second time. Team USA also won the Grand Prix in 1995.

World Grand Prix (Week Two Complete)

Overall Standings:

Russia (6-0)
China (5-1)
Brazil (4-2)
Germany (3-3)
USA (3-3)
Japan (2-4)
Cuba (1-5)
Thailand (0-6)

Pool C
Russia (3-0)
Japan (1-2)
Germany (1-2)
Brazil (1-2)

Pool D
China (3-0)
USA (2-1)
Cuba (1-2)
Thailand (0-3)

Sunday's Results:

Pool C (Araneta Coliseum, Manila, Philippines)
Japan def. Germany 3-0 (28-26, 25-21, 25-19)
Russia def. Brazil 3-0 (25-21, 25-15, 25-21)

Pool D (MCC Hall, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand)
USA def. Cuba 3-0 (25-21, 25-17, 28-26)
China def. Thailand 3-0 (25-14, 25-14, 25-15)

Week Three Schedule:

Friday, July 26, 2002
Pool E (Forum de Macau, Macau)
Brazil vs. Thailand, China vs. Germany

Pool F (County Dome, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei)
USA vs. Cuba, Russia vs. Japan

Saturday, July 27, 2002
Pool E (Forum de Macau, Macau)
Brazil vs. Germany; China vs. Thailand

Pool F (County Dome, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei)
USA vs. Japan, Cuba vs. Russia

Sunday, July 28, 2002
Pool E (Forum de Macau, Macau)
Thailand vs. Germany; China vs. Brazil

Pool F (County Dome, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei)
Cuba vs. Japan, USA vs. Russia

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