

USA v Trinidad Tobago

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Long Beach, California

Minute by minute account of the USA Men's Team first NORCECA step toward London

Set #1

800 Introductions

802 TT serves, Priddy bic for a kill

803 TT hits thru USA triple break. 3-2 USA

805 Priddy serves ace, USA 7-4

806 first technical time out. Priddy has been big factor already despite he and Clay Stanley barely playing at this morning's serve and pass but stretching and staying loose.

808 Priddy rocket leads to overpass and a 9-4 lead

810 TT misses bic long 12-6 USA

811 Suxho ace leads to TT time out. USA 13-6. TT not handling USA service well.

812 Matt Anderson ace, USA 15-7

813 second technical timeout. USA overpowering TT at service line.

815 USA block and Matt Anderson ace has USA up 18-7, timeout TT

Knipe and staff look relaxed and team has yet to be pushed. Mantra in serve and pass was no one will outwork us. So far it's being executed.

817 Anderson serving his 7th serving a row and finishes play with bic kill. USA 21-7

819 mcKenzie for Lee. Misses serve and TT closes to 22-9. Lee back in for Mac.

820 TT bic swing sails long and USA takes first set 25-9

Set #2

825 Second set starts with USA's Anderson to serve

826 Two tough serves and USA up 2-0

827 Millar 1 handed block makes it 4-1 USA

829 Stanley D kill and a TT error gets USA to tech timeout leading 8-3.

831 Priddy still at service line leading 10-3

835 Rare Lambourne overpass has TT close to 12-6.

836 Two straight TT hitting errors gives USA 16-7 lead at second technical timeout

838 Mac splits his 2 serves, USA up 18-9

840 Stanley off speed kill gives USA 20-10 lead.

841 TT down 23-10 finally calls a team timeout. Priddy serving 3rd in a row
843 Holmes quick in the middle drops TT 25-10. USAs serving and control of the net is going to mean a quick night for all. Does Knipe stay with his main guys and develop some more continuity or give some of the younger guys some PT?

Set # 3.

847 TT players are dancing to the arena music. Coach took only one of his two timeouts and at 23-10. Time to conserve his big guns maybe?
848 TT serves. Priddy getting rest of the night off it looks like as Lottman enters.
850 Holmes Stanley block give USA 3-1 lead
852 Lotman with out of system kill followed by Lotman ace gives USA 6-3 lead
853 TT error gives USA 8-4 lead at first technical timeout. Lots of Jim Croce, Beach Boys and hits from the 50s and 60s all day filling the Walter Pyramid on the campus of Long Beach State.
855 Suxjo trying to shake off a ball in the face a few points ago followed by a teammates hand across his face on a block. Still shaking it off. Mac serves ace for 11-5 USA lead.
858 TT has scored 3 straight and trails 12-9. Haven't been this close since the Nixon administration
901 Anderson flush gives USA 16-11 tilt at the second technical timeout. Anderson is firing bullets from service line and front row.
903 TT error and Lotman ace and TT takes a timeout down 18-11.
905 Mac down the line gets USA 20-12 lead
907 Another out of system kill by Anderson gives USA 23-13 lead
909 Lotman kill seals match for USA 25-14. USA serving and dominance at the net suffocated TT.