



Canadian women's sitting team tops the rankings in Paralympic bid tournament for Tokyo 2020

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Canada (27-FEB-2020) --- It was standing room only at the Canada Games Centre as women's sitting volleyball teams from North America and Europe started the day at the inaugural Tokyo 2020 Paralympic final qualifier in Halifax. The tournament will award the final bid to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games where the winner will join previously qualified teams from Japan, Brazil, China, Italy, Russia, Rwanda and the United States.

Canada finished the day with two important wins over Slovenia in straight sets (25-10, 25-17, 25-15) and Germany (26-24, 21-25, 23-25, 22-25) to put them atop the rankings. The team from the Ukraine defeated Germany in their only match of the day, a lengthy tie-break (24-26, 25-13, 25-10, 14-25, 15-5) and is ranked fourth in the world. Slovenia defeated Finland in four sets (23-25, 25-21, 26-24, 25-13) in their second preliminary round match of the day. Canada and Ukraine face each other in the key match Thursday's second round at 6:00 p.m. local time.

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