



Dominican Republic recorded historic triumph over Russia

TIJUANA, Mexico, August 1, 2007 - Brazil, Japan and Serbia became the first teams to win spots in the top bracket of the 2007 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship, but the biggest news tonight was the victory of the Dominican Republic over Russia in five sets in Pool C.

It was the first triumph in history for the Dominican volleyball against a major power as Russia. The Caribbeans defeated the Europeans 10-25, 25-21, 25-18, 19-25, 15-13 with Jeoselina Rodriguez scoring 29 points for the second night in a row.

Despite their triumph, the Dominicans still need to overcome the task of defeating Italy today in order to make the round of the top eight teams. A three-way tie with the Russians and the Italians would let them out because of their points-ratio.

Another five-set today saw China defeating Turkey in Pool D by scores of 25-10, 25-22, 20-25, 23-25, 16-14 with Chen Liyi leading the success with 21 points.

In Pool B, Brazil and Japan meet today to decide the top place in the group, while Korea and Belgium will clash in a do-or-die match in Pool A.

In the action of Day Two, Brazil crushed Puerto Rico 25-10, 25-10, 25-14 and Hiroko Matsuura contributed 25 points as Japan was a 14-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-21 winner over Germany, while in Pool A, Serbia defeated Belgium 29-27, 25-18, 25-19.

In the rest of the schedule:

Korea breezed past Mexico 25-19, 25-17, 25-20 and Italy beat Peru 25-17, 25-12, 25-22. In Pool D, USA rolled over Tunisia 25-11, 25-11, 25-12.

