



Brazil qualified to semi finals at home

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 15, 2007.- Brazil qualified to the semi finals of the women's volleyball tournament with a 3-0 victory over Dominican Republic in Pool A. After a tough first set that ended 28-26, the Brazilians easily won the next two 25-16 y 25-15.

Peru attained its first victory in Pool A by defeating Mexico 3-0 (25-16, 25-23 y 25-17) and was the second defeat for Mexico who still has to play the powerful Brazilian team.

The Dominican team suffered a tough loss when stellar Milagros Cabral sustained an injury to his right ankle. She is likely to play on Monday night against Peru in battle for a semi final berth, said Victor Figueroa, the team doctor.

After the first set, the Brazilians dominated with great defense on the floor and at the net. Tonight



they play against Mexico looking to finish at the top of their pool.

Paula Pequeno led Brazil with 15 points, Walewska Oliveira had 11 and Fabiana Claudino and Welissa Gonzalez each added 9. The best Dominican was Bethania de la Cruz with 15 points and Cindy Rondon added 11.

"Today we looked better, we are in a rebuilding process hoping to get Peru back to its former condition of a world class team," said Brazilian Enio Figueiredo.

Meanwhile, Mexican Macario Gonzalez remarked the importance of these matches for his team, where he is handling some junior players who will be taking part of the Youth World Championship in Mexico later this month.

Peru had three players with double figures in scoring. Carla Tristan and Luren Baylon each had 12 and Patty Soto scored 10. The best Mexican was the captain Migdalel Ruiz with 13 points and Martha Revuelta added 10.

