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Dominican Republic and Brazil to play for the Gold

Lima Peru, September 7, 2012 – Dominican Republic and Brazil will battle for the title of the inaugural U-23 Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup at Miguel Grau Coliseum of El Callao in Lima on Saturday night.

The Dominican side reached the gold medal contest by defeating Argentina in four sets on Friday while Brazil downed Peru in the nightcap.

Argentina will face Peru in the bronze medal contest. Cuba 3, Costa Rica 0

In the matches of the consolation round for the 5-8 positions, Canada defeated Colombia while Cuba crushed Costa Rica.

In the early matches of Saturday, Cuba and Canada will play for the fifth position while Colombia and Costa Rica will meet for the seventh place.

Dominican Republic 3, Argentina 1

Dominican Republic advanced to the gold medal match by defeating Argentina in four sets (25-17, 25-17, 26-28, 25-20) in the first semifinal. Jeoselyna Rodriguez led four Dominican players with double figures in the scoring sheets with 20 points, followed by Yonkaira Peña with 19. Lisvel Eve and Candida Arias added 15 and 10 with four and five blocks respectively. Lucia Fresco was the best scorer of Argentina with a matchhigh 22 points. Tanya Acosta and Maria Calvete finished with 13 and 10. The winners held a slim 8-7 advantage in aces while both teams scored via 14 blocks. The Dominicans led in attacks 51-37.

Brazil 3, Peru 0

Brazil will play against Dominican Republic for the gold medal, following their straight-set (26-24, 25-20, 25-18) win over hosts Peru. The Brazilian side held a huge 12-5 margin in the blocking department and also led in service winners 7-5. Rosamaría Montibeller led Brazil with 17 points, including three blocks while Sara Silva and Gabriela Braga each contributed 9 points. Marcilia Silva chipped in 8 tallies, including a matchhigh four blocks. Angela Leyva and Raffaella Camet topped the defeated side with 9 and 7 points while Carla Rueda came off the bench to score 4 aces among her six points.

Canada 3, Colombia 0

Canada scored a 3-0 (25-23, 25-23, 25-20) victory over Colombia in the consolation round for the 5-8 positions. The North Americans held advantage of 11-4 in the blocking category and trailed 6-5 in the serving aces department. Amy Leschied led Canada with 12 points, including four blocks, followed by Nicole Bazin with 8 tallies and Amber Brown and Kelci French with six apiece. Colombia's Diana Arrechea and Melissa Rangel finished with 11 and 8 respectively.

Cuba outclassed Costa Rica 25-14, 25-8, 25-7 in a consolation round match for the 5-8 positions. The winners overwhelmed the defeated side 13-0 from the service line with Alena Rojas and Daymara Lescay each recording 5 aces and also held a wide margin of 10-2 in blocks. Rojas collected 15 points followed by Yaremi Mendaro and Lescay with 14 and 13 points respectively.