













USA and Argentina to clash for top place in Pool A

LIMA, Peru, June 16, 2015 – United States and Argentina are set to clash on Wednesday for the top place in Pool A while the Dominican Republic needs to win one set in their match with Brazil to claim first place in Pool B of the XIV Women's Volleyball Pan American

Argentina kept alive its chances of a direct semifinal berth with a five-set victory over Puerto Rico in the last match at Miguel Grau Coliseum of Callao, where Colombia and United States scored 3-0 wins over Costa Rica and Mexico, respectively.

At Eduardo Dibos Coliseum of Lima, Cuba rolled past Uruguay in straight sets while Dominican Republic defeated Canada and Brazil won over Peru also in consecutive frames.

Colombia 3, Costa Rica 0

Colombia defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-18, 25-23, 25-14) to even up its record at 2-2 in Pool A while Costa Rica fell to 0-4. Amanda Coneo, Cindy Ramirez and Yeisy Soto were the main offensive weapons of Colombia with 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively. Marcela Araya had 11 tallies for Costa Rica and Mijail Hines contributed 9 in the losing effort. The Colombians held margins of 6-4 and 6-3 in blocks and aces, respectively, and dominated in attacks 36-29. The winners made 19 unforced errors to 27 by the losers.

United States 3, Mexico 0

United States cruised to a straight set 3-0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-17) victory over Mexico to remain undefeated in four outings in Pool A. The Americans crushed their opponents in the blocking charts 10-1 and held a huge 44-23 margin in the attacks. The winners had a balanced offense led by Alexandra Klineman with 12 points while Krista Vansant and Michele Bartsch each contributed 11 points in the victory. Cursty Jackson and Laura Paolini added 10 and 9, respectively. Andrea Rangel had 7 points coming off the bench for Mexico.

Argentina 3, Puerto Rico 2 Argentina edged Puerto Rico in five sets 3-2 (25-22, 25-20, 22-25, 22-25, 15-10) extending its winning streak to four victories without losses in Pool A. The Argentineans scored 18 blocks with Emilce Sosa leading the way with a tournament-high 9 blocks which contributed to her leading total of 24 points for the match. Yamila Nizetich had 18 markers in the victory while Lucia Fresco and Florencia Busquets added 11 and 10, respectively. Yarimar Rosa (16), Stephanie Enright (15) and Aury Cruz (14) finished with double figures for Puerto Rico.

Cuba 3, Uruguay 0

Cuba rolled past Uruguay in straight sets 3-0 (25-16, 25-5, 25-20) for its third victory in Pool B. Uruguay team remained winless after four dates. Cuba outclassed Uruguay in service winners 17-6 and in the blocking charts 16-0. The winners totaled 27 attacks to 13 by Uruguay. Regla Gracia led Cuba with 20 points, six aces included, while Melissa Vargas added 13 with eight aces, and Sulian Matienzo contributed 11 markers, three aces and three blocks. Sofia Neves topped Uruguay with 9 points.

Dominican Republic 3, Canada 0

Dominican Republic is almost secured of a direct ticket to the semifinals by defeating Canada in straight sets 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 26-24). The win also earned the Dominicans a ticket to next year's FIVB World Grand Prix. Yonkaira Peña and Brayelin Martinez finished with 14 and 13 points, respectively, as the best scorers for the Dominican Republic. Tabitha Love and Lucille Charuk led Canada with 13 and 10 points with Charuk registering a match-high 7 blocks. The Canadians committed 29 unforced errors to 14 by the winners. Both teams finished with 5 aces with 3 by Peña.

Brazil overcame a tough first-set duel and went on to defeat Peru in straight sets 3-0 (30-28, 25-20, 25-20) to equal their win-loss record at 2-2 in Pool B, while the defeated side dropped to 0-4. Lorenne Geraldo carried on her shoulders the load of the Brazilian offense and finished with a match-high 20 points and was seconded by Gabriela Candido with 9 tallies. Angela Leyva and Maguilaura Frias had 17 and 10 points, respectively, for



