



# Brazil and Dominican Republic are pool winners in Toronto

**TORONTO, Canada, July 20, 2015** – Defending champions Brazil and Dominican Republic both earned direct tickets to the semifinal phase of the women's volleyball tournament at the Pan American Games as top finishers in their respective pools during the preliminary round of the event at Toronto Exhibition Center.

Brazil edged United States in five sets (22-25, 25-21, 18-25, 25-22, 15-11) in seesaw clash between undefeated teams in Pool B, while the Dominican Republic lost to Cuba in four sets (25-22, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20) but still advanced due to a better point ratio than Argentina who also finished with 2-1 win-loss record. The Dominicans finished with a balance of 1.213 to .992 of Argentina.

In the quarterfinals on Wednesday, United States will play Cuba, while Argentina will meet Puerto Rico.

Cuba finished tied with Canada in third place of Pool A with record of 1-2 but got the third place due to a .957 point-ratio to .873 of Canada.

In the other matches on Monday, Argentina defeated Canada 3-1 (23-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-21) and Puerto Rico blanked Peru 3-0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-23) to claim third place in Pool B.

**Argentina 3, Canada 1**  
Argentina overcame Canada in four sets 3-1 (23-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-21) to finish Pool A with a 2-1 win-loss mark, good at least for a second place. Argentinean Paola Nizetich led all the players in the match with 19 points, getting plenty support from Leticia Boscacci with 15 points and Emilce Sosa and Julieta Lazcano each with 12. Yael Castiglione and Josefina Fernandez contributed 8 and 7 points in the win. Canadian Kyla Richey finished with 18 points, including five blocks, followed by Tabitha Love and Shanice Marcelle had 16 and 10, respectively.

**Cuba 3, Dominican Republic 1**  
Cuba leapfrogged Canada for third place in Pool A by defeating the Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-22, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20). Scoring machine Melissa Vargas had 23 points, including two blocks and one ace, to lead Cuba. Sulian Matienzo added 13 in the victory, including three aces. Prisilla Rivera came from the bench to lead the Dominican team in scoring with 13 points, followed by Gina Mamburu with 11 and Yonkaira Peña and Annerys Vargas each with 10. Cuba outblocked Dominican Republic 14-7 and held the advantage in service winners 7-5.

**Puerto Rico 3, Peru 0**  
Puerto Rico outclassed Peru in straight sets 3-0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-23) to grab third place in Pool B. The Puerto Ricans executed 7 aces from the service line against only 2 by the Peruvians while both teams scored with 8 blocks. The losers made 26 unforced errors, ten more than the winners. Karina Ocasio and Stefanie Enright were the two Puerto Ricans with double figures in the charts with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Lynda Morales and Sheila Ocasio contributed 9 and 8 points in the victory. Angela Leyva had 14 points for Peru, followed by Maguilaura Frias with

8 tallies. Ginna Lopez and Clarivett Yllescas each had 6 points in the losing cause.

**Brazil 3, United States 2**  
Brazil finished with the upper hand in a terrific five-set duel with the United States to decide Pool B first place winning 3-2 (22-25, 25-21, 18-25, 25-22, 15-11). Brazil outscored USA in blocks 19-14 and in aces 5-0, while the defeated side held the advantage in attacks 69-50 but allowed 31 points via unforced errors, ten more than the winners. Adenizia Silva and Fernanda Rodrigues finished with 19 and 17 points, respectively, as Brazilian top scorers, while Joyce Silva and Rosa Montibeller contributed 10 and 9 in the win. Krista Vansant led five USA players with double digits in the scores with 20 points. Kristin Hildebrand and Nicole Fawcett had 16 and 15 points, respectively, while Michele Bartsch and Rachael Adams finished with 11 and 10 points.

