



Dominican Republic, Brazil and USA stay undefeated

TORONTO, Canada, July 18, 2015 - The Dominican Republic in Pool A and defending champions Brazil and United States in Pool B remain undefeated after two days of actions at the women's volleyball tournament of the Toronto Pan American Games.

In Saturday's volleyball activities at Exhibition Center, the Dominican Republic saw off Argentina in four sets as Brazil also did against Peru.

Meanwhile, United States capped the day with their second straight-set win this time off Puerto Rico.

The tournament resumes on Monday with Brazil and United States clashing for the direct ticket to the semifinal phase of the competition and the Dominican Republic playing winless Cuba.

Canada takes on Argentina in Pool A, while Puerto Rico faces Peru in Pool B.

Brazil 3, Peru 1
Defending champions Brazil recovered from losing a close first set to defeat Peru 3-1 (25-27, 25-5, 25-17, 25-16). It was the second victory for Brazil who had to battle for five sets with Puerto Rico to claim the victory in opening day. Peru dropped to 0-2. Fernanda Rodrigues was the main offensive weapon for Brazil with 18 points, followed by Joyce Silva with 12 and Adenizia Da Silva with 11 in the victory. Angela Leyva and Maguilaura Frias topped the Peruvian scoring sheets with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Brazil outblocked Peru 16-6 with Fernanda and Adenizia leading the way each with five blocks. The winners also held the advantage in aces 5-2 and attacks 46-35.

Dominican Republic 3, Argentina 1
The Dominican Republic defeated Argentina 3-1 (22-25, 25-11, 25-22, 25-18) to claim its second victory in as many outings. After losing the first set, the Dominicans caught rhythm and dominated in the second and fourth set to seal the win. Gina Mambru and Yonkaira Peña shared the lead in the scoring department of the Dominican Republic with 16 points apiece, while siblings Brayelin and Jineiry Martinez contributed 13 and 11 points, respectively, in the victory. Josefina Fernandez and Julieta Lazcano were the top scorers for the defeated side with 12 and 11 points. Argentina committed 32 errors to 23 by the Dominicans, who held a 9-7 margin in blocks as the two teams scored with two aces apiece.

Canada 3, Cuba 1
Tabitha Love scored 22 points and Lucille Charuk contributed 6 blocks to propel Canada to a 3-1 (25-21, 19-25, 25-18, 25-22) victory over Cuba. Love was one of three Canadians who reached double digits in the scores with Charuk finishing second with 18 and Kyla Richey contributing 14 points in the victory. Sulian Matienzo was the best scorer for Cuba with 14 points, followed by Alena Rojas and Daymara Lescay each with 10 points. Melissa Vargas, who was benched to not return halfway in the third set, had 8 points in the loss. Canada led in blocks 14-8 and Cuba had the top hand in serving aces 9-2. The winners had 55 positive attacks to 43 by the losers.

United States 3, Puerto Rico 0
United States beat Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-14) to maintain their spotless record in Pool B. The Americans, who have yet to lose a set after two days of actions, were threatened in the second set when the Puerto Ricans were ahead 22-21 but won the next four points with Kristin Hildebrand capping the surge with her third ace of the match. Krista Vansant topped the balanced attack of the winners with 12 points, followed by Hildebrand and Nicole Fawcett who added 10 points apiece. Rachael Adams chipped in with 8 in the victory. Stefanie Enright finished with 11

points as the only Puerto Rican player with double figures in the scores. Karina Ocasio and Aurea Cruz each concluded with 8 points. The USA team led in attacks 41-28 and in aces 5-2 as both sides scored with six blocks apiece.

