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Dominican Republic and USA to Semis at Pan Am Cup

LIMA AND CAÑETE, Peru, June 21, 2017 – Defending champions Dominican Republic and United States advanced directly to the semifinals of the XVI Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup by Movistar as undefeated winners of their respective pools.

Both sides finished with 5-0 records but the Dominican girls registered 25 points after winning all five matches in straight sets while the United States received credit for 23 points.

Puerto Rico (4-1, 19 points), second in Pool A will play Cuba (3-2, 14), third in Pool B, and Argentina, third in Pool A, will play Peru, second in Pool B.

Canada defeated Chile by a landslide but the big difference in the score card was not enough to grant the North Americans the final spot in the quarterfinals, one that went to Cuba based on the point-ratio difference.

Both Cuba and Canada finished with identical record (3-2, 14 points) but Cuba's better balance in points scored and allowed (1.075 to 1.055) gave them the pass.

Cuba 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Cuba scored a straight-set 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-21) victory over Trinidad & Tobago to finish Pool B with a 3-2 record and 14 points. Heidi Casanova and Regla Gracia led Cuba with 15 and 13 points, respectively, while Daymara Lescay and Sulian Matienzo added 9 and 8 in the victory. Veteran Krystle Esdelle had a match-high 16 points for Trinidad & Tobago. Cuba outscored Trinidad & Tobago 11-8 in blocks and 7-2 in service winners while



committing 15 unforced errors to 23 by the losers.

Puerto Rico 3, Venezuela 0

Puerto Rico stormed past Venezuela for a 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-16) victory in Pool A. The winners finished with a 4-1 win-loss record and 21 points good enough for a spot in the quarterfinals of the competition. Venezuela concluded with a 1-4 mark and 3 points. Shirley Ferrer was the best scorer for Puerto Rico with 17 points, while Naomi Santos added 11 in the loss. Luz Delfines was the top offensive player for Venezuela with 11 points.

Canada 3, Chile 0

Canada overpowered Chile 3-0 (25-16, 25-12, 25-9) to finish with a 3-2 record and 14 points in Pool B. Michaela Reesor and Shainah Joseph each registered 14 points as top scorers for Canada, followed by Alissa Coulter with 12. Catalina Melo was the main offensive player for the losing side with 11 points. Canada outblocked Chile 9-1 with Marisa Field and Lucille Charuk accounting for 4 apiece. The winners held a 44-22 advantage in attacks.

Colombia 3, Mexico 2

Colombia recovered from a 0-2 deficit to defeat Mexico in five sets 3-2 (23-25, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20, 15-9) in Pool A. Dayana Segovia, Giselle Perez and Margarita Martinez each recorded 18 points in the victory while Yeisy Soto contributed 10 points. Mexico's Andrea Rangel was the top scorer of the match with 26 points, followed by Kathya Garcia and Jocelyn Urias who finished with 18 and 13 in the loss. Colombia recorded 14 blocks, including four each by Segovia and Valerin Carabali. The winners committed 20 unforced errors to 30 by the defeated side.

Dominican Republic 3, Peru 0

Defending champions Dominican Republic defeated hosts Peru in straight sets 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-18). Bethania de la Cruz was the only Dominican player with double digits in the scores with 11 points, including three aces. Brayelin Martinez was next with 9 points while Annerys Vargas and Yonkaira Peña each contributed 8 points. Peru's Carla Rueda finished with 11 points in the loss. The Dominicans outscored Peru 8-1 in service winners, 38-29 in attacks and 6-4 in blocks.

United States 3, Argentina 0

The United States claimed the first position in Pool A by defeating Argentina 3-0 (27-25, 25-14, 25-23) to earn the direct ticket to the semifinals with a 5-0 win-loss record and 23 points. Andrea Drews and Madison Kingdom scored 16 and 11 points, respectively, as the best scorers for the winners. Paula Yamila Nizetih had 14 points in the losing effort.