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No Surprises in Day One at XVI Movistar Pan Am Cup



LIMA AND CAÑETE, Peru, June 17, 2017- Opening day at the XVI Women's Pan American Cup by Movistar did not produce any surprises as the pre-tournament favorites went on to score victories in Lima and Cañete on Saturday.

In Pool A, Puerto Rico beat Colombia and the United States swept Venezuela while Argentina outplayed Mexico. In Pool B defending champions Dominican Republic blanked Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba overcame Canada and hosts Peru routed Chile.

Puerto Rico 3, Colombia 0

Puerto Rico started off on the right foot by scoring a straight-set win 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 28-26) over Colombia. Daly Santana had 20 points to lead Puerto Rico while Sofia Jusino added 10 in the victory. Margarita Martinez and Giselle Perez had 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Colombia.

United States 3, Venezuela 0

United States displayed a lot of serving power to beat Venezuela 3-0 (25-9, 25-16, 25-11) with setter Micha Hancock leading the win with 11 aces among her 13 points. The team of Karch Kiraly had a wide margin in all facets of the game leading in attacks (32-17), blocking (13-5) and aces (15-2). They only made 12 unforced errors to 15 by the losing side.



Argentina 3, Mexico 1

Argentina defeated Mexico 3-1 (25-22, 25-20, 23-25, 25-21) with Paula Nizetich as the main offensive contributor in the victory with 19 points, followed by Emilce Sosa with 14. Elina Rodriguez and Natalia Aispurua charted 11 and 10

points, respectively. Mexican Andrea Rangel was the best scorer of the match with 25 points while Kathya Garcia and Patricia Valle finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Dominican Republic 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Dominican Republic defeated Trinidad & Tobago in straight sets 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-20). Brayelin Martinez led the Dominican squad with a match-high 12 points, followed by her sister Jineiry Martinez and Yonkaira Peña with 8 and 7 points, respectively. Channon Thompson led Trinidad & Tobago with 11 points while Krystle Esdelle and Sinead Jack each tallied 10.

Cuba 3, Canada 1

Heidy Casanova and Regla Gracia combined attack carried Cuba to a 3-1 (21-25, 25-20, 25-10, 25-22) victory over Canada. Casanova had a match-high 23 points while Gracia added 22. Cuba's captain Sulien Matienzo contributed 14 points in the victory. Kyla Richey was the best Canadian with 17 points, followed by Shainah Joseph with 9 points.

Peru 3, Chile 0

Angela Leyva led three players with double digits in the scores as hosts Peru defeated Chile 3-0 (25-13, 25-13, 25-12). Leyva had 15 points while Maguilaura Frias and Clarivett Yllescas each contributed 11 tallies in the win. Chile's Catalina Melo had 8 points in the loss.







