



Dominican Republic vs Peru for the U23 Crown

LIMA, Peru, August 18, 2018 – Three-time defending champions Dominican Republic will play against host Peru for the crown of the Fourth U23 Women's Pan American Cup at Manuel Bonilla Coliseum on Sunday.

The Dominican Republic advanced to the title match following a 3-1 victory over Cuba while Peru dispatched Mexico in straight sets.

Cuba and Mexico will play for the bronze medal. In the opening matches of Sunday, Guatemala will play Costa Rica for seventh place and Chile will play Colombia for the fifth position.

Dominican Republic 3, Cuba 1

The Dominican Republic earned the right to defend their title after overcoming Cuba 3-1 (22-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-21) in the first semi-final match. Brayelin Martinez was in charge of guiding her team to victory by scoring 24 points, followed by Gaila Gonzalez and Jineiry Martinez with 13 points each and Natalia Martinez who finished with 10 points. For Cuba, Diaris Pérez and Ailama Cese led with 17 and 13 points respectively.



Perú 3, México 0

Peru will play its first final after prevailing 3-0 against Mexican counterpart (25-18, 25-17, 25-15) in the second semifinal match. Brenda Lobatón again led the Peruvian offense with 19 points, while Maricarmen Guerrero and Kiara Montes contributed 13 and 12 points respectively. For Mexico the most outstanding was Sofía Maldonado with 9 points.

Chile 3, Costa Rica 0

Chile claimed a 3-0 victory over Costa Rica (25-12, 25-22, 25-14) and will play on Sunday for the fifth place. Beatriz Novoa, Maike Martens and Daniela Castro led in Chile with 16, 14 and points respectively. For Costa Rica, the best was Edya Espinoza who registered 13 marks.

Colombia 3 Guatemala 0

Colombia won a comfortable 3-0 victory over Guatemala (25-14, 25-13, 25-13) and on Sunday will play for the fifth place against Chile. Manuela Ibarguen and Emelys Martinez contributed 12 and 10 points each to the victory, while for Guatemala the highest scorer was Martha Guillermo with 9 points.







