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## Cuba and Puerto Rico move into semis and qualify to Pan American Games

CORDOBA, Mexico, August 31, 2018. - Cuba and Puerto Rico moved into the semifinals of the Men's Pan American Cup and qualified to the 2019 Lima Pan American Games after beating Canada and Mexico accordingly at the Arena Cordoba in Cordoba, Mexico.

On Saturday's semifinals, Cuba will face defending champion Argentina and Puerto Rico plays against Brazil. The four teams are already qualified to the 2019 Lima Pan American Games, while the last ticket available will be disputed between Mexico and Canada on Sunday.

### Guatemala 3, Peru 1

Guatemala finished the Men's Pan American Cup with victory over Peru 3-1 (25-16, 23-25, 25-23, 25-19). Guatemala won the match for eleventh place of the event starting with a comfortable advantage in the first set; Peru's reaction did not take too long, keeping Guatemala's blockers and defense line busy the next three sets. The Central American team only led in aces 4-2, while the South Americans held 51-50 advantage in attacks. Both teams scored on 9 blocks. The winners benefited by 35 error points, allowing Peru to score 21.

From Guatemala, opposite player Andy Leonardo scored a match-high of 25 points on 20 kills, 2 blocks and 3 aces, in addition to wing spikers Wagner Chacon and Carlos Lopez who collected 13 and 12 points accordingly. Peru's top scorer was wing spiker Alvaro Hidalgo with 19 points on 14 kills, 4 blocks and one ace, followed by opposite Francis Mendoza with 14 points.

### Chile 3, Colombia 0

Chile will play for seventh place of the thirteenth Men's Pan American Cup while defeating Colombia in straight sets 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-16). Chile took down Colombia with little resistance to move into the seventh placing match against the winner between United States and Dominican Republic. The Chilean team performed smoothly with a huge 12-2 blocking margin; they also prevailed on 37-29 advantage in attacks and 3-1 in aces. Chile handed out 17 points on errors and benefited from 23 errors committed by Colombia. With 14 points apiece, opposite player Tomas Parraguirre and sibling Vicente Parraguirre led Chile's offense; wing spiker Dusan Bonacic and setter Esteban Villarreal chipped in with 7 points apiece. Colombia had Carlos Llanos, Leandro Mejia and Gustavo Larrahondo with 5 points.

### United States 3, Dominican Republic 0

United States swept Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 28-26) and will face Chile for the seventh place. Setter James Shaw was loud all over the net, carrying United States with a match-high of 23 points on 17 kills and 6 blocks. The US struggled in sets one and three but walked away with a victory on 41-35 margin in kills, 11-4 blocking advantage and 4-1 in aces. The winners committed more unforced errors (26-22). Opposite player Jose Caceres came off the bench in the second set scoring 10 points as Dominican Republic's top attacker.

### Cuba 3, Canada 0

Cuba moved into the Men's Pan American Cup semifinals after defeating Canada 3-0 (25-15, 25-23, 25-23) in quarterfinals and qualified to the 2019 Lima Pan American Games. Cuba was spectacular stealing from Canada's hands the semifinal spot and one of the last three tickets available (Brazil and Argentina already qualified) to the Lima Pan American Games, coming from behind in set two (16-22) and set three (8-14). Cuba will face Argentina in Saturday's semifinal match, who earned a bye into this round of the competition. Canada still has a shot to of winning a ticket to the Pan American Games when they play for fifth place. Cuba's best weapon was their blocking, finishing with comfortable 10-3 advantage and scoring on 28 opponent errors. Canada prevailed 36-33 in attacking, 6-4 in aces and scored on 16 Cuban errors. Wing spiker Osniel Melgarejo led Cuba with 14 points on 12 kills and 2 blocks, joined by Miguel Angel Lopez with 11 points. Canada balanced their offense between Terrel Bramwell with 12 points, and Justin Duff along with Brandon Koppers added 10 points apiece.

### Puerto Rico 3, Mexico 1

Puerto Rico reached the Men's Pan American Cup semifinals and qualified to the Pan American Games defeating hosts Mexico 3-1 (25-20, 25-16, 18-25, 25-22). Puerto Rico needed almost two hours (1:53) to subdue the host in a heated match to reach the semifinals of the competition, in addition to the feat of qualifying to the 2019 Lima Pan American Games along with Brazil, Argentina and Cuba. The winners of the recent Barranquilla Central American Games will face Brazil in the semifinal match on Saturday, while Mexico will play Canada on Sunday in a crucial match for the last ticket to Lima. Puerto Rico held advantage of 58-50 in attacks and Mexico led with a Slim 8-7 the blocking category; both scored two points on aces. Puerto Rico allowed 23 points in errors and Mexico 26 points. Opposite player Maurice Torres scored impressive 28 points, leading Puerto Rico's scoring machine, on 23 kills, 4 blocks and one ace. Wing spiker Sequiel Sanchez and opposite Ezquiel Cruz tallied 15 and 10 points respectively. Mexico's top scorers were opposite players Nestor Orellana with 19 points and Daniel Vargas scored 11 points.



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