



Long Second Day at the Pan American Cup

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, July 9, 2018 – It was a long day two at the Women’s Pan American Cup as four of the six scheduled matches were stretched to the five-set limit. To complicate matters the program suffered a delay due to leaks off the roof of the stadium and the bad weather caused by a tropical storm.

Dominican Republic and Canada meet on Tuesday for the top position in Pool A with both teams undefeated with 10 points.

Puerto Rico and Brazil lead Pool B and C with 2-0 records and 8 points heading to the last day of the preliminary round. Puerto Rico goes against United States (1-1, 6 points) while Brazil meets winless Argentina.

Canada 3, Costa Rica 0

Canada demolished Costa Rica 3-0 (25-10, 25-10, 25-7) to stay undefeated at 2-0 in Pool A. Once again Kiera Van Ryk played a stellar role in the offense of Canada by blasting a tournament-high 9 aces among her 14 points. The 19 year-old Van Ryk had scored eight winners from the service line against Peru on Sunday. Canada overwhelmed Costa Rica in all the scoring categories with a 31-5 in attacks and 17-1 in aces to go with an 8-1 margin in blocks. Emily Maglio and Alicia Ogoms contributed 11 and 10 points in the victory while Alexa Gray chipped in with 9 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Trinidad & Tobago 2

Puerto Rico prevailed over Trinidad & Tobago 3-2 (30-28, 25-20, 21-25, 26-28, 15-8) in a marathon match of 2 hours and 18 minutes in Pool B. Naomi Santos and Shirley Ferrer had 20 and 15 points, respectively, to spearhead the Puerto Rican offense while Pilar Marie Victoria and Neira Ortiz added 11 and 10. Krystle Esdelle led all the players in the match with 23 points in the losing cause while Channon Thompson (19), Sinead Jack (14) and Jalicia Ross (13) also reached double figures for Trinidad & Tobago.

Brazil 3, Colombia 2

Brazil climbed back from two sets down to defeat Colombia in a sensational South American battle 3-2 (18-25, 24-26, 25-16, 25-23, 15-13) in Pool C. Bruna Honorio Marques and Thaisa de Menezes led Brazil with 22 and 20 points, respectively, with Thaisa scoring seven of the 20 blocks by Brazil. Fernanda Tome came off the bench to start in the third set and finished with 12 points while Maira Cipriano and Francynne Jacintho each contributed 11 points. Amanda Coneo was the best Colombian in scoring with 16 points followed by Margarita Martínez with 13. Dayana Segovia and Melissa Rangel each had 12 points in the loss.

Mexico 3, Argentina 0

Mexico claimed a one for the books victory over Argentina 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-20) in Pool C. It is the first time in history that Mexico gets a win over Argentina in the highest level. The winners improved to 1-1 win-loss record while Argentina fell to 0-2. Samantha Bricio and Andrea Rangel each had 12 points for Mexico while Paula Nizetich and Julieta Lazcano scored 7 points apiece for Argentina.



Cuba 3, United States 2

Cuba prevailed over United States in a thrilling five-set contest 3-2 (18-25, 25-22, 25-23, 13-25, 15-13) in Pool B. Sulian Matienzo, Regla Gracia and Diaris Perez each had 15 points for Cuba with Matienzo and Perez recording five aces apiece. Simone Lee led all the players in the match with 18 points in the losing effort as four other team mates also reached double figures – Aiyana Abukusumo-Whitney (17), Haleigh Washington (16), Adora Anae (14) and Chiaka Ogbogu (10).

Dominican Republic 3, Peru 0

Host Dominican Republic defeated Peru in straight set 3-0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-14) in the last match of day two. It was an easy victory for the home side which held a 38-20 advantage in attacks and a 9-4 margin in the blocking category. Yonkaira Peña led the offense of the Dominican side with 9 points as coach Marcos Kwiek rotated all his players in the lopsided contest. Brayelin Martínez scored 8 points playing only in the first set while Gaila Gonzalez also had 8. Bethania de la Cruz added 7 in the victory. Brenda Uribe, Brenda Lobaton and Kiara Montes each scored 7 points for the defeated side.