# Brazil, Argentina, Dominican Republic and Peru with winning debut at Lima 2019



LIMA, Peru, August 7, 2019.- Brazil, Argentina, Dominican Republic and Peru won in their debut of the eighteenth Lima 2019 Pan American Games on Wednesday at the Multisport Complex El Callao of Lima, Peru.

Brazil swept Puerto Rico; Argentina needed a tie-break to defeat United States, while Dominican Republic

defeated a resilient Colombia in four sets, and finally host Peru started over Canada also in four sets.

Day two starts with pool B matches of Brazil (1-0) v Argentina (1-0) and United States (0-1) v Puerto Rico (0-1); followed by pool A with Dominican Republic (1-0) v Canada (0-1) and Peru (1-0) v Colombia (0-1).

# Brazil 3, Puerto Rico 0

Brazil topped Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-15) in the women's volleyball opening match. Brazil's sweeping opening performance kept Puerto Rico under control to grab their first pool B victory. Brazil led with 33-26 attacking margin, 9-4 advantage in blocks and 5-1 in aces. Brazil scored 28 points on Puerto Rican errors, against 16 on their side. Lorenne Geraldo scored 13 points on 9 kills, 3 blocks and one ace in Brazil's victory, joined by Lana Conceicao with 9 points on 8 kills and one ace. Puerto Rico's leading scorer was opposite player Paulina Prieto with 9 points on 8 kills and one ace.



# Argentina 3, United States 2

Argentina downed United States 3-2 (25-17, 25-17, 20-25, 18-25, 15-10) in first Lima 2019 Pan American Games win. United States leveled the actions from a two-

set deficit remaining calm to get into better rhythm trying to stop Argentina's faster game level. Finally, Argentina kept on pushing

until winning their first outing in pool A. Argentina prevailed on 7-1 advantage on serves and scoring on U.S. 33 unforced errors against 22. The Americans led with 56-53 margin in attacks and 15-12 in blocks. Opposite player Lucia Fresco of Argentina scored a match-high of 23 points on 21 kills and 2 blocks. Also in Argentina's win, Middle blockers Candelaria Herrera and Julieta Lazcano contributed with 11 (including 4 aces) and 10 points respectively. Outside hitter Kingdon Rishel led United States with 18 points on 15 kills and 3 blocks, followed

by opposite player Krystal Rivers with 15 points coming off the bench and middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan with 13 points all on kills.



### Dominican Republic 3, Colombia 1

Dominican Republic defeated a resilient Colombia 3-1 (26-24, 27-25, 22-25, 27-25) in their Lima 2019 Pan American debut. Dominicans had a rough time dominating Colombia's resilient defense and effective kills as the scored were leveled the entire four sets that lasted a little over than two hours (2:06) in the first

match of pool A. Dominican Republic´s considerable 14-8 blocking advantage was the key in beating Colombia as the attacking skills were leveled (58-58). The "Queens of the Caribbean" held a slim 6-5 margin in aces and Colombia committed fewer errors (24-28). Brayelin Martinez led Dominican Republic with impressive 27 points on 25 kills from 54 attempts; Bethania De La Cruz contributed with 17 points on 15 kills and 2 blocks and middle blocker Jineiry Martinez scored 12 points including 6 stuff blocks. Margarita Martinez with 19 points on 17 kills, one block and one ace topped Colombia, followed by Amanda Caneo with 18 points on 16 kills and 2 aces, and Carabali Valerin added 10 points.



## Peru 3, Canada 1

Host Peru opened the Lima 2019 Pan American Games over Canada 3-1 (25-17, 25-21, 22-25, 25-18) in pool A. Cheering and chanting from five thousand spectators at El Callao helped Peru's solid 16-4 sizeable serving margin beat Canada's 17-3 huge margin in blocks. Peru scored on 37 errors from Canada and committed 23.

Canada still recovered in set three stealing away one point from Peru's final four point first win of the event on 41-37 advantage in attacks. Angela Leyva and Karla Ortiz led Peru's hitters with 17 and 16 points accordingly. Peruvian Middle blocker Maricarmen Guerrero led in serves acing 6 points. Three Canadians scored double-figures, captain Brianna Beamish with 14 points, Layne Van Buskirk with 13 points including 7 stuff blocks and Ruth White with 11 points.







