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Semifinals are set at Lima 2019 Pan American Games

LIMA, Peru, August 9, 2019. -The semifinals of the eighteenth Lima 2019 Pan American Games are set with Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Dominican Republic making the final four cut on Friday at the Multisport Complex El Callao in Lima, Peru.

Dominican Republic advanced into semifinals winning pool A undefeated and second placed Colombia made history while finishing in the top four of their first ever Pan American Games.

Brazil topped pool B edging United States for the semifinal spot while topping pool B; in second place, Argentina lost to Puerto Rico but had already reach the semifinals since yesterday.

Placing matches well go before Saturday's semifinals with United States v Canada (7th place), Puerto Rico v Peru (5th place).

Semifinals start with Brazil v Colombia followed by Dominican Republic v Argentina.

Brazil 3, United States 0

Brazil qualified to the Lima 2019 Pan American Games semifinal round edging United States 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-17). Brazil with 2-1 win-loss record moves into semifinals as one of the two top finishers in pool B along with Argentina who qualified yesterday; they will just have to wait the result between Argentina and Puerto Rico to learn their final pool-

play position. United States will play for placing matches. Brazil led in all aspects of the game, with 43-37 advantage in attacks, 8-5 in blocks and 6-4 in serves. The South Americans scored on 18 errors from the U.S. against 14. Lorene Geraldo was Brazil's top scorer with a match-high of 23 points including 22 kills, and Paula Borgo added 12 points on Brazil's side. Krystal Rivers led United States with 13 points on 10 kills and 3 aces, while Sarah Wilhite contributed with 12 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Argentina 1

Puerto Rico defeated Argentina 3-1 (21-25, 25-16, 26-24, 25-24) to play for fifth place. Puerto Rico finishes third place of pool B with 1-2 record to play for fifth place of the competition, while Argentina still advances into semifinals as second place; both wait for their respective opponents. Puerto Rico held a 55-48 margin in kills, a sizeable 10-5 in blocks and both teams scored 3 points from serves. Argentina committed fewer errors (29-32) than Puerto Rico.

Paulina Prieto of Puerto Rico topped all scorers with 20 points on 17 kills and 3 aces; Stephanie Enright followed with 17 points and Aury Cruz chipped in with 13 points. Lucia Fresco led Argentina with 13 points, Yamila Nizetich finished with 12 and Elina Rodriguez with 11 points.

Colombia 3, Canada 1

Colombia downed Canada 3-1 (25-18, 25-19, 19-25, 25-20) in important pool A victory. Colombia is making history as they are a few steps away of qualifying to the semifinals waiting for the result between host Peru and undefeated Dominican Republic. Canada will play the final classification match for seventh place against United States. Colombia's blocking advantage 14-9 worked well in stopping Canada's 2-0 set recovery with great attacking and defense skills. Colombia led in attacks 53-51 and scored 27 points on Canadian errors against 17. Canada held 5-0 margin in aces.

Colombian Amanda Caneo continues her spectacular pounding attack, leading all scorers with 26 points on 22 kills and 4 blocks. Also from Colombia, Margarita Martinez contributed with 13 points on 11 kills and 2 blocks. Brianna Beamish topped Canada with 18 points, joined by Sara Kovac and Jasmine White with 15 and 10 points respectively.

Dominican Republic 3, Peru 0

Dominican Republic advanced into Lima 2019 Pan American Games semifinals winning pool A undefeated after beating host Peru 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-17). Dominicans physical presence and force over the net dominated host Peru who played with character in their last pool-play performance. Dominican Republic will play against Argentina on Saturday's semifinal match, while Peru goes against Puerto Rico for the final classification fifth place match. Dominican Republic's stats were superior with 46-30 margin in attacks, 8-6 in blocks and 8-2 in serves. Peru committed one less error (13-14) than Dominican Republic.

Bethania De La Cruz led Dominicans offense with 19 points on 13 attacks, 2 blocks and 4 powerful serves, followed by Gaila González with 13 points. Angela Leyva scored 14 points, the only Peruvian player with double-digits.