

Newsletter

Dominican Republic, Cuba, USA, Mexico with winning debut



HERMOSILLO, Mexico, August 21, 2022.- Dominican Republic, Cuba, the United States and host Mexico with winning debut at the 19th Women's Pan American Cup at the Sonora Arena of Hermosillo.

In pool A Dominican Republic defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-9, 25-8, 25-9) in the opening game of the event and the United States downed Peru 3-1 (25-13, 21-25, 25-22, 25-17).

In pool B Cuba won an exciting match to Canada 3-0 (25-16, 28-26, 25-23) and host Mexico huge 14-0 margin in serves controlled Nicaragua 3-0 (25-11, 25-8, 25-9).

On the second day of action, Dominican Republic (1-0) faces Peru (0-1), Colombia goes up against Canada (0-1), the United States (1-0) plays Puerto Rico and host Mexico (1-0) closes with Cuba (1-0).

Dominican Republic 3, Costa Rica 0

Dominican Republic defeated Costa Rica 3-0 (25-9, 25-8, 25-9) in the opening match. Dominican Republic jumped to comfortable leads in all three sets dominating Costa Rica in their first win of pool A. Dominican Republic held overwhelming stats over Costa Rica with a huge 39-13 margin in attacks and 13-1 in serves, they also led 7-4 in blocks. Dominican Republic scored on 16 Costa Rican errors and allowed 8. Dominican outside hitter Bethania De La Cruz with impressive 10 points from serves, led all scorers with a total of 17 points, followed by outside hitter Yonkaira Peña with 10 points and opposite hitter Gaila Gonzalez added 7 points all on kills. From Costa Rica, team captain outside hitter Tamara Espinoza finished with 5 points.



Cuba 3, Canada 0

Cuba won an exciting match to Canada 3-0 (25-16, 28-26, 25-23) in their debut. Cuba took the second set away from Canada recovering from a six-point deficit (18-24) with their serves, for a thrilling 28-26

finish. Cuba controlled Canada with an 11-6 margin in blocks; both teams scored 34 points from attacks and 5 points from serves. Cuba committed fewer errors than Canada (20-28).

Opposite hitter Dezirett Madan led Cuba with 12 points on 9 kills and 3 aces, outside hitter Ailama Cese contributed with 10 points and middle blocker Laura Suarez scored 7 points on 5 kills and 2 blocks. On Canada's side, team captain, outside hitter Melissa Langegger topped with 12 points on 9 kills and 3 blocks, opposite hitter Sydney Grills also scored 12 points and middle blocker Allyssah Fitterer tallied 10 points on 6 kills, one block and 3 aces.

United States 3, Peru 1



The United States downed Peru 3-1 (25-13, 21-25, 25-22, 25-17) in pool A. The United States dropped the second set despite their strong effort to recover from a five-point deficit (5-10) for a 25-21 finish for Peru. The U.S. prevailed over Peru with a huge 13-4 margin in blocks, a

54-46 advantage in kills and 4-2 lead in service points. Both teams allowed 25 points from unforced errors.

Outside hitter Danielle Drews of the United States led all scorers with 19 points on 15 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces; outside hitter Avery Skinner scored 17 points on 16 kills and one block and middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan contributed with 12 points on 10 kills and 2 blocks.

Outside hitter and team captain Karla Ortiz of Peru scored 17 points on 16 kills and one block, followed by middle blocker Ginna Lopez and outside hitter Ysabella Sanchez added 10 points each.

Mexico 3, Nicaragua 0



Mexico's huge 14-0 margin in serves controlled Nicaragua 3-0 (25-11, 25-8, 25-9) in their winning debut. In addition to Mexico's strength in serves, their huge 35-10 advantage in attacks and 8-1 margin in blocks dominated

Nicaragua in pool B. Mexico committed 17 unforced errors and Nicaragua a total of 18. Outside hitter Aime Topete of Mexico led all scorers with 13 points on 8 kills and a match-high of 5 serves, joined by middle blocker Karina Flores with 10 points and outside hitter Vanessa Villegas with 8 points. Nicaragua's leading scorer was middle blocker Dalia Calero with 4 points.