



II Women Volleyball Pan American Cup in Saltillo, México.



Venezuela and Brazil will meet in quarterfinals

Venezuela moved to a quarterfinal match with Brazil in the Women's Pan American Cup after defeating Mexico 3-1. The host Mexicans now will meet Puerto Rico in a consolation game for the seventh place.

Dominican Republic will meet Canada in the other quarterfinal while USA and Cuba are already in the semifinals after finishing at the top of their Pools.

The two-hour contest ended with score of 25-21, 20-25, 25-15, 25-21 before a crowd of around 5,000 partisans fans in the Convention Center of Coahuila. Yaseidi "Mami" Castaneda led the Venezuela side with her spiking and blocks during a first set played under

big pressure. Veronica Gomez and Jaice Andrade also contributed.

The Mexicans got a boost from the animated crowd and evened the match with the attack of Bibi Candelas and the blocking of Claudia Rodríguez and Marion Frias. But a knee injury of Migdalel Ruiz, one of the main offensive sources, destroyed the hopes of the local team for a berth in the quarterfinals.

The third set was very easy for the Venezuelans and they took an 8-5 lead in the fourth with the outstanding play of Mami. Mexico reacted and tied the set on four occasions, but the blockade of Andrade and Castaneda put an end to the chances of the Aztecs.

In another match, Brazil beat Puerto Rico 3-0 finishing second in Pool A. Although the Brazilians were in the lead all the time but the Puerto Ricans improved their level as the match progressed. The score was 25-19, 25-21, 25-23.

Standings:

Pool A: United States (3-0), Brazil (2-1), Canada (1-2), Puerto Rico (0-3)

Pool B: Cuba (3-0), Dominican Republic (2-1), Venezuela (1-2), Mexico (0-3)

Thursday's matches:

Puerto Rico vs México

Brazil vs Venezuela

Dominican Republic vs Canada