



Dominican Republic and Cuba win Pools

MEXICALI, Baja California.- The Dominican Republic finished in first place in Pool B of the Women's Pan American Cup after defeating Mexico 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 25-14).

The victory secured the Dominicans a berth in the semifinals and a ticket to the 2005 World Grand Prix. They finished tied with Brazil and Puerto Rico in wins and sets but edged Brazil by points ratio.

The Dominicans won the first set with the killings of Kenia Moreta and the serves by Prisilla Rivera and Annerys Vargas. In the second set, it was veteran Cosiris Rodriguez who starred for the Dominicans with 10 powerful spikes. It was again the

tandem of Moreta and Rodriguez who provided the spark in the third. Rodriguez had 19 points and Moreta followed with 17. Other in double figures were Milagros Cabral and Annerys Vargas with 12 and 10



respectively. Bibi Candelas scored 11 for Mexico.

In Tijuana, Cuba trounced USA in consecutive sets and qualified in first place in Pool A of the Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup. The three time Olympic Champions advanced to the semifinal round after their triumph 25-17, 25-19, 25-15 in just 64 minutes of action. The victory gave the Cubans a spot in the 2005 World Grand Prix.

Yaima Ortiz and Zoila Barros each had 13 points for Cuba and Yumilka Ruiz scored 10. Ortiz and Barros had three aces apiece. For the Americans, Nancy Metcalf had 12 points and Nnamani Ogonna added 10.

Brazil defeated Costa Rica in straight sets and finished with a 3-1 record in Pool B of the Pan American Cup.

The score was 25-12, 25-10, 25-20 and the Brazilians qualified for the 2005 World Grand Prix,

Regiane Bidias, who scored 18 spikes, was the star for Brazil in the first set when she seemed unstoppable at the net while Suellje Oliveira, who finished with 17, sparked the offense in the second.

Argentina got its first victory in Pool A of the Pan American Cup defeating Guatemala 3-0 (25-13, 25-10, 25-14).