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Cuba and USA qualify to semifinals at Mens Pan Am Cup



TIJUANA, Mexico, August 13 2014.- Cuba and USA qualified to the second round at IX Men's Pan American Cup. Both teams advanced directly to semifinals after beating Dominican Republic and Mexico respectively.

USA 3-0 Mexico

The United states defeated host Mexico in straight sets (31-29, 25-23 and 25-23). Taylor Crabb was the leader of American offense with a total of 17 points, followed by Taylor Averill with 14, while captain Zachary La Cavera finished with 13. Mexico could not achieve the temporary win in the first set after missing some key points that at least could force a four sets match. Daniel Vargas finished as top scorer with 15 points for the host team, while Carlos Guerra closed with 10 units and Samuel Cordova with 8.

Cuba 3-0 Dominican Republic

Cuba advanced after a three setter victory over Dominican

Republic by scores of 25-19, 25-19 and 25-23. The Cubans closed Pools Round with a 2-0 record atop of Pool B. The third set was very tight after the Dominicans tried to get back with a good solid performance by José Cáceres and Elvis Contreras.

Caceres finished with 20 points to be the top scorer of the match, while Contreras closed with 9. On te Cuban side, captain Rolando Cepeda closed with 16 points, followed by Osmany Uriarte, with 12 and Javier Jiménez Scull with 10.

Cuban block and service were a big key to achieve the win. The team coached by Rodolfo Sanchez had a 9-3 blocking points advantage in the end, and converted 5 aces against none by the Dominican squad.

Argentina 3-2 Canada

In a long five setter battle, Argentina edged Canada 25-18, 21-25, 25-22, 23-25 and 19-17. The team coached by Hernan Ferraro finished atop of Pool C and was waiting for a rival on the second round. Pablo Koukartsev was the leader on the Argentinean side with 19 points, followed by Rodrigo Villalba with 18 and Facundo Imhoff with 15, while Gonzalo Quiroga scored 10. For Canada Dallas Soonias closed with 27 points, Toontje Van Lankvett with 16, Graham Vigrass with 13 and Jason DeRocco with 10.

