

Canada and Dominican Republic in collision course

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 13, 2014 – Dominican Republic and Canada continued in a collision course after scoring their third victories in Pool A at Juan de la Barrera Gymnasium of Mexico City on Friday. The Dominicans meet Peru on Saturday while Canada plays Mexico. The two strong sides are scheduled to clash on Sunday in the last day of the preliminary round. Meanwhile in Pool B, United States scored its third triumph without losing a single set and meet winless Costa Rica on Saturday.



Peru 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0 Peru outplayed Trinidad & Tobago 26-24, 25-21, 26-24 to claim its first victory in Pool A. The Peruvians were able to execute the key plays in the crucial turning-points late in the sets, a different story in the case of the less experienced Trinidadians. The losers outscored the winners in blocks (12-5) and service winners (6-3) but gave away 34

points with errors to 22 by Peru. Maguilaura Frias and Karla Ortiz finished with 13 and 11 points, respectively, in the winning effort, the same figures achieved by Trinidad & Tobago's Krystle Esdelle and Channon Thompson.



United States 3, Puerto Rico 0 Two-time defending champions USA maintained their spotless win-loss record in Pool B with a crushing victory over Puerto Rico 25-18, 25-13, 25-17. USA improved to 3-0 and Puerto Rico dropped to 1-2. The Americans outblocked their opponents 16-5 with Bailey Webster and Cursty Jackson each registering four blocks. They dominated

in attacks 36-23 and held a slight 3-1 margin in aces. Webster finished with a match-high 17 points while Jackson contributed 10. Lynda Morales had 10 points as the only Puerto Rican with double digits in the scores.



Canada 3, Cuba 0

Canada improved to a 3-0 mark in Pool A following a close victory over Cuba 25-22, 25-23, 25-21 on Friday. Kyla Richey and Lisa Barclay were the top scorers of Canada with 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Lucille Charuk and Marissa Field each added eight tallies. Field had 3 blocks to lead Canada to a 6-3 margin in the blocking

category. Cuba's Melissa Vargas concluded with a match-high 20 points in the losing cause.



Colombia 3, Costa Rica 0

Colombia cruised past Costa Rica in straight sets 25-16, 25-18, 25-16 earning their first win in Pool B. The Colombian team hurt Costa Rica with well placed serves en route to a 13-6 margin in the aces category and also led in the blocking charts 7-3. Ivonne Montano was the top offensive players of the winning side with 16 points, including

two blocks and three aces. Yeisy Soto and Danna Escobar contributed 11 and 10 tallies. Costa Rica's Paola Ramirez finished with eight points.



Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 0 Dominican Republic claimed its third victory in a row in Pool A after defeating a brave Mexico in straight sets 25-23, 25-20, 25-22. The Mexicans battled point by point but at the end succumbed against a superior team of Dominican Republic. Yonkaira Peña was the main offensive arm for the winners with 18 points followed by Brayelin Martinez

and Bethania De la Cruz with 9 and 8, respectively. Mexico's Andrea Rangel had a match-high 19 points in the losing effort. The Dominicans held a 9-6 advantage in the blocking department led by Candida Arias who finished with four blocks.

