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## Day One without surprises at Pan Am Cup

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 11, 2014 - The first day of action at the Pan American Cup passed without surprises as the favorite teams scored victories in Mexico City and Pachuca.

All the victories were by scores of 3-0 with the exception of the triumph of Canada over Peru in four well-fought sets.

Canada 3, Peru 1

Canada defeated Peru in four sets (25-18, 26-24, 23-25, 25-20) in the first match of Pool A. The winners held a big margin in blocks 19-4 to go with 43 unforced errors to 28 by the losers. Canada's Marissa Field led all the players in the match with 18 points, including four blocks and three aces. Kyla Richey contributed 15 with a match-high six blocks while Lucille Charuk and Marie-Pier Murray-Methot each added 10 tallies. Angela Leyva had 17 points for Peru while Maguilaura Frias and Karla Ortiz had 8 apiece in the losing effort.

Dominican Republic 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0 Dominican Republic beat Trinidad & Tobago in a lopsided match (25-12, 25-11, 25-16) in Pool A. The solid blocking earned the Dominican Republic a 10-4 margin in the blocking category, including three by Annerys Vargas and Brayelin Martinez. Yonkaira Peña topped the Dominicans with 15 points, followed by Vargas and Bethania De la Cruz with 9 and 8, respectively. Channon Thompson had 8 for the defeated side.

United States 3, Colombia 0

Two-time defending champions United States defeated Colombia 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 30-28) in the first match of Pool B. After cruising for the first two sets, the Americans had to battle to edge the resilient Colombians. The winners held a huge 16-4 margin in blocks en route to the win. TeTori Dixon was the best scorer for USA with 12 points followed by Chloe Ferrari with 11 tallies. Danna Escobar and Yeisy Soto finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the loss.

Cuba 3, Mexico 0

Cuba cruised to a comfortable victory in straight sets (25-19, 25-17, 25-21) in the third and last match of Pool A. Cuba held a 10-6 advantage in the blocking charts with Alena Rojas finishing with five blocks of her own. Melissa Vargas was the main weapon of Cuba finishing with 16 points. Jennifer Alvarez and Rojas each produced 9 points while Sulian Matienzo added 8. Andrea Rangel

topped Mexico with 10 points.

Argentina 3, Puerto Rico 0

Argentina beat Puerto Rico in consecutive sets (25-14, 25-22, 28-26) in the second and last match of Pool B in Pachuca. The Argentineans dominated in the blocking category 11-4 with Emilce Sosa and Leticia Boscacci each contributing four blocks. Sosa and Yamila Nizetich finished with 10 points apiece to lead the winners' offense. Biscacci and Josefina Fernandez added 9 points apiece in the victory. Puerto Rican Aury Cruz had a match-high 16 points in the losing cause while Vanessa Velez added eight.







