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Dominican Republic wins Pool A

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 15, 2014 – Dominican Republic joined United States as pool winners of the XIII Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup with direct tickets to the semifinals of the annual intercontinental event.

In a decisive match for top place in Pool A, the Dominicans (5-0) scored a straight-set victory (25-22, 25-14, 25-22) over Canada (3-2), who finished in second place. Third place went to Cuba who beat Peru.

In Pool B, Argentina defeated Costa Rica to finish second while Puerto Rico beat Colombia to secure third place. Teams rest on Monday and the actions resumes on Tuesday with the quarterfinals round with Puerto Rico facing Canada and Argentina playing against Cuba.

Dominican Republic 3, Canada 0

Dominican Republic secured a direct spot in the semifinals following a straight set (25-22, 25-14, 25-22) victory over Canada on Sunday. The win earned the Dominicans a 5-0 win-loss record while the Canadians fell to a 3-2 mark. The winners held a 10-4 difference in the blocking category and a slight margin in aces 6-5. They also had 36 kills to 31 by the losers. Bethania De la Cruz paced the balanced Dominican Republic offense with 15 points, followed by Yonkaira Peña who finished with 12. Brittney Page and Marisa Field had 12 and 8 points, respectively, for Canada.

Puerto Rico 3, Colombia 0

Puerto Rico defeated Colombia 3-0 (25-13, 25-22, 31-29) to clinch a quarterfinals berth. The third set was the longest battle in the tournament, thus far. Aury Cruz and Vanessa Velez each scored 14 points for Puerto Rico while Alexandra Oquendo and Natalia Valentin contributed 11 and 9 points, in the victory with Valentin registering three aces and three blocks. Yeisy Soto and Margarita Martinez finished with 11 apiece for Colombia and Ivonne Montano added 10.

Cuba 3, Peru 0

Cuba earned a quarterfinals spot after defeating Peru in consecutive sets (28-26, 27-25, 25-18). Once again young sensation Melissa Vargas led Cuba with 24 points, including six blocks, followed by Sulian Matienzo and Jennifer Alvarez with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Daymara Lescaj had four blocks among her nine points, in the victory. Angela Leyva topped Peru with 15 points and next was Karla Ortiz, who tallied 11. Cuba held a huge margin in blocks 13-4 to make up for 23 unforced errors compared with only 14 by Peru.

Argentina 3, Costa Rica 0

Argentina finished second in Pool B with a 3-1 record after crushing Costa Rica 3-0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-17). Natalia Aispirua, Josefina



Fernandez and Emilce Sosa finished with 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Argentina. Paola Ramirez had 9 points for the defeated side. Argentina dominated in attacks (41-21), blocks (7-1) and aces (9-4). Antonela Curatola was the best server with three aces.

Mexico 3, Trinidad & Tobago 2

Mexico erased a two-set deficit and went on to defeat Trinidad & Tobago 3-2 (18-25, 21-25, 25-15, 25-20, 15-8) in the last match of Pool A. Mexico finished with a 3-2 record –with all the victories via five sets- and placed fourth behind Cuba who also compiled a 3-2 mark but with 15 points to 9 of Mexico. Andrea Rangel and Lizbeth Sainz each scored 19 points in the victory. Trinidad & Tobago's Krystle Esdelle had a match-high 21 points in the losing cause. Darlene Ramdin chipped in 11 points while Sinead Jack and Channon Thompson registered 10 apiece.



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