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## Puerto Rico and Argentina reach the semifinal round

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 17, 2014 – Puerto Rico and Argentina have joined two-time defending champions United States and Dominican Republic in the semifinals of the XIII Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup, following victories over Canada and Cuba, respectively on Tuesday at Juan de la Barrera Gymnasium in Mexico City.

In the semifinal phase, Argentina plays Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico meets United States. Puerto Rico defeated Canada 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 30-28) while Argentina overcame Cuba 3-1 (25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 25-19).

In the matches for 7-10 places in Pachuca, Colombia beat Peru 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-20) and Mexico crushed Costa Rica 3-0 (25-10, 25-22, 25-17). The winners will play for seventh place and the losers will decide the ninth position.

**Puerto Rico 3, Canada 0**  
Puerto Rico stormed past Canada in straight sets (25-17, 25-16, 30-28) in the quarterfinals. The victory earned Puerto Rico a final-four berth in the annual intercontinental event against a rival still to be determined. It is the third time in the history of the event that Puerto Rico has reached the semifinals as they did also in 2008 and 2009. Aury Cruz scored 20 points to pace Puerto Rico, including three blocks and two aces, while Vanessa Velez added 16. Alexandra Oquendo and Lynda Morales each chipped in 9 tallies. Lisa Barclay, Brittney Page and Kyla Richey finished with 12, 11 and 9 points, respectively, in the losing cause.

**Argentina 3, Cuba 1**  
Argentina defeated Cuba 3-1 (25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 25-19) and qualified to the semifinals. Argentina held the advantage in attacks (58-51) and gave away 21 points with unforced errors compared to 28 by the losers. Leticia Boscacci and Josefina Fernandez each recorded 18 points in the victory while Sol Piccolo and Emilce Sosa contributed 10 points apiece. Damara Lescay was the best scorer for Cuba with 16 points, followed by Alena Orta and Melissa Vargas each with 13 tallies. Sulian Matienzo added 11 in the losing effort.

**Colombia 3, Peru 0**  
Colombia stunned Peru 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-20) to clinch the last South American spot available to next year's FIVB World Grand

Prix. Both teams scored 9 blocks but the winners had the advantage in attacks (44-39) and aces (3-1). Yeisy Soto paced Colombia with 14 points, including four blocks and two aces, followed by Amanda Coneo and Margarita Martinez with 13 and 12 points respectively. Angela Leyva (12) and Clarivett Yllescas (11) were the best scorers of Peru.

**Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0**  
Mexico stomped Costa Rica 3-0 (25-10, 25-22, 25-17) and will meet Colombia for seventh place. The victory means Mexico qualified to the FIVB World Grand Prix for the second year in a row. The winners held a huge advantage in the attacks (42-24) and slight margins in blocks (7-6) and aces (6-4). Andrea Rangel was Mexico's top scorer with 17 points, followed by Lizbeth Sainz (11) and Dulce Carranza (10). Angela Willis finished with 11 points for the losers.



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