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## USA book direct ticket to the semis of Pan Am Cup

PACHUCA, Mexico, June 14, 2014 – Two-time defending champions United States clinched a direct berth in the semifinals of the Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup by winning Pool B with an undefeated record and all the four victories without losing a single set.

In Saturday's action, two matches extended to the limit of five sets, including the stunning victory of hosts Mexico against Canada and Dominican Republic overcoming a strong resistance from Peru.

Sunday's schedule in Mexico City features the contest between Canada and Dominican Republic for the first place in Pool A, Peru against Cuba and Mexico versus Trinidad & Tobago. In Pachuca, Puerto Rico meets Colombia and Argentina goes against Costa Rica.

United States 3, Costa Rica 0

United States brushed aside Costa Rica in straight sets (25-13, 25-9, 25-11) to conclude undefeated in Pool B and booking a direct ticket to the semifinal phase. The Costa Ricans couldn't do many things against the Americans, whose opposite resulted in the best scorer of the match with 17 points followed by Chloe Ferrari, who charted nine. Paola Ramirez had seven points for Costa Rica. It was the fourth victory in a row for the USA team that won also in straight sets over Colombia, Argentina and Puerto Rico and now

they move to the Mexican capital to play the medal contenders and to decide the top six places.

Mexico 3, Canada 2

Mexico stunned Canada winning a thrilling five-setter 27-25, 27-25, 1-25, 14-25, 15-9 in Pool A. The Canadians saw their three-game winning streak come to an end to the hands of a high-spirited Mexican side. The North Americans have now a 3-1 record good for second place while the winners evened up their mark at 2-2. Andrea Rangel led Mexico with 16 points, followed by Claudia Rios and Dulce Carranza each with 10 points. Lisa Barclay had a match-high 21 points in the losing effort. Brittney Page and Marie-Pier Murray each recorded 14 points while Marisa Field added 10, with 7 blocks.

Dominican Republic 3, Peru 2

The Dominican Republic survived a strong challenge to defeat Peru in five sets (25-18, 25-21, 22-25, 18-25, 15-12) earning their fourth victory in Pool A. The Peruvians dropped to a 1-3 mark. Bethania De la Cruz paced the offense of the winners with 26 points as one of four players with double digits in the score charts. Yonkaira Peña added 19 and Gina Mambru and Marianne Fersola each contributed 14 points. Maguilaura Frias topped Peru with 22 tallies followed by Angela Leyva and Karla Ortiz who finished with 13 points apiece. The Dominicans held a 13-6 margin in the blocking category with Fersola, Mambru and De la Cruz each registering three.

Cuba 3, Trinidad & Tobago 1

Cuba defeated Trinidad & Tobago in four sets (25-17, 25-18, 20-25, 25-10) to even up its record at 2-2 in Pool A. The defeated side dropped to 0-4. Melissa Vargas scored 24 points, including a tournament-high 7 blocks, to pace the Cuban offense. Daymara Lescay added five blocks to go with 12 points and Dayami Sanchez added 8 points, in the victory. Krystle Esdelle had 20 points for the defeated side. It was the first time in history that Trinidad & Tobago win a set against Cuba. The winners held a huge margin of 16-6 in the blocking charts while the defeated side had the edge in aces 7-6.

Argentina 3, Colombia 0

Argentina claimed its second triumph by defeating a resistant Colombia in straight sets (29-27, 25-17, 25-15) in Pool B. Argentina was superior in attacks (42-31) as well as in blocking (12-6) and also made fewer mistakes with 19 to 23 by the defeated side. The top scorers of the match were Josefina Fernández (12) and Leticia Boscacci (11) while Emilce Sosa added 10 for the winners the same total of Diana Arrechea, the most productive player of the Colombians, followed by Ivonne Montano, who had 9.

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