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USA, Dominican Republic and Canada undefeated at Pan Am Cup

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 12, 2014 – Two-time defending champions United States, Dominican Republic and Canada are the three undefeated teams in the Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup after two days of actions in Mexico City and Pachuca.

Dominican Republic 3, Cuba 1
Dominican Republic defeated a stubborn young Cuba 3-1 (24-26, 25-17, 25-21, 25-18) to earn their second victory in Pool A. The Cubans won the battle of the blocks 13-6 but gave away 43 points via unforced errors to 30 by the Dominicans who held an 8-2 advantage in aces. Bethania De la Cruz spearheaded the winners with 17 points, while Candida Arias recorded 4 blocks among her 13 points. Yonkaira Peña contributed 11 tallies in the victory. Melissa Vargas and Sulian Matienzo topped Cuba with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Alena Rojas scored eight, including four blocks.

Puerto Rico 3, Costa Rica 0
Puerto Rico stormed past Costa Rica to gain their first victory in Pool B following the loss to Argentina one day earlier. The final score was 25-15, 25-11, 25-19. The Puerto Ricans held an 11-4 margin in blocks and blanked the opponent 3-0 in aces. Aury Cruz was the biggest offensive arm of Puerto Rico with 13 points, all but one via kills. Lynda Morales added 10 while Alexandra Oquendo and Sheila Ocasio each contributed seven points. Angela Willis led Costa Rica with 11 points

and Paola Ramirez had nine in the loss.

Canada 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

Canada battled to claim their second victory in Pool A by defeating a resilient Trinidad & Tobago 25-23, 25-14, 26-24. The victory earned Canada a share of first place in the pool tied with Dominican Republic, winners over Cuba in four sets earlier in the day. The winners registered twelve blocks to maintain a high quality game at the net one day after recording 19 against Peru. Lisa Barclay led the balanced offense of Canada with 13 points while Marissa Field and Rebecca Pavan each charted nine points, including four blocks, in the win. Krystle Esdelle had 14 for the losers.

United States 3, Argentina 0

Two-time defending champions USA cruised past Argentina booking their second victory in as many days in Pool B. The Americans won 25-20, 25-14, 25-20 and lead the five-team pool. Argentina dropped to 1-1. Regan Hood finished with a match-high 17 points, including three blocks and three aces, while Sonja Newcombe added 10. Juliann Faucette and TeTori Dixon contributed 9 and 8 points, in the victory. Emilce Sosa and Sol Piccolo each had seven points in the losing effort.

Mexico 3, Peru 2

Hosts Mexico scored a stunning five-set victory over Peru 25-23, 16-25, 28-26, 21-25, 15-11 in the last match of Pool A. Claudia Rios scored a tournament-high 22 points to lead four Mexicans who reached double figures in the scores. Andrea Rangel contributed 18 points while Gema Leon and Lizbeth Sainz added 13 and 10, respectively. Peru's Angela Leyva finished with 21 points followed by Maguilaura Frias with 14. Clarivett Yllescas and Karla Ortiz each had 13 points in the losing cause.



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