

# Five squads with 2-0 records at Pan Am Cup

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, July 3, 2016 – Five teams are undefeated after two days of actions at the XV Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup being disputed in Santo Domingo.

Hosts Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Canada all have 2-0 win-loss records in Pool A while defending champions United States and Cuba have won their two matches so far in Pool B.

In Sunday's matches, Dominican Republic defeated Mexico in straight sets, Puerto Rico also dominated Colombia in consecutive frames and Canada needed four sets to dispatch Venezuela. United States stormed past Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba cruised to an easy win against Costa Rica while Peru edged Argentina in five sets.



#### Puerto Rico 3, Colombia 0

Puerto Rico improved its win-loss record to 2-0 in Pool A with the straight-set (25-18, 25-17, 25-15) win over Colombia. Puerto Rico dominated all the scoring skills with advantages of 36-26 in attacks, 9-6 in blocks and 9-3 in service winners. Stephanie Enright was the main offensive producer for Puerto Rico with 13 points, including four blocks and three aces, followed by Karina Ocasio with nine tallies. Natalia Valentin had four aces among her 6 points, and Alexandra Oquendo and Lynda Morales also totaled six. Kenny Moreno led Colombia with 10 points and Melissa Rangel was next with seven.

#### Canada 3, Venezuela 1

Canada overcame a resilient Venezuela to score a 3-1 (22-25, 25-20, 31-29, 25-21) victory in



Pool A. The victory enabled Canada to improve its record to 2-0 while Venezuela fell to 0-2. Danielle Brisebois scored 16 points, including five aces, and Shainah Joseph followed with 15, with four aces, the most productive players of Canada. Michaela Reesor and Lucille Charuk contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the victory.

Desiree Glod, Roslandy Acosta and Aleoscar Blanco each had 16 points in the losing cause, while Luz Delfines added 13. Venezuela had the top hand in attacks 57-41 but Canada dominated in blocks 15-7 and service winners 14-4.

## Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 0

Hosts Dominican Republic won its second match in as many outings with a lopsided 3-0 (25-17, 25-15, 25-19) triumph over Mexico. Bethania de la Cruz was the only Dominican with double figures in the scores with 11 points, including three aces. Annerys Vargas added six points and Brayelin Martinez, Gina Mambru and Yonkaira Peña each had six Mexican Fernanda Bañuelos had a match-high 12 points. The winners held advantages in spikes 37-28, blocks 10-4 and aces 7-4.

## Cuba 3, Costa Rica 0

Regla Gracia and Jennifer Alvarez each scored 8 points to lead the balanced offense of Cuba in the cruising 3-0 (25-9, 25-8, 25-18) over Costa Rica in Pool B. Cuba improved to a 2-0 mark while Costa Rica dropped to 0-2. Daimara Lescay, Dayami Sanchez and Sulian Matienzo contributed 7 apiece for the winners. Paola Ramirez had 8 points for Costa Rica. Cuba scored 15 aces and held an 8-2 advantage in the blocking category.

#### United States 3, Trinidad & Tobago 0

United States did a quick work to get their second victory in as many days in Pool B by defeating Trinidad & Tobago 3-0 (25-11, 25-13, 25-19). The losers dropped to a 0-2 mark. Nikki Taylor was the lone player in the match who barely reached double figures in the scores with 10 points followed by Carly Wopat with nine. Micha Hancock finished with 6, including three aces. Darlene Ramdin had 6 points for Trinidad & Tobago.

## Peru 3, Argentina 2

Peru outdueled Argentina in five sets to claim the triumph in the classic South American battle. Angela Leyva recorded 29 points to spark Peru to the 3-2 (25-16, 25-19, 24-26, 20-25, 15-11) victory in Pool B. Both teams are now tied with 1-1 records. Carla Rueda (15), Maguilaura Frias (12) and Mirtha Uribe (10) also finished in double figures for the winners. Emilce Sosa and Paula Nizetich each registered 18 points for Argentina while Lucia Fresco and Florencia Busquets added 14 and 10, respectively. Argentina gave away 32 points via unforced errors while leading in blocks 15-3. Peru led in attacks 65-56 and aces 9-7.