

Newsletter

Chile punch last ticket to U19 Worlds at Pan Am Cup



Monterrey, Mexico, March 25, 2017 – Chile became the third and last team qualified to the 2017 FIVB Boys' World Championship at the age-group Pan American Cup by advancing to the gold medal match against hosts Mexico.

Chile claimed the only South American vacancy available at the tournament by sweeping the already qualified Puerto Rico combined with the loss of Colombia to Mexico in the last semifinal match on Tuesday at Nuevo Leon Gymnasium.

Chile joins Brazil and Argentina as South American teams qualified to the world championship to be played in Bahrain from August 18 to 27. Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and United States will be the representatives of Norceca.

Esteban Mulchi and Julian Zenteno contributed 14 and 10 points, respectively, to the 3-0 (25-17, 25-



21, 25-21) victory over Puerto Rico. Gabriel Garcia had a match-high 20 points in the losing cause.

In the other semifinal, Mexico defeated a resilient Colombia 3-1 (25-20, 25-22, 29-31, 25-19) in one hour and 45 minutes.

Raymond Stephens and Diego Gonzalez led five Mexican players with double figures in the scores with 23 and 22 points, respectively. Miguel Sarabia (15), David Hernandez (12) and Alex Tellez (10) joined the winning offense.

Colombia's Oliver Murillo and Carlos Llanos each recorded 16 points while captain Raul Rivas finished with 11 points.

In the first match of Friday, Nicaragua edged Jamaica in a seesaw five-setter 3-2 (18-25, 25-20, 16-25, 25-21, 16-14) for the seventh position that lasted one hour and 48 minutes.

Jonny Zeledon registered 26 points as Nicaragua's top scorer while Shavar James tallied 22 points for Jamaica.

In Saturday's action, Dominican Republic and Costa Rica meet for fifth place before the bronze medal match between Colombia and Puerto Rico.