



Puerto Rico and Cuba move directly into U20 Pan Am Cup Semifinals

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 10, 2017.- Puerto Rico and Cuba moved directly into the U20 Women's Pan American Cup semifinals as the top two pool winners of the event that qualifies the top two finishers from each zone –Norceca and South America- will earn a berth to the FIVB World Championship in Boca del Rio and Cordoba, Mexico.

Puerto Rico finished preliminary round with the best record winning Pool B after beating Costa Rica 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-15). The Caribbean team performed with less energy than they usually do as Costa Rica's spikers worked around their blockers.

Cuba as second ranked, faced Peru in a challenging match for the top spot in Pool C. Cubans held an astonishing 61-36 margin in attacks in their 3-1 (29-27, 26-24, 18-25, 25-15) victory over Peru.

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United States, Argentina, Uruguay and Peru are the other teams remaining on the quest to bid for the World Championship.

United States dominated defending champion Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-22, 21-25, 25-22, 25-21) to win Pool A, leaving Dominicans out the final stage of the competition. United States will face Uruguay in quarterfinals. The other quarterfinal match will be a South American battle between Argentina and Peru.



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