

United States stops Argentina at U20 Pan Am Cup



SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 9, 2017.- United States stopped Argentina 3-1(25-23, 25-19, 15-25, 25-21) in their first match at the Women's U20 Pan American Cup contested at Gimnasio Nacional of San Jose, Costa Rica.

Both teams showed an organized performance with United States coming on top. United States held advantage 51-41 in spikes, 9-7 in blocks and 7-2 in service points, while scoring on 38 opponent errors and limited theirs to 23.

Lanier Khalia led all scorers with 16 points, joined by Regan Pittman and Elizabeth Hall with 12 points each, and Brionne Butler with 10 points. Florenca Tosi of Argentina scored 14 points and Benisse Soria added 12 points.

Puerto Rico displayed a strong performance in Pool B, defeating Uruguay 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-14) in their debut. The Caribbean team capitalized on Uruguay's 35 errors, dominating the actions and upholding a comfortable margin in scores especially in set three.

Camila Bausero of Uruguay led all scorers with 17 points, not enough to detain Puerto Rico's 28-25 advantage in spikes, 5-3 in blocking and 7-2 in service points.



Peru prevailed 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-20) over Chile in Pool C. Peru's experienced players performed confident, undoing Chile's efforts to catch up. Their best weapon was a huge advantage in serves by 10-7; they were also more effective in spikes 35-31 and blocks 7-3. Peru allowed 22 points in errors and Chile 22.

Flavia Montes and Katherine Regalado led Peru's offense with 11 points apiece, and Leslie Leyva contributed with 9 points. Beatriz Novoa was Chile's top scorer with 10 points, all in kills, while Amalia Carvajal chipped in with 9 points.

Pool-play concludes on Wednesday with Peru facing Cuba, Dominican Republic meets United States and Costa Rica will play against Puerto Rico.









