Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA and Guatemala winners at U19 Pan Am Cup opening day



GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, May 23, 2022.- Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States and host Guatemala winners at U19 Pan American Cup opening day.

The fourth edition of the U19 Pan Am Cup, a qualifying tournament to the FIVB World Championship, started with Mexico claiming their victory in pool B over Costa Rica 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-15) and followed by Puerto Rico dominating Dominican Republic in four sets 3-1 (26-28, 25-21, 25-20, 25-16) in pool A.

United States controlled Chile 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 25-11) with strength in pool B and the day ended with host Guatemala winning the Central American duel to Honduras 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-14) without difficulties.

Matches on day two of the event kicks off with Costa Rica (0-1) vs. USA (1-0), followed by Puerto Rico (1-0) vs. Honduras (0-1), Chile (0-1) vs. Mexico (1-0) and Guatemala (1-0) vs. Dominican Republic (0-1).

Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico won the inaugural match of the Boys' U19 Pan American Cup to Costa Rica 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-15). In pool B, Mexico and Costa Rica were the first teams to see action at the qualifying tournament to the FIVB World Championship. Mexico led 34-22 in attacks and 7-3 in serves, while Costa Rica had a slim 6-5 margin in blocks. Mexico benefited from 29 opponent errors and handed out 22. Mexican outside hitter Antonio

Vargas and opposite hitter Julio Cesar Serrano topped all scorers with 12 points each. Vargas on 10 kills, one block and one ace, while Julio Cesar Serrano led in serves with 4 points. Outside hitter Victor Miranda contributed with 11 points. On Costa Rica's side, outside hitter Stanley Grant finished with 9 points, followed by middle blocker David Córdoba with 7 points and outside hitter Kevin Parra with 6 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Dominican Republic 1

Puerto Rico dominated Dominican Republic in four sets 3-1 (26-28, 25-21, 25-20, 25-16). Pool A started with Puerto Rico recovering from falling in the first set to a spirited Dominican Republic but pulling off their first tournament win with a huge margin in every skill, 49-25 in attacks, 14-8 in blocks and 12-3 in service points. Dominican Republic handed out 49 points from errors, while Puerto Rico committed a total of 26. Outside hitter Diego Lopez of Puerto Rico led all scorers with 21 points on 17 kills, one block and 3 aces. Middle blocker Ramon Rosado added 16 points, leading with 4 points on serves and middle blocker Yann Colon scored 15 points, including the most blocks with 5 points. Opposite hitter Franklyn Reyes was the only player with double figures for Dominican Republic with 14 points.

United States 3, Chile 0

United States controlled Chile 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 25-11). United States dominated Chile with strength in pool B, finishing with an overwhelming advantage of 40-20 in attacks, 7-0 in blocks and 10-0 in serves. The U.S. scored 31 points from opponent errors and limited to 19 their own. Opposite hitter Finn Kearney from USA scored a match-high of 19 points, leading serves with 8 points; outside hitter Sterling Foley contributed with 18 points and team captain Sean Kelly registered 14 points. Outside hitter lan Gei led Chile with 8 points.

Guatemala 3, Honduras 0

Host Guatemala won the Central American duel to Honduras 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-14) in the closing match of the day. Guatemala prevailed over Honduras without difficulties, earning their first win in pool A by a huge 30-12 margin in attacks and 6-4 advantage in blocks, as well as in serves by 6-3. Guatemala committed 31 errors and Honduras 33. Outside hitters Jesús Hernández and Roberto Recinos led Guatemala with 9 and 8 points respectively. While outside hitter Leonardo Villegas led Honduras with 6 points.









