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USA, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Guatemala undefeated

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, May 24, 2022. - United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Guatemala remain undefeated after two days of competition at the fourth edition of the Boys U19 Pan American Cup, a qualifier to the FIVB World Championship.

Pool-play resumes on Wednesday with the first place of each pool advancing directly into semifinals and qualifying to the FIVB World Championship. Second and third places will play the quarterfinals.

Host Guatemala and Puerto Rico will play for first place in pool A, while Honduras and Dominican Republic play to move into the next round. United States battles Mexico for pool B top spot and Chile goes against Costa Rica to remain alive.

United States 3, Costa Rica 0

United States won their second match of the preliminary round at the Boys' U19 Pan American Cup, beating Costa Rica 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-15). United States has 2-0 record and with one more win will sweep pool B to move directly into semifinals and book one of the four tickets to the FIVB World Championship. The U.S. prevailed in every skill, 40-16 in kills, 10-4 in blocks and 6-2 in serves, while committing 19 unforced errors. Costa Rica ended with 30 errors. Two players of USA scored double figures, outside hitter Victor Loiola with a match-high of 15 points, from 13 kills and one point from both blocks and aces, and outside hitter Quinn Bishop contributed with 14 points on 9 kills, one block and 2 aces. Middle blocker and captain of Costa Rica David Córdoba scored 9 points and outside hitter Stanley Grant added 8 points.

Puerto Rico 3, Honduras 0

Puerto Rico downed Honduras 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-15) earning their second victory. Puerto Rico stands in pool A with 2-0 win-loss record; winning their pool tomorrow will advance them directly into semifinals and qualifying to the FIVB World Championship. Puerto Rico edged

Honduras with a huge serving margin of 16-1; they also held a 37-7 attacking margin and a 5-0 blocking advantage. Honduras committed fewer errors than Puerto Rico (17-31). Outside hitter Victor Torres of Puerto Rico was the only player that scored double digits, with 13 points on 9 kills and 4 aces. Outside hitter Diego Lopez and middle blocker Yann Colon collected 8 points each. Diego Lopez led in serves with 5 aces. Honduras' best scorer was opposite hitter Ary Contreras with 5 points.

Mexico 3, Chile 1

Mexico survived a four-set battle 3-1 (25-17, 14-25, 25-22, 25-18) over Chile. Mexico is undefeated (2-0) after a tough win against Chile (0-2). Mexico will decide pool B winner against the United States (2-0) on Wednesday when pool-play resumes. First place moves into semifinals and qualifies to the FIVB World Championship. Chile goes against Costa Rica (0-2). Mexico recovered from falling in the second set with a 12-8 blocking advantage and a 7-5 margin in serves, but handing out 27 points from errors. Chile held a 42-34 advantage in attacks and committed 36 unforced errors. Three players from Mexico scored double figures, led by outside hitter Antonio Vargas with 13 points, alongside middle blocker Diego Hernandez with 12 points and outside hitter Victor Miranda with 11 tallies. On the Chilean side, also three players led in scores, outside hitters

Samuel Munita and Ian Gei with 13 points each and middle blocker Goran Rafaeli chipped in with 11 points.

Guatemala 3, Dominican Republic 1

Host Guatemala won over Dominican Republic 3-1 (25-23, 25-17, 19-25, 25-21) to remain unbeaten in pool A. Guatemala (2-0) secured to be in the next round and is set to face Puerto Rico (2-0) to top pool A, the winner moves automatically in the semifinals and qualifies to the FIVB World Championship. Dominican Republic (0-2) resumes pool-play against Honduras (0-2). Guatemala led in attacks 43-40 and in blocks by a slim 7-6 margin, while Dominican Republic held a 6-3 advantage in serves. Guatemala committed 34 unforced errors and Dominican Republic 41.

Guatemala's outside hitter Jesus Hernández scored a tournament-high of 23 points, on 22 kills and one ace, while opposite hitter Ferdinando Gonzalez added 12 points, on 10 kills and 2 blocks. Opposite hitter Franklyn de Jesus Reyes topped Dominican Republic's scorers with 18 points, on 15 kills, 2 blocks and one ace, joined by outside hitter William de Jesus Paez with 13 points, on 11 kills and 2 aces.