

# Dominican Republic, United States and Mexico with 2-0 record

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, Augusto 22, 2022.- Dominican Republic, the United States and Mexico stand with a 2-0 record at the XIX Women's Pan American Cup being held at the Sonora Arena of Hermosillo.

Dominican Republic picked up their second win in pool A beating Peru 3-0 (25-13, 25-18, 25-22), The United States improved 2-0 in pool A after defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-22) and Mexico dominated Cuba 3-1 (24-26, 25-16, 25-16, 25-18) for their second victory in pool B.

Colombia in pool B, started their campaign beating Canada 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 28-26) in pool B.

On day three of competition, in pool A Dominican Republic (2-0) will meet with Puerto Rico (0-1), Peru (0-2) faces Costa Rica (0-1) and the United States (2-0) has the day off. In pool B matches Cuba (1-1) plays Nicaragua (0-1), host Mexico (2-0) closes with Colombia (1-0) and Canada (0-2) rests.

#### Dominican Republic 3, Peru 0

Dominican Republic picked up their second win in pool A beating Peru 3-0 (25-13, 25-18, 25-22). In the third set, Peru kept the score close up to point 18 and forced the Dominican Republic to miss three match points before the match finished. Peru suffered the loss in the second set of opposite hitter Tahisa McLeod due to a shoulder injury but still, Peru went on improving their performance as the game developed. Dominicans led 43-33 in attacks, 6-5 in blocks and 5-0 in aces, while scoring on 21 Peruvian errors and committing 15. Three Dominicans scored double digits, led by outside hitters Yonkaira Peña and Bethania De La Cruz with 16 points each, and opposite hitter Gaila Gonzalez with 15 points. De La Cruz scored a match-high of 3 aces. Outside hitter Karla Ortiz scored 12 points as Peru's top scorer.

## Colombia 3, Canada 0

Colombia started the Women's Pan American Cup beating Canada 3-0 (25-18, 25-14, 28-26) in pool B. Colombia recovered from a 4-point deficit in the third set (15-19) missing three match points and Canada one set point for the thrilling end. Colombia grabbed their first tournament win with an 11-8 advantage in blocks, a 5-4 margin in aces, and limiting their errors to only six points, while Canada committed 22. Both teams scored 40 points on kills. Colombian outside hitter Amanda Coneo scored a match-high of 18 points on 16 kills, one block and one ace, followed by opposite hitter Dayana Segovia with 13 points on 11 kills, one block and ace.



Outside hitter Melissa Langegger led Canada with 13 points on 11 kills, one block and one ace, joined by middle blocker Layne Van Buskirk who collected 11 points from 7 kills and 4 blocks.

### United States 3, Puerto Rico 0

The United States improved 2-0 in pool A after defeating Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-22) at the Sonora Arena of Hermosillo. The U. S. had to work harder in the third set trailing on four-point run (11-15) moving ahead sweeping Puerto Rico in their tournament debut. The United States held a huge 43-26 advantage in attacks and an 11-8 margin in blocks; Puerto Rico had a slim 5-4 margin in aces. Both teams committed a similar number of

unforced errors, Puerto Rico a total of 17 and the United States 18. Outside hitter Avery Skinner of the United States scored a matchhigh of 15 points all on kills, middle blocker Brionne Butler contributed with 10 points, including the most blocks with 5 points and opposite hitter Nia Reed added 9 points on 7 kills and 2 blocks. Middle blocker Paola Rojas led Puerto Rico's offense with 11 points on 5 kills, 3 blocks and 3 aces; opposite hitter Genesis Collazo and outside hitter Pilar Victoria registered 8 points each.

## Mexico 3, Cuba 1

Mexico dominated Cuba 3-1 (24-26, 25-16, 25-16, 25-18) for their second victory in pool B. Mexico came back from losing a tough first, with a stronger support from its fans and coming out on top by a comfortable 50-40 advantage in attacks, 13-9 margin in blocks and a 7-5 lead in aces. The host benefited from 29 Cuban errors while handing out 22 points on their errors. Samantha Bricio's offensive power was crucial in her team's victory, scoring a matchhigh of 22 points on 19 kills, 2 blocks and one ace. Outside hitters Aime Topete and Grecia Castro contributed with 13 and 11 points respectively. Cuba had two players scoring double-figures, led by opposite hitter Dezirett Madan with 13 points all from kills and outside hitter Sulian Matienzo with 11 points, including the most aces with 4 points.







