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Dominicans keep undefeated mark and Colombia stops Mexico

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, August 23, 2022.- Dominican Republic kept their undefeated mark and Colombia stopped host Mexico on day three of the 19th Women's Pan American Cup at the Sonora Arena of Hermosillo.

Dominican Republic kept their undefeated mark winning to Puerto Rico in straight sets 25-17, 25-11 and 25-18 in pool A and Colombia stopped host Mexico 3-0 (25-14, 27-25, 25-11) in pool B.

Peru and Cuba also earned victories, with Peru beating Costa Rica 3-0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-14) in pool A and Cuba over Nicaragua 3-0 (25-7, 25-11, 25-14) in pool B.

On day four of competition in pool A, United States (2-0) will play Costa Rica (0-2) and Puerto Rico (0-2) heads up with Peru (1-2). In pool B, Canada (0-2) meets Nicaragua (0-2) and Cuba (2-1) plays Colombia (2-0).



Peru 3, Costa Rica 0

Peru beat Costa Rica in pool A 3-0 (25-15, 25-12, 25-14) for their first tournament win. After two losses (United States and Dominican Republic), Peru came out on top Costa Rica by an overwhelming 41-19 advantage in attacks and an impressive 14-0 margin in serves. Costa Rica held a slim 4-3 margin in blocks and committed one less error than Peru (17-18). Opposite hitter Maria Paula Rodriguez of Peru was the only player with double-figures, with a total of 18 points on 8 kills, 2 blocks and a match-high of 8 aces. Middle blocker Maricarmen Guerrero and outside hitter Aixa Vigil tallied 8 and 7 points respectively. Outside hitters Tamara Espinoza and Nicole Mata led Costa Rica with 5 points each.

Cuba 3, Nicaragua 0

Cuba improved their record 2-1 with strength over Nicaragua 3-0 (25-7, 25-11, 25-14) in pool B. Cuba had no difficulties in leading the actions using all their players in a dominant performance of 44-21 in attacks, 9-2 in blocks and 8-1 in points from serves. Cuba committed eight unforced errors and Nicaragua ended with 14. Middle blocker Yamisleydis Viltres and outside hitter Claudia Tarin led Cuba with 9 points apiece, joined by opposite hitter Dezirett Madan who added 8 points. Nicaraguan opposite hitter Hellen Traña scored 8 points, followed by outside hitters Gilmary Smith and Swan Mendoza with 4 and 3 points respectively.

Dominican Republic 3, Puerto Rico 0

Dominican Republic kept their undefeated mark winning to Puerto Rico in straight sets 25-17, 25-11 and 25-18 in pool A. Dominican Republic has a 3-0 win-loss record, while Puerto Rico stands with 0-2. Puerto Rico had good starts in all three sets, but Dominican Republic's power stopped them with huge margins in attacks (42-27) and blocks (11-3); they also led 3-1 in aces. Dominican Republic scored on 19 Puerto Rican errors, allowing 15. Three Dominicans finished with double-digits, opposite hitter Gaila Gonzalez leading with 15 points on 11 kills, three blocks and one ace, outside hitter Bethania De La Cruz with 12 points on nine kills and two aces, and outside hitter Yonkaira Peña with 10 points on 9 kills and one block. Puerto Rico's top scorers were opposite hitter Genesis Collazo (9), middle blocker Paola Rojas (7) and outside hitter Genesis Miranda (6).



Colombia 3, Mexico 0

Colombia stopped host Mexico 3-0 (25-14, 27-25, 25-11) in pool B. Colombia won by comfortable margins in the first and second sets; but their impressive comeback of a five-point deficit (15-20) in the second set surprised Mexico who failed two set points (24-23 and 25-24). Colombia's strong 45-26 advantage in kills was to thank for their second straight win in pool B. Both teams scored 5 points from blocks and 2 from serves. Colombia benefited from 25 Mexican errors and committed 17. Outside hitter Amanda Coneo led Colombia with 14 points on 13 kills and one block, middle blocker Darlevis Mosquera and opposite hitter Dayana Segovia contributed with 10 points each. Outside hitter Samantha Bricio scored 12 points all on kills for Mexico and Grecia Castro added 7 points.

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