

# Newsletter

## United States and Colombia unbeaten at Women's Pan Am Cup



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### United States 3, Costa Rica 0

The United States beat Costa Rica 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-7) to remain undefeated. The United States undefeated (3-0) will take on Dominican Republic (3-0) for first place in pool A on Thursday; Costa Rica (0-3) goes up against Puerto Rico (0-2). The U.S. quickly dominated with a stronger offense to lead by a huge 39-9 in attacks over Costa Rica. The Americans also held a 7-2 margin in aces and a slim 6-5 margin in blocks, committing 22 errors against 24. Outside hitter Veronica Jones-Perry of the United States led all scorers with 11 points on 10 kills and one ace. Outside hitter May Mackenzie and opposite hitter Stephanie Samedy contributed with 9 points each. On Costa Rica's side, outside hitter Nicole Mata led with 4 points.



Heppell also contributed with 12 points on 8 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces, joined by middle blocker Layne Van Buskirk with 11 points on 8 kills and a match-high in blocks (4) and aces (4). Nicaraguan Hellen Traña led all scorers with 14 points on 13 kills and one block.

### Puerto Rico 3, Peru 2

Puerto Rico won a vibrant five-setter 3-2 (23-25, 25-20, 16-25, 25-17, 15-12) to Peru in their first tournament win in pool A. The roller coaster victory put Puerto Rico in a hopeful position, with a 1-2 record needing to win their last pool match to Costa Rica and move into the quarterfinal round. Peru

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, August 24, 2022.- United States and Colombia continue unbeaten at the 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Pan American Cup at the Sonora Arena in Hermosillo.

The United States beat Costa Rica 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-7) to remain undefeated and will take on Dominican Republic (3-0) for first place in pool A on Thursday, while Colombia with a straight set win 3-0 (25-16, 25-22, 25-17) over Cuba in pool B is in route to top pool B and seal their qualification to the 2023 Central American

and Caribbean Games. concludes the preliminary round with a 1-3 win-loss record and could play for positions seven to ten depending on Puerto Rico's result on Thursday. Puerto Rico prevailed with 15-12 advantage in blocking and committing fewer errors (28-30) errors than Peru. Both teams scored 57 points from attacks and two points from serves.

Outside hitter and team captain Pilar Victoria led Puerto Rico on a match-high of 24 points from 22 attacks and two blocks. Also contributing in the Caribbeans victory was middle blocker Paola Rojas with 16 points on a match-high of 7 blocks and 9 kills, while opposite hitter Genesis Collazo added 11 points on 10 kills and one block. Peru's top scorer was opposite hitter Maria Paula Rodriguez with 21 points on 17 kills and 4 blocks, accompanied by outside hitter Karla Ortiz contributing with 16 points on 14 kills and 2 blocks, and by middle blocker Ginna Lopez adding 11 points on 8 kills and 3 blocks.



### Colombia 3, Cuba 0

Colombia remained unbeaten with a straight set win 3-0 (25-16, 25-22, 25-17) over Cuba in pool B. Colombia with 3-0 record in pool B is in route to top pool B and seal their qualification to the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games. The event grants three berths; Dominican Republic and Mexico are already qualified. The South Americans face Nicaragua (0-3) in their last pool-play outing, while Cuba concludes a 2-2 record.

Colombia subdued powerhouse Cuba with a comfortable 13-7 advantage in blocks and a 44-34 margin in attacks. Cuba held a slim advantage of 4-3 in aces. Colombia allowed 10 points from unforced errors, scoring on 15 from Cuba. Opposite hitter Dayana Segovia of Colombia topped all scorers with 21 points on 15 kills and a match-high of 6 points from blocks. Middle blocker Darlevis Mosquera chipped in with 11 points on 6 kills and 5 blocks, and middle blocker Yeisy Soto contributed with 9 points. Middle blocker Jessica Aguilera led Cuba with 10 points on 5 kills, 4 from blocks and one ace.

Outside hitters Claudia Tarin and Sulian Matienzo added 9 and 8 points respectively.