

Newsletter

Colombia and Dominican Republic to clash in gold medal match

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, August 27, 2022.- Colombia and the Dominican Republic will clash in the gold medal match of the 19th Women's Pan American Cup on Sunday at the Sonora Arena of Hermosillo.

Colombia secured their spot in the gold medal match over the United States 3-1 (25-16, 25-27, 25-20, 25-20) and the Dominican Republic Dominican Republic won in semifinals to Mexico 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 25-8, 25-14).

Mexico and the United States will play in the bronze medal match.

Canada 3, Nicaragua 0

Canada beat Nicaragua 3-0 (25-21, 25-14, 25-22) for ninth place. This was Canada's second occasion beating Nicaragua, they also met in the preliminary round. Nicaragua put up a battle in the first and third set, but not enough for Canada's straight set victory. Canada led by a huge 52-25 advantage in attacks, they also held an 8-2 margin in blocks and a 5-1 in aces. Canada committed 10 unforced errors and Nicaragua a total of 29. Three Canadians scored double-figures, opposite Natasha Calkins with 14 points, middle blocker Layne Van Buskirk with 13 points and outside hitter Trinity Solecki with 12 points. Nicaraguan leading scorer was outside hitter Hellen Traña with 7 points.

Peru 3, Costa Rica 0

Peru took the seventh defeating Costa Rica in straight sets 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-13). This was Peru's second win over Costa Rica, they met in pool-play; Peru ended the



event with a 3-3 win-loss record. Peru prevailed on 42-26 attacking advantage, 2-0 points from blocks and 7-2 from service points; scoring on 24 Costa Rican errors against 16.

Peruvian outside hitter Ysabella Sanchez led with 13 points on 10 kills and three aces, followed by outside hitter Aixa Vigil and middle blocker Maricarmen Guerrero with 9 and 8 points respectively. Opposite Angelica Rodriguez led Costa Rica's attackers with 11 points.

Colombia 3, United States 1

Colombia continued their winning streak reaching the gold medal match over the United States 3-1 (25-16, 25-27, 25-20, 25-20) in semifinals. Colombia remains undefeated and will face the winner between host Mexico and the Dominican Republic for the gold. The U.S. battled off three set points (22-24) winning the second set, serving Colombia their first set-loss of the event. Colombia held a close 59-57 advantage and a comfortable 6-1 in serves. The United States led 9-6 in blocking points. Colombia benefited from 29 U.S. errors against 16.

Outside hitter Amanda Coneo led Colombia's attackers with 20 points from 18 kills and two blocks. Middle blocker Yeisy Soto also contributed to the winning effort with 15 points from 12 kills, one block and two aces and opposite Dayana Segovia followed with 15 points on 13 kills and two aces. Outside hitter Avery Skinner of the U.S. led all scorers with 21 points from 20 kills and one block.

Two other players scored double-figures, outside hitter Veronica Jones-Perry with 17 points on 15 kills and two blocks, and middle blocker Alison Bastianelli with 10 points on 7 kills and three blocks.

Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 1

Dominican Republic won their semifinal match to Mexico 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 25-8, 25-14) on Saturday and will clash with Colombia for Gold.

Dominicans fell in a battled first set not before recovering from a five-point deficit (8-13) and struggled in the second to overcome Mexico's offense, only to come out with a dominant force for the rest of the game and move into the gold medal match. Host Mexico will face the United States in the bronze medal match.

Dominicans overpowered Mexico with a huge 15-1 margin in serves; they also led by a comfortable 10-6 margin in blocks and a close 50-48 advantage in attacks.

Dominican Republic limited their errors to 13 points against 23. Opposite Gaila Gonzalez of Dominican Republic scored a match high of 23 points on 13 kills, and a match-high of 4 points from blocks and 6 aces. Outside hitter Bethania De La Cruz added 21 points on 14 kills, 2 blocks and 5 aces, followed by outside hitter Madeline Guillen with 13 points.

Two outside hitters led Mexico's attackers, Samantha Bricio with 16 points and Aime Topete tallied 13 points.