

Adenizia leads close victory of Brazil over Puerto Rico



Brazil 3, Puerto Rico 2

Defending champions Brazil overcame a battling Puerto Rico 3-2 (23-25, 28-26, 25-17, 24-26, 15-10) in the first contest of the tournament. Adenizia Silva had 20 points, including a match-high six blocks, to lead the winners. Jaqueline Carvalho and Fernanda Rodrigues contributed 16 and 14, respectively, while Rosemarie Montbeller chipped in with 10 points in the victory. Stefanie Enright led all the scorers in the match with 21 points in the losing effort. Aurea Cruz was next with 16 while siblings Karina and Sheila Ocasio finished with 12 and 9 points, respectively. Brazil outblocked their opponents 15-11 and made fewer unforced errors 32-42.

Argentina 3, Cuba 0

Argentina defeated Cuba 3-0 (25-23, 26-24, 25-19) in a Pool A match. The Argentineans made only 14 unforced errors compared to 31 by the young Cuban squad and held the advantage in blocks 10-5. Josefina Fernandez was the top scorer for Argentina with 10 points followed by Lucia Fresco with nine tallies. Emilce Sosa and Julieta Lazcano each contributed 7 points in the victory. Cuba's Melissa Vargas topped all the scorers in the match with 18 points but it was not enough. Jennifer Alvarez finished with 10 in the loss.

Dominican Republic 3, Canada 0

Dominican Republic rolled past hosts Canada in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-15) in Pool A. Gina Mambro led Dominican Republic with 14 points, including four aces, while Yonkaira Peña added 12 and Brayelin Martinez finished with 8. Dana Cranston was the best scorer for Canada with nine points. The Canadians gave away 30 points via unforced errors to only 14 by the Dominican side. The winners held the advantage in aces 6-1 while the home team had the edge in blocks 5-4.

United States 3, Peru 0

United States crushed Peru in straight sets (25-15, 25-13, 25-14) to cap the actions of day one. The American team dominated from the first to the last whistle by establishing their serve and blocking game with impressive effectiveness. The winners dominates in attacks (35-18) and blocks (15-2) and had the edge in aces (3-1). Nicole Fawcett led USA with 15 points, including 7 blocks, while Krista Vansant added 11 in the victory. Kristin Hildebrand and Rachael Adams chipped in with 7 points apiece in the victory. Maguilaura Frias and Angela Leyva each finished with 7 points as Peruvians best scorers.



TORONTO, Canada, July 16, 2015 – Adenizia Da Silva scored 20 points, including six blocks, to lead defending champions Brazil to a five-set (23-25, 28-26, 25-17, 24-26, 15-10) victory over Puerto Rico in day one of the women's volleyball tournament at the Pan American Games in Toronto on Thursday.

It was the only close match of the opening day as Argentina, Dominican Republic and United States won their matches over Cuba, Canada and Peru, respectively, in straight sets.

The women's tournament resumes on Saturday with the men's event set to start on Friday at Exhibition Centre.