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Brazil and Argentina move into semifinals

RENO, United States, August 14, 2015 – Brazil and Argentina secured spots in the semifinals of the Men's Pan American Cup as winners of their respective pools after three days of actions at the Reno Events Center.

In Saturday's quarterfinals Canada will play United States while Dominican Republic will meet Venezuela.

Dominican Republic 3, Puerto Rico 0

Dominican Republic advanced to the quarterfinals with a 25-22, 25-22, 25-19 win over Puerto Rico. Dominican Republic found its consistency and played a solid match, leading in blocks (14-4) and scoring on 23 Puerto Rico errors while committing only 14. Puerto Rico led in spikes (42-37) and also led in aces (3-1), but had 12 service errors. Dominican Republic outside hitter Luis Adames led all scorers with 17 points. Middle blocker Mario Frias added 12 points including a match-high five blocks. Puerto Rico outside hitter Jackson Rivera led his team with 12 points.

Venezuela 3, Mexico 1

Venezuela assured itself a spot in the quarterfinals with a 25-15, 20-25, 25-20, 25-17 win over Mexico. Almost every player on Venezuela's roster started at least one set as it led Mexico in spikes (51-40), blocks (9-8) and aces (6-1). Opposite Emerson Rodriguez led Venezuela with 11 points. Outside hitter Willner Ricas and middle blocker Ivan Maquez each added 10 points. Mexico was paced by opposite Daniel Vargas with 12 points.

Brazil 3, Canada 0

Brazil secured its spot in the semifinals with a 25-17, 25-19, 25-23 win over Canada. Brazil led Canada in spikes (49-38) and blocks (9-2). The teams tied in aces (2-2) and Canada scored 17 points off Brazil errors while committing 15. Brazil outside hitter Douglas Souza led all scorers with 14 points. Outside hitter Carlos Barreto added 13 points. Middle blocker Flavio Gualberto had a match-high five blocks. Canada was led by opposite Casey Schouten with 11 points. Outside hitter Stephen Maar totaled 10 points on 10 spikes.

Argentina 3, United States 0

Argentina advanced to the semifinals with a 25-21, 25-22, 24-26, 25-23 win over the United States. Argentina led in spikes (54-49) and scored on 37 U.S. errors while committing 22. The U.S. led in blocks (14-5) and aces (7-3). Argentina outside hitter Lisandro Zanotti led his team with 16 points. Opposite Federico Martina added 11 points. U.S. outside hitter Greg Petty led all scorers with 15 attacks and a match-high four aces. Outside hitter AJ Nally totaled 11 points.

