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Brazil, and Dominican Republic capture second win in a row at Santiago 2023

SANTIAGO, Chile, October 22, 2023.- Brazil and Dominican Republic captured their second win in a row at the Women's Volleyball Tournament of the 2023 Santiago Pan American Games at the Arena Parque O'Higgins on Sunday.

Brazil beat Argentina 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-18) to lead Pool A and the defending champions Dominican Republic swept Mexico (25-15, 25-17, 25-19) to lead Pool B.

Puerto Rico and Chile claimed their first win. Puerto Rico in Pool A defeated Cuba 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-18) and Chile achieved a historic victory at Pan American Games by defeating Colombia 3-0 (29-27, 25-23, 25-7) in Pool B. The winners of each Pool will advance into semifinals. The second and third places will go through the quarterfinal round.

The last day of the preliminary round starts with Pool A matches between Brazil (2-0) and Puerto Rico (1-1), followed by Argentina (1-1) against Cuba (0-2). In Pool B, Dominican Republic (2-0) will play Colombia (0-2) and Chile (1-1) against Mexico (1-1).

Puerto Rico 3, Cuba 0

Puerto Rico claimed their first win after beating Cuba 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-18) in Pool A. Puerto Rico improved their record to 1-1, taking a significant step toward advancing into the next round of the event. Cuba, on the other hand, is still without victories (0-2). On the last day of the preliminary round, Puerto Rico will play against Brazil and Cuba goes up against Argentina. Puerto Rico outperformed Cuba with a 44-32 advantage in attacks and a slight 2-1 margin in direct service points. Both teams tied with seven points in blocks.

Puerto Rico capitalized on 22 points from Cuba's errors while conceding 14. Outside hitter Stephanie Rivera led Puerto Rico with 13 points, on 10 attacks, two blocks, and one ace. Middle blocker Neira Ortiz contributed 12 points, including 9 from attacks and three from blocks. On Cuba's side, outside hitter Ivy Vila led with 10 points, all from attacks.

Brazil 3, Argentina 0

Brazil captured its second win at the Pan American Games Santiago 2023 beating Argentina 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-18). Brazil is unbeaten in Pool A while Argentina has one win and one loss. The preliminary round finishes tomorrow with Brazil (2-0) facing Puerto Rico (1-1) and Argentina (1-1) against Cuba (0-2). Brazil prevailed with a huge 43-28 advantage in attacking points and 11-2 in blocks. Both teams scored two aces and committed 19



unforced errors. Three Brazilians scored double figures, led by Sabrina Machado with 15 points (14 kills, one block), followed by Maiara Basso with 10 points (9 kills, one ace) and Lorena Viezel contributed 10 points (6 kills, 3 blocks, one ace). Maria De La Paz Corbalan was Argentina's leading scorer with 11 points all on kills. Dalma Nicole Perez followed with 9 kill points.

Dominican Republic 3, Mexico 0

Defending champions Dominican Republic beat Mexico 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-19) to improve 2-0 at the. Dominican Republic stands undefeated in Pool B and Mexico after suffering their first loss are with a 1-1 mark. Dominicans will finish the preliminary round on Monday against Colombia and Mexico will face hosts Chile.

The Dominicans dominated the first and second sets with strong defense from Brenda Castillo and coordinated attacking. In the third set, Mexico gave more competition after recovering from being down 16-19 and tying the score at 19 points. However, Dominican Republic closed it with a rally of six consecutive points. Dominicans dominated in attacking 41-30, in blocking 7-2 and in serving 2-1, benefiting from 24 opponent errors and giving away 18. Dominican Outside hitter Yonkaira Peña led all scorers with 19 points on 15 kills and a match-high of 4 blocks. Brayelin Martinez contributed 10 points on 8 kills, one block and one ace. Outside hitter Aimé Topete led Mexico with 9 points all on kills. Outside hitter Grecia Castro and team captain Jocelyn Urias added 6 points each.

Chile 3, Colombia 0

Chile achieved a historic victory at Pan American Games by defeating Colombia 3-0 (29-27, 25-23, 25-7). Chile delighted the home crowd coming from behind in the closing moments of the first two sets. Chile took the first set from Colombia (23-24) in a dramatic finish that extended to 29-27, and in the second set, they made a comeback from a four-point deficit (18-22) to finish 25-23.

Chile completely outplayed Colombia in the third set, jumping to a 12-1 lead and dominating the set 25-7. Chile, with a 1-1 record in Group B, will conclude the preliminary stage against Mexico (1-1), while Colombia, with a 0-2 record, will face the undefeated defending champions, Dominican Republic. Chile outperformed Colombia 50-29 in attacks, 6-3 in blocks, and 9-3 in service points. Colombia made fewer unforced errors than Chile (14-22). The top scorer of the match was Chile's Beatriz Novoa with 24 points (20 attacks, 3 blocks, one service ace), the highest in the tournament so far. She was accompanied by Petra Schwartzman with 15 points (13 attacks, 2 service points). Colombia's leading scorer was Maira Ospino with 10 points (9 attacks, one block).

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