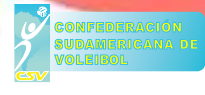




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Canada and Brazil reach the semifinals

GATINEAU, Canada, June 25, 2015 - With Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen watching from the stands, the host team Canada won a thrilling match of five sets against Chile on Thursday, to join Brazil as the sides with direct tickets to the semifinals of the U21 Men's Volleyball Pan American Cup at the Centre Sportif de Gatineau.

In Friday's quarterfinals, Chile plays Barbados and United States meets Mexico.

Brazil 3, Barbados 0

Brazil swept Barbados 3-0 (25-13, 25-12, 25-8) in one hour to finish on top of Pool B. Brazil dominated their Caribbean rivals in attacks (24-15), blocks (12-5) and serving aces (4-1) to seal a spot in the semifinals on Saturday. Johan Marengoni led the South American squad with 13 points while Ammuniki Wood and the tournament's top scorer Jabarry Goodridge contributed to Barbados with five points each.



United States 3, El Salvador 0

The United States rolled past El Salvador 3-0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-22) to finish second in Pool B. The North American team dominated their Central American rivals in attacks (42-17), blocks (11-4) and serving aces (3-0). Matthew Walsh Jr. led the American attack with 14 points, two more than Andrew Benesh. Mauricio Rivas was the top scorer for El Salvador with nine points.

Canada 3, Chile 2

Canada topped Chile in a five-set thriller (25-21, 25-22, 21-25, 20-25, 15-11) on Thursday to finish on top of Pool A and guarantee a spot in the semifinals. Blake Scheerhoorn led the winners' attack with 18 points. He was also supported by Ryan Nickifor and Brandon Koppers with 15 each and Arthur Szwarc (11). Captain Dusan

Bonacic (24) and Simón Guerra (11) were the top scorers for Chile.

