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Defending champions Dominican Republic among unbeaten teams



LIMA, Peru, June 15, 2015 – Defending champions Dominican Republic and Canada in Pool B and United States and Argentina in Pool A remain as the teams with unblemished win-loss record after three days of actions at the XIV Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup taking place in Lima and Callao.

In Monday's action the Dominican Republic recovered from losing the first set to defeat Cuba 3-1 while Canada swept Peru in the nightcap at Eduardo Dibos Coliseum. Both teams have 13 points.

At Miguel Grau Coliseum, United States crushed Costa Rica in straight sets while Argentina edged Colombia in a five-set showdown between South American rivals.

In other matches, Brazil defeated Uruguay in straight sets for its first victory while Puerto Rico downed Mexico also in consecutive frames.

United States 3, Costa Rica 0
 United States roared past Costa Rica in straight sets 3-0 (25-11, 25-9, 25-5) for their third victory in as many outings in Pool A. The Americans crushed their opponents while leading in attacks 42-10 and serving aces 11-1. They also held a slight advantage in blocks 3-1. Michelle Bartsch led the winners with 16 points, followed by Hayley Hodson with 13 tallies. Cursty Jackson added 9 points while Lauren Paolini and Cassidy

Lichman each contributed 8 points in the victory. Costa Rica is still winless in three outings.

Argentina 3, Colombia 2
 Argentina won the battle between South American sides by outplaying Colombia in five sets 3-2 (20-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-18, 15-12) to stay undefeated in Pool A with a 3-0 mark. The winners committed 19 unforced errors to 36 by the defeated side. Argentina held a 10-8 margin in blocks while Colombia had the top hand in service winners 8-4. Lucia Fresco led four Argentineans with double figures in scoring with 19 points, including four blocks. Yamila Nizetich and Emilce Sosa contributed 15 and 14, respectively, while Florencia Busquets chipped in with 10. Colombia's Amanda Coneo had a tournament-high 27 points, followed by Cindy Ramirez (16), Ivonne Montano (14), Maria Martinez (10) and Yeisy Soto (10).

Puerto Rico 3, Mexico 0
 Puerto Rico swept Mexico 3-0 (25-20, 26-24, 25-22) for its second victory in a row in Pool A following a loss in opening day. The duo of Stephanie Enright and Yarimar Rosa finished with 15 and 13 points as the best scorer for the Puerto Rican side. Lizbeth Sainz had 10 points for Mexico followed by Alejandra Segura and Karina Flores with 9 and 8, respectively. Puerto Rico dominated in attacks 40-32 and both teams scored with two aces. Mexico held an 8-7 advantage in the blocking category.

Brazil 3, Uruguay 0
 The young squad of Brazil recorded its first victory Cup by defeating South American counterparts Uruguay in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-14). After losing its first two matches in five sets, Brazil dominated the match against its South American neighbors by leading in attacks 31-21, blocks 10-2 and service winners 5-3. Priscila Santos, who started the last two sets, was the leading scorer for Brazil with 10 points, including three blocks and one ace. Marcella Antunes, Lana Conceicao and Gabriela Candido each contributed 6 points in the victory. Uruguay's Gabriela Talmon and Sofia Neves finished with 8 points apiece in the loss.

Dominican Republic 3, Cuba 1
 Dominican Republic is still undefeated after three outings in Pool B after overcoming Cuba 3-1 (25-27, 25-14, 25-22, 25-21). After a very close first set, the Dominican team dictated the pace and was in control benefitting from the huge number of errors made by the Cuban side (38 to 19). The winners held a slight margin in blocks (11-10) while Cuba dominated in services winners 8-2. Yonkaira Peña and Lisvel Eve had 14 and 13 points, respectively, to lead the scoring for the Dominican Republic. Veteran Cindy Rondon added 12, including a tournament-high 8 blocks, and Marianne Fersola added 11. Cuba's Melissa Vargas had a match-high 19 points, including three aces. Alena Rojas had 14 in the losing cause while Sulian Matienzo and Yanet Alvarez each had 11.

Canada 3, Peru 0
 Canada swept hosts Peru 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-15) to keep alive its unbeaten mark at 3-0 in Pool B while the home side dropped to 0-3. Canada overwhelmed Peru in the blocking category 11-1 with Kyla Richey and Tabhita Love each registering four blocks apiece. The winners led in attacks 43-34 and in aces 4-3. Canada committed 16 unforced errors to 17 by Peru. Richey was the best scorer for the North Americans with 18 points, followed by Love with 16 and Brittney Page with 10. Angela Leyva was the only Peruvian player who reached double digits with 15 points while Maguilaura Frias added 9 in the loss.