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## Direct ticket to Semifinals for Brazil and Dominican Republic, Mexico upsets Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, October 23, 2023.- Brazil and Dominican Republic earned a direct ticket into semifinals, while Mexico upset Chile in front of the home crowd at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games on Monday night.

Brazil defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-21), winning Group A undefeated. Defending champs Dominican Republic defeated Colombia 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-20) and topped Pool B also with an undefeated mark.

Mexico upset Chile in front of the home crowd winning second place of Pool A with a 3-1 (24-26, 25-21, 25-15, 25-18) victory. Mexico finished the preliminary round with a 2-1 record for second place in Pool A. Chile with 1-2 took third place.

Argentina defeated Cuba 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-15) to clinch the second position in Pool A. Argentina, with a record of two wins and one loss, advanced to the quarterfinals as the second place team in Pool A.

In Tuesday's Quarterfinals, Mexico will face Puerto Rico and Chile plays Argentina. The winners advance to Wednesday's semifinals.

### Brazil 3, Puerto Rico 0

Brazil defeated Puerto Rico 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-21), winning Group A undefeated and advancing to the semifinals. Brazil secured a direct spot in Wednesday's semifinals with a 3-0 record, while Puerto Rico finished the group stage at 1-2 and will compete in the quarterfinals on Tuesday. Puerto Rico gave Brazil a tough time on several occasions, especially in the second set, where they scored a seven-point rally coming from behind (15-23). Brazil outclassed Puerto Rico with a 39-29 advantage in attacking points, 10-9 in blocking points, and 3-2 in direct service points. Brazil committed 18 unforced errors, while Puerto Rico finished with 23. Opposite hitter Sabrina Machado led Brazil with 18 points, on 15 attacks, one block, and two aces. Outside hitter Maira Basso and middle blocker Lorena Viezel contributed 9 points each. Middle blocker Neira Ortiz and outside hitter Stephanie Rivera led Puerto Rico with 10 points each.

### Argentina 3, Cuba 0

Argentina defeated Cuba 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-15) to clinch the second position in Pool A. Argentina, with a record of two wins and one loss, advanced to the quarterfinals as the second place team in Pool A, where they will face either Chile or Mexico. Cuba will compete in the matches for positions 5 to 8. Argentina and Cuba battled closely in the first set, but the



several Dominican unforced errors. Dominicans dominating serves (14-4) were too much to handle for Colombia, in addition to finishing with advantages in kills 33-28 and in blocks 6-4. Dominican Republic capitalized 22 points on Colombian errors and gave away 16. Outside hitter Yonkaira Peña led Dominican Republic with 13 points on 9 kills and 4 service points. Opposite hitter Gaila González added 10 points on 6 kills and 4 aces. Colombian opposite Sofia Cuartas scored 12 points on 10 kills, one block and one ace.



followed by middle blocker Jocelyn Urias with 14 points including a match-high of four stuff blocks. Outside hitter Beatriz Novoa led Chile with 21 points on 17 kills, two blocks and two aces. Opposite Petra Schwartzman added 11 points on 8 kills and three blocks.



South Americans celebrated a straight set victory with a 45-38 advantage in attacks, 9-5 in blocks, and 4-2 in service points. Argentina's Nicole Pérez led in scoring with 13 points (10 attacks, 3 blocks). Daniela Bulaich and Bianca Farriol contributed 11 points each. Ivy Vila was once again the top scorer for Cuba with 12 points (10 attacks, 2 service aces).

### Dominican Republic 3, Colombia 0

Dominican Republic advanced to the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Women's Volleyball tournament semifinals after defeating Colombia 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-20). Defending champions Dominican Republic won Pool B undefeated to advance to Wednesday's semifinals. Colombia finished fourth place and will play for positions five to eight. Colombia put up a better battle in the second and third sets, taking advantage of

### Mexico 3, Chile 1

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