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Dominican Republic and Brazil advance to semifinals

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, May 1, 2013. - Dominican Republic and Brazil won a direct ticket to the semifinals of the U-18 Girls Pan American Cup as first and second place of Pool A.

In last day of the preliminary round, Dominicans saw off Argentina in straight sets winning Pool A while Brazil prevailed over Peru to finish second. Semifinals are set for Friday.

In the quarterfinals programed on Thursday, Argentina will play Chile and Puerto Rico meets Peru.

CHI 3, COL 0

Chile scored a 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-19) victory over Colombia and reaches the quarterfinals. Chile concludes with a 2-1 win-loss mark in Pool B while Colombia finishes 1-2 and will play for the 5-8 positions. The enormous advantage in service points of Chile by 11-0 was decisive for the win. Catalina Melo had a math-high with 25 points for Chile, while Amanda Caneo with 15 points was Colombia's top scorer.

BRA 3, PER 0

A powerful Brazil defeated Peru 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-21) for its second victory in Pool A. Finishing the preliminary round with 2-1 mark, Brazil must wait for the result between Dominican Republic and Argentina to receive a bye to semifinals. Peru will play the quarterfinals. Brazil stopped Peru with a big advantage in blocking 11-4 and more service points 5-2. Lorenne Geraldo for Brazil and Katherine Regalado for Peru, were they only with double figures, 14 and 11 points respectively.

DOM 3, ARG 0

Dominican Republic topped Pool A of the preliminary round following a 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-23) victory over Argentina. Dominicans advance to the semifinals with a 3-0 win-loss record and Argentinians with 1-2 mark will play the quarterfinals as third place in Pool A. The winners led 15-3 in blocks and 4-1 in aces, taking advantage of the 20 unforced errors made by Argentina. Brayelin Martinez scored 19 points; Gaila Gonzalez contributed with 12 and Jineiry Martinez with 10. Sol Piccolo was the top scorer for Argentina with 14 points.

PUR 3, GUA 0

Puerto Rico sealed the last berth to the FIVB Girls' World Championship in Thailand with an overwhelming victory to host Guatemala by 3-0 (25-6, 25-13, 15-9) as they won Pool B. Puerto Rico showed dominance with a colossal advantage in service points by 20-1 and in blocking by 9-0. Patricia Montero and Wilmarie Rivera with 14 and 13 points respectively, were Puerto Rico's best scorers. Estefanie Bethancourt was Guatemala's best with 2 points.

